

COST-ARKWORK Call for Short Terms Scientific Missions (STSM) 2018-2020

COST-ARKWORK (<https://www.arkwork.eu/>) is a network funded by the COST scheme that brings together the multidisciplinary work of researchers of archaeological practices in the field of archaeological knowledge production and use. The aim of the network is to make a major push forward in the current state-of-the-art in knowing how archaeological knowledge is produced, how it is used and how to maximise its positive impact in the society.

COST-ARKWORK is divided into four Working groups, which focus on different aspects of archaeological practices and knowledge work in the digital environment.

[Working Group 1: Archaeological Fieldwork](#)

[Working Group 2: Knowledge production and archaeological collections](#)

[Working Group 3: Archaeological knowledge production and global communities](#)

[Working group 4: Archaeological scholarship](#)

Short-Term Scientific Missions are exchange visits aimed at supporting individual mobility, strengthening existing networks and fostering collaboration between researchers.

A STSM should specifically contribute to the scientific objectives of the Action, whilst at the same time allowing those partaking in the missions to learn new techniques, gain access to specific data, instruments and/or methods not available in their own institutions and/or organisations.

COST-ARKWORK plans to fund STSMs with an average funding per STSM of approximately 1500 € (a maximum 2500€ in total can be afforded to each grantee).

Please note that the financial support available via this scheme is a contribution towards the travel and subsistence cost of a STSM and may not necessarily cover all the costs. Applicants are encouraged to submit proposals with a high benefit/cost ratio.

Criteria for Funding

The Applicant should be engaged in a research programme as a post-graduate student, postdoctoral fellow or affiliate with an institution in a ARKWORK member country (listed in <http://www.cost.eu/COST Actions/ca/CA15201?parties>). STSMs can be awarded both to academics and professionals engaged in research outside of academy.

Applicants are responsible for obtaining the agreement of the host institution BEFORE the submission of their application.

The research subject of the STSM must be relevant for ARKWORK and the STSM must directly make a contribute to their aims of the network as described in its Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) as a whole. The MoU can be found at: <http://www.cost.eu/COST Actions/ca/CA15201>

The applicant and its host must be from two different ARKWORK member countries (i.e. it is not possible to do an STSM in the country where the applicant is affiliated)

STSM funding is a contribution towards travel and subsistence costs, and cannot be used as a salary.

Duration of a standard STSM: a minimum of 5 working days and a maximum of 90 days, for Early Career Investigators (ECI) i.e. individuals who are within a time span of up to 8 years from the date they obtained their PhD/doctorate (full-time equivalent), the maximum length is 180 days.

All STSMs need to be carried out in their entirety within one of the following periods specified in the application and decision:

1. Until March 31, 2019
2. May 1, 2019 – March 31, 2020
3. May 1, 2020 – August 31, 2020

Geographical and gender balance issues relating to the awarded grants will be taken into consideration when decisions on awarding STSMs are made.

Applications from ECIs will be privileged.

Application Procedure

All applicants must carefully read the funding rules detailed in Section 7 of the COST H2020 Vademecum. This document is available at:

<http://www.cost.eu/participate/guidelines>.

The applicants must register for an e-COST profile at <https://e-services.cost.eu/> and submit their STSM applications online at: <https://e-services.cost.eu/STSM>

After submitting the application online the applicant has to send an e-mail to the STSM Manager, Dr. Dorina Moulou (tmoulou@culture.gr) with the subject “ARKWORK – STSM Application – <applicant’s name>”.

The following information has to be encoded in the on-line registration form:

- the Action number,
- the title of the planned STSM,
- the start and end dates,
- the key academic details of applicant,
- the work plan,
- the bank details of applicant,
- the host institution,
- requested grant (amount for travel and subsistence).

Deadlines

- Deadline for applications is the end of each month for STSMs starting at the earliest two full months after the deadline.
- The STSM needs to be completed within one of the periods indicated above
- The report has to be sent to the STSM manager within 30 days after the completion of the STSM and in any case by April 15th each year (2019-2020). More details are available at <https://www.arkwork.eu/stsm/>

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