

COST ACTION CA15211

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COST Action 15211 Short Term Scientific Missions (STSM) Applications

Call for STSM Applications for Missions Planned between 1.8.2020-15.10.2020

Dear Researchers,

COST Action CA15211 "Electronet" invites researchers from Countries participating in the Action to submit applications for the 5th Call for Short-Term Scientific Missions (STSM).

The purpose of a STSM

STSM are aimed at strengthening existing networks and fostering collaborations by allowing Researchers participating in a given COST Action to visit an institution / Organization in another Participating COST Country / an approved NNC institution or an approved IPC institution. A STSM should specifically contribute to the scientific objectives of the COST 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 / organizations. Details for general rules for STSM applications are at: <http://www.cost.eu/participate>. Specific information about submission to ElectroNet are at: <https://atmospheric-electricity-net.eu/stsm>.

Deadline for applications to be submitted: no later than **[10 / July / 2020]**

Notification of application outcome: before **[25 / July / 2020]**

Period of STSM: between **[1 / August / 2020]** and **[15 / October / 2020]**

For the application please use (besides the formal application at the Cost site) the template "STSM_proposal_template.docx" provided at <https://atmospheric-electricity-net.eu/stsm> and send it, together with the CV and Invitation letter to the STSM coordinator Yoav Yair, at the e-mail address: yoav.yair@idc.ac.il. Read carefully the instructions at <https://atmospheric-electricity-net.eu/stsm> before applying. Applications should be submitted at least 45 days before the implementation is planned to start, to avoid high costs (flight, accommodation, etc.).

STSM proposals should be at minimum, 2 and at maximum 4 pages long. They should be clear and concise and contain the following components: (a) Title, text describing overall context and objectives (theoretical background, citing relevant literature) (b) Novelty and originality of the proposed idea / work (c) Reason for choosing the host institute (d) Detailed work plan and (e) Potential outcomes and relevance to Electronet. See information at: <https://atmospheric-electricity-net.eu/stsm>. Threshold for acceptance: grade of 3.5 out of 5.

Neither duplicate proposals nor group STSM will be accepted, an STSM must be unique; If two (or more) proposals are found to be nearly identical (including previous/approved applications, etc.), the applicants are not allowed to submit any other applications for one year.

For COST STSM funding rules - see Section 7 of the COST Vademecum:
<http://www.cost.eu/participate/guidelines>

No resubmission accepted during the same round, regardless of the reason for rejection (except for problems with documents/letters/admin issue); If rejected, a resubmission is allowed only during the next STSM grant period; All STSM activities must occur in their entirety within the period specified above.

VERY IMPORTANT NOTE REGARDING THE CORONAVIRUS SITUATION: Potential applicants should be aware that STSMs can only be realized only if at the time of the STSM no travel restrictions for the country of origin or the country of the Host Institution apply due to the COVID-19 situation. Applicants are also advised to apply for short-term visits, as, the longer the visit, the greater the risk of not being able to return home, if during the visit travel restrictions come into force.

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