

Call for STSM proposals

Within the SignGram COST Action (Action number IS1006: “Unraveling the grammars of European sign languages: pathways to full citizenship of deaf signers and to the protection of their linguistic heritage”), a call for proposal submission is now open for up to four Short Term Scientific Missions (STSMs). STSMs are aimed at strengthening the existing networks by allowing scientists to visit an institution or laboratory in another COST Country to foster collaboration, to learn a new technique or to take measurements using instruments and/or methods not available in their own institution/laboratory. They are particularly intended for young scientists.

What is an STSM?

Short-term scientific missions are travel grants aimed at supporting the research plan of COST IS1006 and to network scientists into the European scientific community. Grants are awarded on a competitive basis, and are reviewed by the COST SignGram STSM Assessment panel. Competitive grants are awarded providing up to a maximum of 2.500 € (see the COST vademecum B for potential exceptions).

Assessment panel

- STSM coordinator: Meltem Kelepir (Boğaziçi University, Turkey)
- Action Chair: Josep Quer (ICREA-Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona)
- Action Vice Chair: Carlo Cecchetto (Università degli Studi di Milano-Bicocca),
- Working Group leaders: Caterina Donati (Università degli Studi di Roma “La Sapienza”), Carlo Geraci (CNRS, France), Roland Pfau (Universiteit van Amsterdam), Markus Steinbach (Universität Göttingen)

Duration

STSMs, lasting from one week (5 working days) to a maximum of 3 months, shall be carried out within the time frame of the operation identified in the proposal and within the period of the respective Action. For Early Stage Researchers (less than PhD + 8 years) the Assessment panel may approve an extension for durations beyond 3 months, but never more than 6 months in total. Notice that, since STSMs cannot spread across two COST financial years, the missions for this call must be concluded before July 31, 2014.

Reimbursement procedure

Once the STSM has successfully finished and both the candidate and the host institutions have sent their reports to the STSM coordinator, the Grant Holder will execute the payment of the fixed grant directly to the grantee as requested in the application, without need to submit receipts from the research stay, and within the following 3 months after completion of the STSM.



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Eligible Applicants

STSMs are open to: postgraduate students, postdoctoral fellows and researchers working in an institution of a COST Country having accepted the MoU of the Action. Applications must be submitted through the COST website: w3.cost.esf.org/index.php?id=91.

(Notice that this is the address of the general COST website, the websites of SignGram are: www.signgram.eu and www.cost.eu/domains_actions/isch/Actions/IS1006.)

Specifically, the following documents must be provided:

- Agreement of the host institution (to be obtained before submitting application)
- Curriculum Vitae
- List of publications
- Full work plan
- Motivation letter
- Letter of support from the home institute

Once the Applicant has filled the on-line form, the complete documentation has to be sent via e-mail to the Host institution and to the STSM Coordinator.

Criteria for evaluation

- The quality of the working plan
- How well the working plan fits the goals of the COST action (e.g. reflecting the activities of one the working groups)
- Previous experience in the field (i.e. quality of the CV)
- Longer missions (at most 3 months) are preferred over very short ones
- Younger researchers

Steps to take

- Obtain the letter of agreement from the host institution
- Fill in the on-line application form (<http://w3.cost.esf.org/index.php?id=91>)
- Send all the documentation via e-mail to the Host institution and to the STSM Coordinator (cost.is1006.stsm@gmail.com)

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Calls for 2013-2014

For the third year of the COST-Action we are planning to have four calls for missions. The calls are distributed along the Academic year 2013-2014. Notice that since STSMs cannot spread across two COST years, the STSM for this call must be concluded before July 31, 2014.

The deadlines for proposal submission are:

- **11-10-2013: First Deadline for submissions**
 - 18-10-2013: Notification of acceptance
 - 23-10-2013: The applicants send the Application and the approval letter to the GH

- **13-12-2013: Second Deadline for submissions**
 - 20-12-2013: Notification of acceptance
 - 30-12-2013: The applicants send the Application and the approval letter to the GH

- **14-02-2014: Third Deadline for submissions**
 - 21-02-2014: Notification of acceptance
 - 26-02-2014: The applicants send the Application and the approval letter to the GH

- **18-04-2014: Fourth Deadline for submission** (due to technical reasons, missions of this call cannot exceed two months of duration)
 - 23-05-2014: Notification of acceptance
 - 28-05-2014: The applicants send the Application and the approval letter to the GH

Contacts

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COST-Action IS1006 website: http://www.cost.eu/domains_actions/isch/Actions/IS1006

COST SignGram website: www.signgram.eu