ITC Conference grants

ITC Conference Grants are directed to young researchers from Inclusiveness Target Countries / Near Neighbour Countries for their participation in high-level conferences not organised nor co-organised by ProteoCure. It provides contributions for travelling, accommodation and subsistence expenses, registration fees, and printing of the scientific poster.

The conference must take place between 15th of November 2023 and 30th of September 2024

1. Criteria for eligibility

- Be a Young Researcher: doctoral candidates and postdoctoral researchers or early PIs (less than 40 years old).
- Be affiliated with an institution in an Inclusiveness Target Country (ITC) or Near Neighbour Country (NNC)
- The applicant should be accepted at the conference with a poster or an oral presentation.

Inclusiveness Target Countries: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Croatia, Georgia, Greece, Lithuania, Latvia, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, Republic of North Macedonia, Republic of Serbia, Turkey and Ukraine, and outermost regions: French Guiana, Guadeloupe, Martinique, Mayotte, Reunion Island and Saint-Martin (France), Azores and Madeira (Portugal), and the Canary Islands (Spain).

Near Neighbour Countries: Algeria, Azerbaijan, Egypt, the Faroe Islands, Jordan, Kosovo, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Syria, and Tunisia.

2. To apply

The applicants should have a Letter of acceptance as a presenter (poster, oral presentation) from the conference organizers, although we welcome applications from participants who do not have the letter of acceptance yet but are planning to have it.

Application deadline: 7th of September 2023.
Approval of applications: 15th of October 2023

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Compile the ITC Conference Grant application package consisting of:

1) Application Form for ITC Conference Grant
2) Abstract for poster or oral presentation,
3) Letter of acceptance from the conference organisers,
4) A short CV.

E-mail your ITC conference grant application package as a single pdf file entitled with your surname to the ProteoCure Meeting team (meetings at proteocure.eu). Please, write ITC Grant Application in the subject line of your e-mail.

The Grants coordinator will distribute the applications to the ProteoCure ad hoc Committee who will assess and approve/reject the application.

Assessment criteria:

- Alignment with scientific objectives of ProteoCure,
- Added value to ProteoCure, high priority to translational conference (with industry/clinicians),
- Excellence of the candidate (motivation and CV),
- Oral presentation prioritised over poster presentation,
- Geographical and gender balance will be implemented.

3. Budget calculation guidelines

The ITC conference grant will be 2000€ maximum in total per grant for face-to-face conferences OR 500€ for virtual conferences.

- The travel support is 1500€ maximum.
- The accommodation costs (hotel and meals not included in the conference fees) should be calculated based on the country where the conference takes place, using the COST daily allowances table: www.cost.eu/daily_allowance
- Other expenses should be included: registration fee, poster printing cost.

4. Online ITC Conference Grant registration

The ProteoCure Grant Coordinator will inform you about the decision. Once notified of your proposal being accepted, you will be invited to submit your application through the e-COST web platform. You will receive guidelines from COST to use this online registration tool. These steps will allow you to receive your official Grant Letter.

5. Acknowledge our COST Action

Please note that the support by COST Action CA20113 ProteoCure should be acknowledged in the presentation.
E.g.: "Grateful for the travel support to attend the conference, provided by COST Action ProteoCure, CA20113 (European Cooperation in Science and Technology)."
Please, include the ProteoCure logos:
https://proteocure.eu/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/3Logos.png

6. Enjoy the conference

7. Final report and grant payment

The grant is paid after the conference takes place and after approval of your report and supporting documents. The deadline to submit the report and supporting documents is 30 days from the end of the conference.

The mandatory documents are:

1) A report, using the template available here:
   https://www.cost.eu/ITCConference_Report
2) A certificate of attendance,
3) Program of the conference or the abstract book. It shall include the presentation (oral or poster) of the grantee,
4) A pdf copy of the presentation,
5) Long-distance travel receipts, conference fee receipts and poster printing receipts if any, shall be sent by email to 'proteocuregrantholder at cipf.es'. No other receipts are required.
6) The payment will be done by bank transfer. To allow us to do so, the national identity number of the grantee (or his/her passport number) must be sent together with the receipts. The transfer can be done to the institution of the grantee, in that case, please send the institution's tax identification number.

Contact info:

If you have any doubts or need any additional information, you can contact the ProteoCure project manager: lpoidevin at cipf.es.