COST Action MP 1405
Quantum Structure of Spacetime

HORIZON 2020

1st CALL for ITC Conference Grants

Call opening:	**27**	**November**	**2017**
Application deadline:	**31**	**December**	**2017**
Decision and notification:	**8**	**January**	**2018**

"Quantum structure of spacetime" is opening the 1st call for ITC Conference Grants aimed at supporting PhD students and Early Career Investigators (ECI = within 8 years from PhD date, normally a postdoctoral researcher) from Participating Inclusiveness Target Countries (ITC) to attend international science related conferences not specifically organised by the COST Action.

Total budget of ITC Conference grants for this call: **4,000 €**, with max 2,500 € per conference grant. These conferences must take place **between 15 January 2018 and 15 April 2018**.

Detailed information can be found also
under → CALLS → ITC CONFERENCE GRANTS on our webpage
`http://www.qspace-cost.eu/`
or in the COST Vademecum
`http://www.cost.eu/media/cost_stories/conference-grants-new-vademecum-2017`
and in the user guide `www.cost.eu/ITC_conferencegrants_userguide`

ELIGIBILITY:

ITC Conference Grants are exclusively reserved for PhD students and ECIs affiliated in an institution located in an ITC; for the list of ITCs see `http://www.cost.eu/about_cost/strategy/excellence-inclusiveness`. The applicant must make an oral/poster presentation at the conference in question and must be listed in the official event/conference programme. The main subject of the oral/poster presentation must be on a topic of the Action and must acknowledge COST. Attendance at European conferences is preferred.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT:

An ITC Conference Grant is a fixed grant based on the applicant's budget request and the evaluation of the application by the Core Group of the Action. The financial support provided by an ITC Conference Grant is intended to cover a part, but not necessarily all, of the expenses related to participating in a given conference. An ITC Conference Grant is a contribution to the overall travel, accommodation and meal expenses of the selected Grantee, up to a maximum of 160 € per day for meal and accomodation expenses and up

to a maximum of 500 € for conference fees. The total amount requested per grant cannot exceed 2500 €. Advance payment of grants is not possible.

BEFORE the Conference:

The applicant must (have) create(d) an **e-COST profile** on
<div align="right"><code>https://e-services.cost.eu/w3/index.php?id=91</code></div>
and submit her or his application by clicking on the ITC Conference Grants application tab. The following information has to be provided:

- Applicant details
- Conference Grant details
- Bank details
- Financial support
- Supporting documents [2nd page reachable via upper-left-corner button]

Applicants should indicate the Working Group (WG1, WG2, or WG3) and science topic most relevant to her or his application. In addition, we ask the applicant to **register on the website of the Action** `http://www.qspace-cost.eu/` and to acknowledge it in publications resulting from attendance (such as conference proceedings) with a phrase like *"This work is based upon work from COST Action MP1405 QSPACE, supported by COST (European Cooperation in Science and Technology)."*
The deadline for the application is 31 December 2017 by midnight UTC.
The scientific and budgetary assessment of the ITC Conference Grant applications will be executed by the Core Group of the Action. The criteria of assessment are scientific excellence, and how effectively the conference attendance will contribute to both the scientific aims of Action MP1405 and the career development of the applicant. The Core Group will evaluate proposals by **8 January 2018**, and the Action Chair will subsequently either activate or reject the application **via e-COST**. The result, including the amount of the grant or justification for rejection, will then be visible to the applicant.

AFTER the Conference:

Within 30 days from the end of participation at the conference the grantee is required to upload a **scientific report**. Submission past the deadline will result in automatic cancellation of the grant. A template for the report can be found on the Supporting documents page or at `http://www.cost.eu/ITC_conference_grant_report_template`. The grantee must complete this template and save it in pdf before uploading it in e-COST. The report has to be approved by the Action Chair, who will then initiate the payment of the grant.

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