

## CA22145 Short Term Scientific Mission (STSM) 1st Call for Applications

Short Term Scientific Missions (STSM) are institutional visits aimed at supporting individual mobility, fostering collaboration between individuals. The Guidelines for Action Management, Monitoring and Assessment and Cost Annotated Rules should be followed to ensure the proper implementation of this networking instrument.

STSM applicants must be engaged in an official research programme as a PhD Student or postdoctoral fellow or can be employed by, or affiliated to, an institution, organization or legal entity which has within its remit a clear association with performing research. The institution/organization or legal entity where applicants pursue their main strand of research are considered as Home Institutions. The Host Institution is the institution/organization that will host the successful applicant.

The primary goal of GameTable is to foster interactions to create innovative computational methods to study and preserve the cultural heritage of tabletop games. Within this outline we are interested in research related to the cultural understanding of tabletop games, the development of game-related AI techniques and finally the applications for cultural institutions and industry.

The STSM needs to be carried out in its entirety within a single Grant Period and always within the Action's lifetime. For this call, it must take place between February 1, 2024 and October 31, 2024. The minimum duration of a visit should be from 5 days and a maximum duration of 90 days.

### **Financial details:**

- An STSM Grant is a fixed financial contribution which takes into consideration the budget request of the applicant and the outcome of the evaluation of the STSM application. STSM Grants do not necessarily cover all expenses related to undertaking a given mission. An STSM Grant is a contribution to the overall travel, accommodation and meal expenses of the Grantee.
- EUR 4000 is the maximum amount grantable to each successful applicant. In the event of a high number of applications, the Scientific Committee could propose a cap on the maximum allowances in order to provide more grants.
- Grants are paid by the Grant Holder Institution after the completion of the activity and approval of all required report/documentation. However, STSM grantees may request up to 50% pre-payment of the approved grant. This amount is subject to availability of funds

and approval by the Grant Holder Institution. The request of pre-payment shall be submitted to the Grant Holder Manager.

- All bookings, with regard both to travelling and accommodation, must be refundable, and a free cancellation option is a prerequisite of any reservation, as in no case will COST reimburse expenses incurred if a mission is not carried out. Cancellation insurances are eligible travel expenses.

### **Eligibility Criteria:**

- The Applicant must be a member of a Working Group in the Action GameTable.
- The proposed contribution and its outcomes should be related to the Action MoU objectives.
- The host organization should be located in a different country than the country of the grantee.

### **How to apply:**

Eligible STSM applicants must submit their STSM applications online at the following web address: <https://e-services.cost.eu/activity/grants>

Upload these supporting documents in the related page on e-COST:

- STSM grant Application (based on e-COST template)
- A letter of agreement from the host institution indicating their agreement to receive the applicant
- Other documents required by the Action:
- Motivation Letter and a Work Plan Summary (1000 words max)
- CV

A successful applicant cannot submit more than one application per grant period.

**Deadline: Applications for GP1 should be submitted before 30 June, 2024.** *Applications are evaluated on a rolling basis, and a decision will be made within 2 weeks after the submission.*

### **Evaluation:**

- After the submission, the proposals will be evaluated by the Action Grant Awarding Coordinators and the Core Group of the GameTable Network who will assess the scientific merit and budget of the proposals.

The STSM Grantee has 30 calendar days from the end date of the mission to submit a scientific report to the Core Group of the GameTable Network and to a supervisor affiliated to the Host Institution. Payment of the Grant is subject to approval of the STSM scientific report by the delegated person(s) responsible on behalf of the Action's MC and by a senior researcher

affiliated to the Host Institution. Written approval of the STSM scientific report by the aforementioned persons must be uploaded in e-COST for archiving purposes.

*Please note:* The COST Association and the Grant Holder of the Action cannot be considered as being an STSM grantee's employer. STSM grantees must make their own arrangements for all provisions related to personal security, health, taxation, social security and pension matters.