Call for Applications

CA-18204 is delighted to announce the availability of Virtual Mobility Grants. The grants are available to all members of CA-18204, and the projects need to contribute to the progress towards our objectives defined in the Action's MOU.

Further information is available in the Vademecum (2021 edition), pp. 38-39. The relevant pages are also appended below.

Grant applications are invited to be submitted by August 10, 2021.

The application forms are available from Dr Zsuzsanna Varga (zsuzsanna.varga@glasgow.ac.uk)

Submission process

Required documents:

- 1. Virtual mobility application form (To be obtained from Zsuzsanna Varga)
- 2. CV with relevant information and max. 5 relevant publications

Please send your application to the following email addresses. Please include all addressees.

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- Kata Krasznahorkai kata.krasznahorkai@gmail.com
- Nicole Shea ns3091@columbia.edu
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Excerpts from Vademecum 2021 (pp. 38-39)

10.2 VIRTUAL MOBILITY (VM) GRANTS

10.2.2 EVALUATION AND SELECTION OF APPLICANTS

The evaluation of each received VM grant application is performed by the Action's MC. The selection of successful grantee shall be based on contributions to the overall objectives of the Action, the approved strategy on the virtual networking for the Action and the implementation of the COST Excellence and Inclusiveness Policy.

The application shall be submitted in e-COST and include the following information:

- Main objective of the Virtual Mobility Grant.
- Working Plan: Description of the collaborative initiative to be implemented.
- Plan for Participation: List of participants in the collaborative initiative (short description of their expertise and contribution).
- Main expected outputs: results and contribution to the progress towards the MoU objectives (either research coordination and/or capacity building objectives can be tackled) and delivery of the MoU objectives.

• Contribution to the COST Action Strategy: How will the Virtual Mobility contribute to the COST Excellence and Inclusiveness Policy and plans for stakeholder engagement and promoting participation of researchers from NNC and IPC (COST Global Networking) and to the approved virtual networking strategy, if available.

10.2.3 IMPLEMENTATION OF ACTIVITIES

The successful applicant(s) shall implement the workplan approved in their application within the time frame also there defined and always within one single Grant Period. The activities expected to be performed by the successful applicant, but not limited to, are:

• To support the harmonisation and standardisation of methods and procedures within the Action networking activities, e.g.

o setting up a survey amongst all Action members to collect different results and outcomes from experiments done in their respective labs and research groups.

o coordinating the discussions to create common protocols to be used by the network afterwards.

o preparing questionnaires and response scales to be used by the Action members as part of virtual networking activities.

- To support the implementation of research related activities that do not necessarily require in-person presence, e.g.
- o computational or modelling activities.
- o data analysis of the Action for a specific report or activity.

• Virtual mentoring scheme, with special focus on activities and exchanges that can generate capacity building and new skills, particularly for ECIs researchers (e.g. managerial skills, methodological skills, communication skills, etc).

• • Content preparation and coordination of science communication activities, e.g. o Massive Online Open Courses (MOOC).

o Online workshops like 'webinar series' or 'tv series'-like format.

o Online COST Action workshops in external international conferences or events, when the applicant can demonstrate a role in the organising committee, that could help in the promotion of the Action activities.

The report shall consider only virtual activities carried out in their entirety within a single Grant Period.

The MC must be informed at the end of the respective activity of the main results of each Virtual Mobility Grant. Also, the grantee will have the obligation to actively contribute to the activities of the Action WG relevant to those findings.