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CA18129 - Islamic Legacy: Narratives East, West, South, North of the Mediterranean (1350-1750)

CA18129 Short Term Scientific Missions (STSM) GP1 Open Call (stays from 2019/08/01 to 2020/03/31)

First Deadline July15 2019

Conditions of application:

- Short Term Scientific Missions (STSM) are institutional visits aimed at supporting individual mobility, fostering collaboration between individuals. The Guidelines for Action Management, Monitoring and Assessment should be followed to ensure the proper implementation of this networking instrument (see www.cost.eu/guidelines_action_management_monitoring_assessment).
- STSM need to be carried out in their entirety within a single Grant Period and always within the Action's lifetime. STSM in the GP1 must take place between August 1 2019 and March 31 2020. STSM must have a minimum duration of 5 calendar days that includes travel (maximum duration: 90 days)
- STSM applicants must be engaged in an official research programme as a PhD Student or postdoctoral fellow or can be employed by, or affiliated to, an institution, organisation or legal entity which has within its remit a clear association with performing research. The institutions / organisation or legal entity where applicants pursue their main strand of research are considered as Home Institutions. The Host Institution is the institution / organisation that will host the successful applicant.
- The COST Association and the Grant Holder of the Action cannot to be considered as being an STSM grantee's employer. STSM grantees must make their own arrangements for all provisions related to personal security, health, taxation, social security and pension matters.
- Applications should include a Motivation and Workplan summary (2000 words max), as well as an approximate estimate of the costs and an indication of the expected period when the mission will take place. A letter of invitation from a representative/ researcher of the host institution will be required by the STSM Committee.
- The STSM Grantee has 30 calendar days from the end date of the mission to submit a scientific report to the STSM Committee and to a senior researcher affiliated to the Host Institution. Payment of the Grant is subject to a STSM scientific report being approved on behalf of the Action's MC by the delegated person(s) responsible and by a senior researcher affiliated to the Host Institution. Written approval of the STSM scientific report by the aforementioned persons must be uploaded in e- COST for archiving purposes.
- Applicants cannot submit more than one application per grant period, and more than two applications in the whole Action's life.
- Eligible STSM applicants must submit their STSM applications online at the following web address: <https://e-services.cost.eu/stsm>

Evaluation Criteria

- Relevance of the mission from a scientific point of view, with respect to the Action's aims (as it creates the opportunity of significant collaboration at a host institution and/or provides the applicant with access to documents, sources, works of art etcetera, necessary to further her/his research) – up to 6 points.
- Applicant's CV – up to 3 points.



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- Promotion of Inclusiveness Target Countries – up to 2 points.
- Promotion of Early Career Investigators' research – up to 1.5 points.
- Promotion of gender balance in the overall selection of applicants – up to 1.5 points.
- Applications will be evaluated by the CA18129 STSM Committee.

Deadline

- Applications for GP1 should be submitted before **July15 2019** (results available on July 25, 2019)
- Second deadline, only if the available funds have not been entirely allocated in the summer session: October 15 2019.

Financial details

- An STSM Grant is a fixed financial contribution which takes into consideration the budget request of the applicant and the outcome of the evaluation of the STSM application. STSM Grants do not necessarily cover all expenses related to undertaking a given mission. A STSM Grant is a contribution to the overall travel, accommodation and meal expenses of the Grantee.
- Up to a maximum of EUR 3 500 in total can be afforded to each successful applicant (In the event of a high number of applications, the STMS Committee could propose a cap on the maximum allowances in order to provide more grants).
- Up to a maximum of EUR 300 can be afforded for travel costs.
- Up to a maximum of EUR 130 per day can be afforded for accommodation and meal expenses in ITC countries, up to a maximum of EUR 160 per day can be afforded for accommodation and meal expenses in other countries.
- Specific provisions have been introduced to enable researchers from ITC participating in the Action to request a pre-payment of 50% of their STSM Grant when they complete the first day of their STSM. In such case, the representative of the Host Institution must confirm by e-mail to the Grant Holder that the STSM applicant has officially started the mission on day 1. Only then the Grant Holder can arrange the payment of 50% of the STSM grant. The remaining 50% of the Grant is payable once the administrative requirements have been satisfied after the STSM.