

ITC Conference Grants are aimed at supporting **Young Researchers and Innovators (YRI) with a primary affiliation in an institution located in an Inclusiveness Target Country (ITC)** or in a **Near Neighbour Countries (NNC)** to present their own work at international science and technology related conferences on the topic of the Action that are not organized by the COST Action.

Young Researcher and Innovator: A researcher or innovator under the age of 40.

GENERAL APPLICATION RULES

- Applicants must submit their applications online at the following web address: <https://e-services.cost.eu/conferencegrant>

- Before submission, please consult:

The guidelines in Annex 2 (Networking Activities Organised Through a Grant Awarding Process) of the Annotated Rules For Cost Action:

<https://www.cost.eu/uploads/2021/10/COST-094-21-Annotated-Rules-for-COST-Actions-Level-C-2021-11-01-1.pdf>

Grant Awarding user guide: <https://www.cost.eu/uploads/2021/12/Grant-Awarding-userguide.pdf>

Eligibility:

- Conference Grants are exclusively reserved for YRI with a primary affiliation in an institution located in an ITC or NNC.

- The applicant must present an oral/poster presentation at the conference and must be listed in the official conference program. The conference program and the book of abstracts including the applicant's name and contribution should be provided, upon completion of the conference. The main subject of the oral/poster presentation at the approved conference must be on the topic of the Action and must acknowledge COST.

- Applications should be submitted directly via the e-COST system.

- The participation of each applicant must be pre-approved by the Action MC.

Financial support: Up to a maximum of 2000 € in total can be afforded per grant for face-to-face conferences; or 500 € for virtual conferences.

The call is open until further notice (until the allocated budget for ITC Conference Grants has been used) and will be treated on a first-come, first-served basis, after checking the available budget, suitability of the applicant and the suitability of the conference.

Submitting an application implies the acceptance of all the above-mentioned conditions and characteristics of the call.