

## WORCK Short Term Scientific Missions

Open Call for Grant Period 2 (1 May 2020 – 30 April 2021)

### Conditions of application

Short Term Scientific Missions (STSM) are exchange visits aimed at supporting individual mobility, strengthening existing networks and fostering collaboration between researchers. A STSM should specifically contribute to the scientific goal of the WORCK COST Action, whilst at the same time allowing those partaking in the missions to learn new techniques, gain access to specific data, instruments and/or methods not available in their own institutions or organisations.

Within the WORCK program there are two types of STSM:

- **Mobility Grant:** This grant is reserved for PhD students and early career researchers (max. 8 years after PhD) and fosters academic mobility, exchange and mutual learning by contributing to the objectives of the WORCK programme and its working groups. Priority will be given to scholars without institutional funding and duration will be established in the term of weeks to visit relevant institutions.
- **Collaboration Grant:** This grant is open to all active members of the WORCK COST Network and is dedicated to the development of collaborative projects, leading e.g. to (preparing) joint publications or other output or deliverables.

There is no difference in the application process between both types of grants, but please bear it in mind when writing your proposal.

### Key Information

Deadline: 15 June 2020

Term for execution: This STSM open call is for stays to be carried out between 15 July 2020 and 30 April 2021.

Elegibility: STSM applicants must be engaged in an official research program as a PhD student or postdoctoral fellow, or are employed by, or affiliated to, a university or research institute. The institutions/organisations where applicants pursue their main strand of research are considered as home institutions. The host institution is the institution/organisation that will host the successful applicant. Applicants must be a WG Member or join one of the WG at the time of the application.



For more information about eligibility, please consult the information on our website (<https://www.worck.eu/activities/stsm/>) and the COST Vademecum.

Expenses covered: STSM Grants do not necessarily cover all expenses related to performing a given mission. It is a fixed grant to contribute to the overall travel, accommodation and meal expenses of the grantee. The cost of research materials is not eligible for consideration as part of the grant. STSM awards may be combined with other funding sources, but these must be acknowledged in the application and will be taken into account when calculating the amount granted.

For more information about the costs covered, please consult the information on our website (<https://www.worck.eu/activities/stsm/>) and the COST Vademecum.

#### Application procedure:

Proposals are to be 2000 words long. The proposal should explicitly address the following aspects:

1. Motivation
2. Research plan, including:
  - Research contribution, state of the art of the field, research questions;
  - Planned activities
  - Planned output
  - Period and duration of stay
  - Budget
3. Host institution and researcher or research group (qualities and relevance of the host institution in relation the candidate and work plan)
4. Relation between the proposal and WORCK

Please note that in addition to the proposal the following documents must be uploaded as support documents on the e-cost platform for STMS applications before the end of the open call:

- a letter from the home institution;
- a written agreement or a letter of invitation/acceptance from a representative/researcher of the host institution
- CV of the applicant

Incomplete applications will not be accepted. The committee can request additional information if it is considered necessary.

Proposals must be submitted to the STSM Coordinator through the e-Cost website and will be evaluated by a STSM Committee consisting of representatives of each working group.

For further information or questions, please consult the information on our website (<https://www.worck.eu/activities/stsm/>) and the COST Vademecum, or contact the STSM Coordinator Clara Almagro-Vidal.