

Open call for CardioRNA COST Action ITC Conference Grants

The Inclusiveness Target Country (ITC) Conference Grant supports PhD students and early career investigators from ITCs to attend international science and technology-related conferences that are not organized by the COST Action CardioRNA CA17129. The Grant is a contribution to the overall travel, accommodation and meal expenses of the selected Grantee.

According to the Work and Budget Plan of our COST Action for **Grant Period 2 (01 May 2019 – 30 Apr 2020)**, we hope to allocate 6 ITC Conference Grants of 1000 Euro each.

Eligibility criteria

- **The applicant is either a PhD student or an Early Career Investigator (ECI).** ECI is an individual who is within a time span of up to 8 years from the date they obtained their PhD.
- **The applicant's primary affiliation must be an institution located in an ITC.** The ITCs are as follows: *Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Croatia, Hungary, Lithuania, Latvia, Luxembourg, Malta, Montenegro, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Republic of Serbia and Turkey.*
- **The applicant must make an oral/poster presentation at the conference in question and must be listed in the official conference programme.** The main subject of the oral/poster presentation at the conference must be on the **topic of the COST Action CardioRNA** and must acknowledge COST (see [COST Vademecum](#) Section 9).

Additionally:

- The conference, the submission of expenses, and the reporting **must take place before 30 April 2020.**
- The application should be submitted up to **1 week AFTER** the abstract has been approved by the conference organizers.

How to apply

To apply for an ITC Conference Grant within the CardioRNA Cost Action, please follow the following steps:

1. Submit an **ITC Conference Grant request on e-COST** up to 1 week after the notification of the abstract acceptance by the conference organizers. Please refer to the **user guide** (attached) on how to apply. The applicant will need to have a profile on e-COST;
2. Send the following supporting documents to yvan.devaux@lih.lu:
 - 2.1. Filled **ITC application form** (attached);
 - 2.2. CV (max. 1 page);
 - 2.3. Confirmation of acceptance from the conference organizers.

Evaluation process

If the Action's budget allows, applications will be submitted for approval by the Core Group of the Action. Priority will be given to applications that support the objectives of the Action. Please see the Action's Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for details.

Obligations

Each ITC grantee must send a copy of their presentation/poster/paper to the **Science Communication Manager of the Action**, Dr Emma Robinson by email (e.robinson@maastrichtuniversity.nl), shortly after the

conference. It will be then disseminated using the official CardioRNA website, social media, etc. Photographic material from the conference (e.g., the grantee with the CardioRNA logo in the background) will be greatly appreciated.

After the conference, the successful applicants must submit a scientific report, travel documentation, and fee invoice (if applicable). The grant is only paid after submission of the requested information.

Conferences

CardioRNA suggests the following events for ITC Conference Grants (but is not restricted to the list below). Let us know if there are other interesting events of interest for participants of CardioRNA.

Event	Location	Date
"Varenna" meeting of the ESC WG Myocardial Function	Napoli, Italy	May 2019
(ESCI) European Society for Clinical Investigation Annual scientific meeting	Coimbra, Portugal	22-24 May 2019
3rd International Symposium on Frontiers in Molecular Science - RNA Regulatory Networks	Lisbon, Portugal	26-28 Jun 2019
ESC Congress 2019	Paris, France	31 Aug-04 Sep 2019
9th international meeting on ageing	Halle, Germany	13-15 Sep 2019
XXIth International Lipid Meeting	Leipzig, Germany	12-14 Dec 2019
HFA Winter Meeting on Translational Heart Failure Research	Switzerland	Jan 2020