



Mathematical  
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COST ACTION CA18232

## OPEN CALL FOR ITC CONFERENCE GRANTS

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The COST Action CA18232 “Mathematical models for interacting dynamics on networks” invites applications for travel grants from Early Career Investigators (ECIs), including doctoral students, based in any participating Inclusiveness Target Country (ITC). These grants are designed to assist ECIs associated with the Action in participating in conferences and workshops, **including online conferences**, which are not organized within the scope of the Action, but where participation will further the goals of the Action.

**Eligibility criteria.** To apply, you must:

- be based primarily at an institution located in an ITC;
- be an Early Career Investigator, defined as having received your doctorate less than 8 years before joining the Action, or be a doctoral student;
- present a talk or a poster on a subject related to the Action at the conference you wish to attend;
- have an e-COST account.

Since all applications are managed via the e-COST system, your ITC affiliation and ECI status will be determined by the information provided in your e-COST profile.

**What and how much can be covered?** Due to the ongoing pandemic, for the meantime it is anticipated that these grants be used primarily to cover **conference fees for online conferences** up to € 500. See the relevant COST documentation for the full conditions of the grant including details of what can be covered in the event of a physical conference.

The financial support awarded is a contribution to the overall expenses associated with attending the conference and may not cover all costs. In the event of success **a lower amount may be awarded than was requested** in the application. Requests for a smaller amount of money are more likely to be approved.

**When?** This is an ongoing call which will be open until further notice, consult the Action website for updates. You should apply at least three weeks before the conference or workshop you plan to attend (in person or online).

**How to apply.** All applications must be submitted via the e-COST system. Log in to your e-COST account, select the tab “ITC Conference Grants”, and follow the instructions. Your application must include all of the following documents:

- a short CV, including a list of publications if appropriate;
- a short description of your involvement in the Action. Alternatively, you should describe how the work you are planning to present fits into the scope of the Action;

- a letter or other confirmation of acceptance from the conference organizers, confirming your talk (or poster) slot;
- a copy of the abstract or the (draft) poster to be presented.

Including a description of how the conference is relevant for and/or related to the Action with the document describing your involvement in the Action may improve your chances of success.

**Evaluation criteria.** Applications will be evaluated by a panel consisting of the ITC Conference Grant Manager, the STSM Coordinator, and the Equal Opportunity Agent according to the following criteria:

- scientific merit of the proposal and the candidate;
- relevance of the application and the conference to the Action;
- geographical and gender balance among grantees;
- financial constraints.

In particular, women candidates are particularly encouraged to apply. Every effort will be made to notify applicants of the outcome within one to two weeks of receipt of their application.

#### **After the conference.**

- You must submit a scientific report via the e-COST website within 30 days of the conference. This report should ideally be 1-2 pages long and include:
  - a description of the conference and its aims;
  - a description of the presentation;
  - a copy of the presentation if possible (slides or poster);
  - evidence of your participation in the conference (letter from the organizers);
  - documentary evidence of the costs paid (receipt for conference fee).
 The scientific parts of the final report will be published on the Action website, within the scope of the Action's dissemination activities.
- The grant can only be paid out after the scientific report has been submitted.

#### **For more information...**

- For more information on the Action, its scope and aims, as well as up-to-date information on the grants calls, consult the Action website:  
<https://www.mat-dyn-net.eu/>
- The COST user's guide to ITC conference grants, including step-by-step instructions on how to apply:  
<https://www.cost.eu/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Inclusiveness-Target-Countries-Conference-Grants-userguide-V2-003-Oct-2018-1.pdf>
- The COST Vademecum (details funding rules and obligations of the grantee):  
<https://www.cost.eu/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Vademecum-V8-1-May-20202.pdf>
- For more information on COST inclusiveness policies, including a current list of all Inclusiveness Target Countries, consult  
<https://www.cost.eu/who-we-are/cost-strategy/excellence-and-inclusiveness/>

Please direct any enquires to the ITC Conference Grant Manager for the Action,  
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