

Call for Applicants for Inclusiveness Target Countries (ITC) Conference Grants

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A. GENERAL INFO

The main goal of Riseup-PPD COST Action is to establish a Pan-European multidisciplinary network of researchers dedicated to the understanding of Peripartum Depression Disorder (PPD), from its prevention and assessment to its treatment and global impact (<https://www.cost.eu/actions/CA18138>).

B. WHAT ARE ITC CONFERENCE GRANTS?

Since COST's priority is enhancing research collaboration where ideas and people can grow without borders, conference grants are provided to expand the networking potential of the Action. ITC Conference Grants provide support for conference participation of PhD students and ECI¹ researchers from participating Inclusiveness Target Countries² (ITC) to attend international science and technology related conferences not specifically organized by the COST Action. ITC Conference Grants are designed to reimburse costs of conferences attended by eligible Action participants.

C. ELIGIBILITY

- Conference Grants are exclusively reserved for PhD students and ECIs with a primary affiliation in an institution located in an ITC.
- The applicant must make an oral/poster presentation at the conference in question and must be listed in the official event/conference program.
- The main subject of the oral presentation/poster presentation/speech at the approved conference must be on the topic of the Action and must acknowledge COST (see Section 9 of [COST Vademecum](#)).
- The participation of each applicant must be pre-approved by the Action MC or the ITC Conference Grant Committee before the conference takes place. Attendance at European conferences is preferred. However, conferences held elsewhere can also be considered, especially those that are held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

¹ Early Career Investigator (ECI) - A researcher within a time span of up to 8 years from the date they obtained the PhD/doctorate (full-time equivalent).

² Full list of ITC countries: http://www.cost.eu/about_cost/strategy/excellence-inclusiveness

D. FUNDING

A Conference Grant is a financial contribution of up to 1,280 Euro and does not necessarily cover all of the expenses related to participating in a given conference. A Conference Grant is a contribution to the overall travel, accommodation and meal expenses of the selected Grantee. The calculation of the financial contribution for each Conference Grant must respect the following criteria:

- Up to a maximum of 1280 EUR in total can be afforded to a successful applicant;
- Up to a maximum of EUR 160 per day can be afforded for accommodation and meal expenses.
- Up to a maximum of EUR 500 can be claimed for the conference fees to be incurred by the selected Grantee.
- A maximum of one (1) ITC grant will be granted for the second grant period (01/05/2020-30/04/2021).

Details on rules available in the COST Vademecum (Section 9) and the ITC Conference Grants User Guide (<https://www.cost.eu/funding/how-to-get-funding/documents-and-guidelines/>).

E. HOW TO PARTICIPATE

The proposed conference to be attended must take place before **October 31st, 2021**.

To apply, submit your application online, <https://e-services.cost.eu/ITC> and then send your submitted ITC application form, together with other supporting documents to the ITC coordinator Andri Christoforou (A.Christoforou@euc.ac.cy) and to the Grant Manager Patrícia Correia (riseup-ppd_ca18138@fpce.uc.pt) (see below: F. Supporting Documents).

Applications will be forwarded to the committee the **last calendar day of each month**. The committee evaluates all submitted applications in the context of their compatibility and relevance with the topic of the Action (see below: G. Evaluation Criteria). The committee also checks if the applicant is a PhD candidate or ECI, and if he/she represents an ITC country.

Conferences, meetings and other activities organized by COST/RISEUP-PPD are not eligible.

F. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- The submitted ITC application form (downloadable when the online application is submitted):

- Application contains applicant details, Conference Grant details (the attendance at the conference must start and end during the same Grant Period (GP), Bank details, Financial support, Supporting documents (see below)
- A short description of involvement in the COST Action;
- Acceptance letter from the conference organizers (confirming either your speaking slot or your poster presentation);
- A copy of the abstract or poster submitted to the conference;
- A Full C.V. (including a list of academic publications – if applicable).

G. EVALUATION CRITERIA

A) Eligibility criteria (1 = Fulfilled, 0 = Not fulfilled)

1. PhD student or an Early Career Investigator (ECI)
2. Affiliated with an institution located in an ITC country participating in the Action
3. Target conference in scope with Action WG goals and objectives

B) Additional criteria (1-0 points)

1. Riseup-PPD member
2. Application should be submitted at least 45 days before the conference start date
3. Target conference is hosted in an European country

C) Scientific Criteria (0 = not relevant for the Action - exclusion criteria; 1 = Very low research match ... 5 = Very high research match)

1. The quality of abstract/poster presentation
2. The participation benefit for the applicant's career and personal development
3. The scientific quality and impact of the conference
4. Impact of the targeted conference with respect to Riseup-PPD objective

H. FINAL EVALUATION

After the conference implementation, the successful applicants must submit a scientific report, travel documentation, and fee invoice (if applicable) within 30 days in order to claim the grant. The grant is only paid after the conference implementation and the submission of the requested information.

For more information or to address any questions, please contact the ITC coordinator, Andri Christoforou (A.Christoforou@euc.ac.cy) or the Grant Manager Patrícia Correia (riseup-ppd_ca18138@fpce.uc.pt).