

4th Call for STSM Applications:

The 4th STSM Call of CYPHER - CA22151 accepts **applications** to be submitted **from May 19th to May 31st for the period from June 1st, 2025, to September 30th, 2025.**

Short-Term Scientific Mission grant funds a visit to a host organization located in a different country than the country of affiliation by a researcher or innovator for specific work to be carried out and for a determined period of time.

General Instructions for all Participants

To apply for this call, follow the steps below:

- Obtain the agreement of the host institution.
- The applicant should start an STSM application by logging into e-COST: <https://e-services.cost.eu/>.
- Go to COST Actions, on the left panel.
- Go to Grant Applications, again, on the left panel.
- Click on the “+ Apply for grant” button located on the bottom right.
- Select Short-Term Scientific Mission grant.
- Select the COST Action CA22151
- Fill in the required information
- Save the information

For the next steps, you will need to upload the following documents:

- The Grant Application (to be download from the portal)
- The [Host Institution Agreement](#) (Confirmation by host)
- [Letter of support](#) from the home institution (Other)
- Your CV (max 2 pages) (Other)

Finally, click on the “Submit the application” button.

More detailed Guidelines can be found [here](#).

Eligibility Criteria

The CYPHER Evaluation Committee will evaluate all applications in the light of the objectives of the Action Grant Period.

The eligibility criteria are:

- Be a PhD candidate, a researcher or an innovator affiliated with a legal entity
- Belong to, at least, one of the Action’s Working Groups

- Researchers cannot apply for an STSM grant in the country where they are currently working
- The STSM must take place in a COST Member Country
- **Finish the STSM before September 30th; those who finish later will be rejected.**

STSM funding will be awarded according to the COST key principles of:

- Excellence
- Inclusivity
- Balance (gender and nationality)

The evaluation will be carried out by the Grant Awarding Coordinator with an evaluation committee and the decision will be communicated to the applicant before February 15th, 2025.

The amount of the grant awarded will never exceed the amount requested by the applicant.

If you still have any doubts about the eligible expenses that can be claimed, the appropriate supporting documents, or how to complete the OTRR, **please contact the Grant Awarding Coordinator:** Aurélie Bellemans aurelie.bellemans@vub.be or contact us on cypher.costaction@gmail.com