ITC Conference Grants – 4th Call

ITC Conference Grants support young researchers and innovators from COST Inclusiveness Target Countries and Near Neighbour Countries to attend international science and technology related conferences that are not specifically organized by the COST Action.

Financial support can be requested for travel, accommodation and subsistence expenses, registration fees, and printing of the scientific poster. For online conferences, financial support can be requested for the registration fees.

Deadline: 1st August 2022

Eligibility criteria

ITC Conference Grants are exclusively reserved for young researchers or innovators from ITC or NNC countries.

An applicant is considered a young researcher or innovator if he/she is under the age of 40.

ITC countries are: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, North Macedonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey.

NNC counties are: Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Egypt, Georgia, Jordan, Kosovo, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Russia, Syria, Tunisia, and Ukraine.

The applicant must give an oral or poster presentation at the conference and must be listed in the official event/conference program. The subject of the presentation at the approved conference should be on the use of water isotopes to study the critical zone. The presentation must acknowledge the COST Association and the WATSON COST Action.

The application for an ITC conference grant should be made after the abstract has been approved by the conference organizers. In case of many applications, priority will be given to oral presentations over poster presentations.

The maximum amount of the grant is €2000. The ITC Conference grant can also be used to cover the registration fees for virtual conference, if all other eligibility conditions are fulfilled. In this case the maximum grant is €500.

Application process

Applicants must carefully read the funding rules detailed in the Annotated rules for COST Actions and Grant Awarding user guide. This document is available at: hiips://www.cost.eu/funding/how-to-get-funding/documents-guidelines/

Applicants must fill in the Application form in the e-COST system (hiips://e-service.cost.eu/) indicating:

- Conference title, date, and venue
- Budget requested
- Motivation describing how the topic of the presentation is connected to the WATSON COST Action and what the potential impact of the conference is for the career of the applicant
- A copy of the abstract of the accepted presentation
- Acceptance letter from the conference organisers

During the conference

The grantee must give the (oral or poster) presentation himself/herself. The COST Action must be acknowledged in the presentation. We also ask the grantee to take a picture of the conference that can be used to promote the presentation and WATSON on social media.

After the conference

The grantee must submit the required reports and relevant documentation and claim the payment of the grant via e-COST within 30 days after the end of the conference, or by October 1st, 2022 if this is earlier.

The following documents must accompany the claim:

- The certificate (or other proof) of attendance,
- The programme of the conference or book of abstracts or proceedings indicating the presentation (oral or poster) of the grantee,
- A copy of the presentation (oral or poster).
- Promotion material that can be uploaded to the WATSON website and/or used for the promotion of the WATSON COST action (Twitter, Facebook, Website). Promotion material can be either: a) a short text with the description of the work done and a relevant photo (e.g., a photo of the poster or presenter at the conference); b) a short (0.5-3 min) video presentation or c) a poster or copy of the poster. These documents must be sent to Dr. Emel Zeray Öztürk (ezozturk@ktun.edu.tr) as soon as possible, but within 30 days after the presentation.

Grants are paid by the Grant Holder after the completion of the activity and approval of all required documentation. Failure to submit the required documents on time may result in the cancellation of the grant.

Further information

For any further clarification, please contact the Dissemination Grant Manager Dr. Emel Zeray Öztürk (ezozturk@ktun.edu.tr), or check the website: hiips://watson-cost.eu/getting-involved/itc-conference-grants/