



## Young Researchers and Innovators CONFERENCE GRANTS

YRI Conference Grants are directed to Young Researchers and Innovators 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.

### Criteria for eligibility

- Be a ProteoCure member (laboratory members included)
- Be a Young Researcher: doctoral candidates, postdoctoral researchers, or early PIs (less than 40 years old),
- The applicant should be accepted at the conference with a poster or an oral presentation.
- The conference must take place before 30 September 2025.
- Applicants for Conference Grants may not apply for multiple types of conference grants with ProteoCure.

### 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: 24 January 2025**

**Approval of applications: Mid-February 2025**

Compile the YRI Conference Grant application package consisting of:

- 1) Application Form: <https://proteocure.eu/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/YRI-application-form.docx>
- 2) Abstract for poster or oral presentation,
- 3) Letter of acceptance from the conference organisers, except if the conference timing doesn't allow it yet; in that particular case, it can be sent after the application deadline
- 4) A one page CV.
- 5) Requested budget with a detailed breakdown of estimated costs.

*E-mail* your YRI conference grant application package as a single pdf file entitled with your surname to the ProteoCure Meeting team ([meetings@proteocure.eu](mailto:meetings@proteocure.eu)). Please, write "YRI 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:

- Career Stage: Applicants are encouraged from various career stages, with particular attention given to early-career researchers who obtained their PhD within the past five years.
- Alignment with ProteoCure Objectives: The scientific content of the application must align with the objectives of ProteoCure.
- Type of Presentation: Oral presentations will be prioritized over poster presentations.
- Motivation Statement: Candidates should provide a 150-word motivation statement explaining why attending the meeting is important for them.
- Candidate Excellence: A concise, one-page CV must accompany the application.
- Gender Balance: Efforts will be made to ensure gender equity among grantees.
- Geographical Criteria: Particular attention will be given to applicants from ITC and NNC countries, however, applications from all geographical regions will be evaluated on merit

Applications will be evaluated on the basis of a holistic review, considering all criteria simultaneously. This approach ensures that the selection process reflects a balance between early-career opportunities, geographical representation, scientific relevance, and diversity.

### **Budget calculation guidelines**

The YRI conference grant will be 1500€ maximum in total per grant for face-to-face conferences OR 500€ for virtual conferences.

Applications must include an estimated breakdown of costs for:

- Travel,
- Accommodation (hotel and meals not included in conference fees),
- Others: Registration fee, poster printing cost, VISA fee

### **Online YRI 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.

### **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>

### **Enjoy the conference!**

## 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) **Detailed report** on the outcomes of the presentation of the accepted contribution, focusing on the grantee's visibility and any new contacts established for future collaborations (a template will be provided by COST).
- 2) **Certificate of attendance,**
- 3) **Program of the conference** or the abstract book. It shall include the presentation (oral or poster) of the grantee,
- 4) **Copy of the presentation,**
- 5) **Long-distance travel receipts** shall be sent by email to [proteocuregrantholder@cipf.es](mailto:proteocuregrantholder@cipf.es).
- 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 bank 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: [proteocuregrantholder@cipf.es](mailto:proteocuregrantholder@cipf.es).