

Travel grants to attend ESOF2014 Copenhagen, 21-26 June 2014

PRESENTATION AND CONDITIONS FOR TRAVEL GRANTS

Created by Euroscience, ESOF – Euroscience Open Forum – is the biennial pan-European meeting dedicated to scientific research and innovation. The ESOF2014 event to be held in Copenhagen, 21-26 June 2014 will bring together over 5,000 scientists; business leaders; senior EU and government officials; and international scientific media to discuss the best of European science and to address all of the current major global scientific challenges, including Energy, Climate Change and Health. Themes include “Material and Virtual World”, “Science, Democracy & Citizenship” to “The Global Resource Management”.

ESOF provides young researchers with a unique opportunity to interact with leading scientists from various scientific fields. With up to 1,000 young researchers from across Europe and beyond, ESOF2014 will give them the unique opportunity to expand their networks of international contacts and to establish important links with potential collaborators.

Various organisations, including the **Danish Agency for Science, Technology and Innovation** (DASTI), **Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique** (CNRS) in France and the **Research Foundation Flanders** (FWO) in Belgium offer travel grants to help PhD candidates who wish to attend ESOF2014. See the [Euroscience website](#) as well as the [FWO website](#) for more information on the current open calls.

The two CALLS for PhD candidates’ travel grants to ESOF2014 are now OPEN

The **Danish Agency for Science, Technology and Innovation** (DASTI) and the **Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique** (CNRS) in collaboration with **Euroscience** have opened two calls for PhD candidates.

Please be aware of the following criteria of the two calls:

- **The 1st call concerns Europe-Based PhD candidates**
 - PhD candidates
 - Under the age 35
 - Proficient in English
 - **Open to all nationalities, however, the PhD candidate needs to work in a European country.**
- **The 2nd Call concerns PhD Candidates based outside Europe. Please note that only five countries listed below are eligible.**

- PhD candidates
- Under the age of 35
- Nationals from **South Korea (4), China (4), India (5), Brazil (3) and USA (3)*** who at the present time work and live there.
- Proficient in English
- The travel grants cannot support PhD candidates from any other countries than the ones mentioned.
- Strong preference will be given to PhD candidates from universities in the top of the QS ranking (<http://www.topuniversities.com/university-rankings>)

**The figures beside countries indicate the max number of available grants per country.*

• Application

To apply for a travel grant the PhD candidate will need to truthfully fill out the **word questionnaire on ESOF** and submit it along with a **CV** and a **letter of recommendation** (max 1/2 page A4) from dean of department/school/school of graduate studies via the EuroScience web. Maximum three per department/school/school of graduate studies.

To submit an application, please follow the link to:

http://www.esof.eu/hub/user_session/new

Sign into the ESOF database (create your profile) and click on “**Apply for a Scholarship**” at the bottom of your profile page. Follow the application procedure.

Please pay special attention to what call you select from the scroll list – you ‘must’ select the respective call either **Europe-Based Young Researchers** or **Outside-Europe Based Young Researchers** in the online application! **You do not need to fill out the cover letter field!**

When submitting the application form for travel grants, you agree to the full acceptance of the rules and to the decision taken by the Selection Committee.

The **deadline** for applications for travel grants is **Tuesday 22 April 2014**.

3. Selection and decision

The eligibility criteria will be based on the completed questionnaire, the curriculum assessment and the recommendation letter from dean of department/school/school of graduate.

A decision is taken by the Selection Committee, which is appointed by Euroscience or by the respective national organisation.

The decision will be communicated by email.

4. Obligations of grantees

- a) Grantees must confirm by email to [office\(at\)euroscience.org](mailto:office(at)euroscience.org) that they accept the travel grant.

- b) Once ESOF2014 has ended, grantees must fill in the travel grant evaluation form that will be available on the Euroscience pages. The questionnaire will include basic questions about the assessment and development of ESOF2014. It should be submitted before **31st August 2014**.
- c) Grantees can also be asked to do a photo/video report of their stay.
- d) The travel and accommodation expenses concerning the ESOF2014 "European Young Researchers" will be reimbursed by Euroscience on presentation of receipts up to a maximum total of 900€ each.
- e) The travel and accommodation expenses concerning the "ESOF2014 Outside-Europe Based Young Researchers" will be reimbursed by Euroscience on presentation of receipts up to a maximum total of 1300€ each.
- f) All expenses covered must be in accordance with the travel guidelines issued by EuroScience.

5. Information

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