

CA15102 – CRM- EXREME

Call for Short Term Scientific Missions (STSM) Applications

Call for STSM Applications for Missions occurring between 20th of July 2017 and 30th of April 2018.

All STSM activities must occur in their entirety within the dates specified above

Purpose of a Short-Term Scientific Missions (STSM)

STSM facilitates Researchers from COST Countries participating in COST Action CA15102 to go to an institution or research centre in another participating COST Country to foster collaboration and to perform empirical research. Participation of “Early-Career Investigator” (ECI) in STSM is particularly encouraged. An applicant can be considered as being an “Early-Stage Researcher” when the time that has elapsed between the award date of the applicants PhD and the date of the applicants first involvement in the COST Action CA15107 does not exceed 8 years. PhD students are also eligible to partake in STSMs.

Specific information concerning STSM

STSM can have a duration of between 5 days and 90 days (and up to 180 days if the applicant is an ECI – see definition of ECI above).

The financial support on offer is a contribution to the overall expenses incurred during the STSM and may not necessarily cover all of the associated outgoings.

Financial support is limited to cover travel, accommodation and meal expenses and is paid in the form of a Grant.

For this call, the Management Committee of COST Action CA15102 ***Critical Raw Materials Under Extreme Conditions*** has allocated a total budget of **up to EUR 2500 (or up to EUR 3500 for ECI’s mission for 91-180 days)** for up to **6 STSM**. The amounts granted for each individual STSM will be determined during the evaluation process by the evaluation panel. The selection of applicants is based on the scientific scope of the STSM application which must clearly compliment the overall objectives of the Action.



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How to apply for an STSM:

Interested Researchers are advised to follow the directions provided below and submit their application and supporting documents to **Assoc. Prof. Pavel Novak**, panovak@vscht.cz up to **20th of April 2018**.

THE APPLICATION PROCESS IS AS FOLLOWS:

1. All applicants must carefully read the funding rules detailed in section 7 of the *COST Vademecum*. This document is available at: <http://www.cost.eu/participate/guidelines>.
2. All applicants must register for an e-COST profile at <https://e-services.cost.eu/> - adding their bank account details to their profile.
3. All applicants must obtain a letter of invitation from the Host institution confirming that they can undertake the STSM on the given dates prior to submitting an application.
4. All applicants must complete, submit and download their STSM application online at: <https://e-services.cost.eu/stsm>.
5. **All applicants must send their submitted STSM application form and the relevant supporting documents to Assoc. Prof. Pavel Novak, panovak@vscht.cz for evaluation before the application submission deadline expires.**
The list of supporting documents to be submitted for the evaluation are:
 - Letter (e.g. e-mail) of invitation to the applicant from a senior Researcher affiliated to the Host institution
 - The submitted STSM application form (downloadable when the online application is submitted - see point 4 above)
 - A motivation letter (cf. form attached) including an overview of the proposed activities that will be performed which must contain a plan of work for the visit highlighting the proposed contribution to the scientific objectives of the respective COST Action
 - A letter of support (e.g. e-mail) from the Home Institution;
 - A Full C.V. (including following data – if applicable: list of academic publications, H-index according to WoS, list of patents and other technological results).
6. The application will then be assessed by the evaluation panel consisting of Assoc. Prof. Pavel Novak and leader and co-leader of the respective WG against the perceived contribution that the proposed visit will make against the scientific objectives outlined in the Action Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).
7. The applicant will be formally notified of the result of the evaluation of the STSM application by **Assoc. Prof. Pavel Novak in 21 days after submission of the application** or earlier if possible.
8. Within 30 days from the end date of the STSM, the successful applicant must submit a scientific report to the Host institution and to the **Assoc. Prof. Pavel Novak**. The applicant is also responsible for acquiring an official acceptance letter / Email confirmation of acceptance from a senior Researcher affiliated to the Host institution formally accepting the scientific report. This formal acceptance of the scientific report has to be sent to the Grant Holder **Giovanna Cecchi** (crm-extreme@univpm.it) and the STSM manager **Assoc. Prof. Pavel Novak** for archiving purposes.

Failure to submit the scientific report within 30 days from the end date of the STSM will effectively cancel the grant.

(Please note that COST can request additional information to substantiate the information contained within the documents submitted by STSM applicants).

Deadline for applications to be submitted: [20 / 04 / 2017]
Notification of the evaluation result: in 21 days after submission
Period of STSM: between [20 / 06 / 2017] and [30 / 04 / 2018]

