

MP0903-COST ACTION: SHORT-TERM SCIENTIFIC MISSION DEADLINES & RULES

AIM:

The aim of a STSM is to foster collaborations and to strength the existing networks by allowing scientists to go to an institution/laboratory in another formally approved host institution in a COST-country. STSM are particularly intended for Early Stage Researcher, less than 8 years from his/her PhD.

CALLS FOR MP0903-FOUR YEAR

First STSM call submission deadline: **30 September 2013**

Successful applicants will be contacted in mid OCTOBER.

Second STSM call submission deadline: **6 January 2014**

Successful applicants will be contacted by 15 of JANUARY.

The STSM has to be completed before end of APRIL 2014

HOW TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION

The Applicant should be engaged in a research programme as a post-grad student, postdoctoral fellow or be employed in an institution of having accepted the MoU of the Action. Applicants are responsible for obtaining the agreement of the host institution BEFORE the submission of their application.

The duration of a STSM is from a **minimum of 5 working days** to a **maximum of 3 months**. For Early Stage Researchers the maximum duration could be extended up to 6 months in total.

The **financial support** will be a fixed grant based on the Applicant's budget request.

The standard allowance for MP0903 is of euros 75 per day. If a larger allowance is requested, a justification must be given in the STSM application (in the workplan part), up to a maximum of 160 euros per day. In addition, a maximum of EUR 500 for the travel is recommended. Anyway the total support to a STSM must not exceed EUR 2500.

The Applicant must use the on-line registration, available on <https://e-services.cost.eu/stsm>. Please keep in mind the title of the COST Action is MP0903-Nanoalloys as advanced materials: from structure to properties and applications (NANOALLOY).

The formal STSM application should be downloaded from the above website for your own record.

To complete the application, your brief CV including relevant publications (max one page), motivation letter (max one page), letter of support from the home institution, has to be sent to the STSM coordinator as well as the future Host institution.

In your emails, please always add your STSM- reference number, automatically generated by ecost-office, after your on-line registration.

ASSESSMENT OF THE STSM

The STSM coordinator is in charge to arrange the assessment of the STSM and to inform the Grant Holder, that the proposed application has been approved. This information can be in the form of an e-mail stating: Subject: STSM – reference number, COST Action number, grantees name.

The body text will include the STSM request, its acceptance and the recommendation of a grant up to EUR XXX

ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT

The Grant Holder is in charge to inform the Applicant about the approval.

HOW TO RECEIVE THE PAYMENT

After the completion of the STSM, the grantee has to submit a scientific report (maximum 3 pages) within 4 weeks of his/her stay to the STSM coordinator. This should contain a description of the purpose of the STSM and of the work and main results obtained during the STSM. The STSM coordinator is in charge to accept the final report and to inform the Grant Holder with the confirmation that the STSM has been successfully accomplished and that the grant can be paid.

The Grant Holder will execute the payment of the fixed grant directly to the grantee or the host institution as requested in the application after receipt the notice of completion by the STSM coordinator; completed payment request form (as provided by the Univ. of Genova, Italy); summary of scientific report (maximum 1 page).

Further details will be available soon on the COST-Action website, www.nanoalloy.eu

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