



COST Action UV4growth ESR Newsletter
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STSM applications
COST Conference Grant

Dear All,

I hope that participation in UV4growth has already brought new ideas into your research. Please keep in mind that visiting other participating laboratories in the framework of **Short Term Science Missions** (STSMs) provides the possibility of realizing these. By choosing the right place for your STSM you can consult the experts, use equipments not available in your home lab and may also find connections for further collaboration or post-doc years. You can visit the host laboratory for a minimum of one week, up to four weeks, which can be used for short experiments (for example by taking your own samples), writing a joint publication or discussions outlining future collaborations.

In year-2, more STSMs can be supported than in our first year, so send your applications to me and to the Chair soon. Priority is given to ESRs who have not been on an STSM yet, but last year's beneficiaries are also encouraged to apply.

You can apply continuously, but please keep in mind that this fiscal year's STSMs are to be completed (visit finished, written report approved) before the end of May.

If you have questions on STSMs, please do not hesitate to contact me. More information on the STSMs as well on other UV4growth activities is to be found on the Action's **web site**:
<http://www.ucc.ie/en/uv4growth/>



Food and Agricultural Domain (which also includes our Action) supports conference travel. Within the COST's strategy towards increased support of Early Stage Researchers (< PhD+8 years) each Domain is invited to offer three **Conference Grants** (max. 3000 euro each) per year for Early Stage Researchers to participate in an international conference outside the COST Action activities. The Domain Committee(DC) of Food and Agriculture has decided to have three collection dates per year with the next collection date being the 15th of February 2012.

In order to be eligible for the grant ***an accepted oral presentation is required*** on a topic of food, animal or plant. The grant can be used to cover travel and subsistence costs, conference fees, and the costs of conference workshops.

Information to be provided by the applicant

- Personal data of applicant (Europass CV)
- Short description of involvement in the respective COST Action (300 words), to which the Chair is going to add a support email
- Relevant data on Conference at which the applicant wants to participate
- Copy of Abstract submitted to the Conference
- Proof of acceptance of Abstract by the Conference

- Motivation letter
- Requested amount
- Completion of the attached document entitled "summary of ESR Grant Application"

The Selection Process is handled during a DC meeting or by written procedure amongst the members of the Executive Group of the Domain Committee. Please note that *conference grants cannot be awarded retrospectively*. COST Office will inform the applicants about the results by the week starting on 19th March 2012. If you have questions on the Domain level Conference Grant, please contact Ms. Mafalda Quintas (Mafalda.Quintas@cost.eu).

I would like to encourage you to make use of this tool. E-mail applications to me (to: ehideg@brc.hu, cc: uvforgrowth@gmail.com) writing "COST Conference Grant Application" in the subject field. Please do not forget to fill in the "summary of ESR Grant Application" for which I attach a template.

In order to give time to our Action's TG3 (Technical Group of Training & Education) who need a few days to evaluate applications and the Chair to approve and select the three best applications, please send the application **by noon (GMT) 8th of February 2012**.

I wish you happy holidays and successful 2012,

Éva Hideg
STSM coordinator