TextLink
Structuring Discourse in Multilingual Europe

[COST Action Number IS1312]
Call Number 2 for
Short Term Scientific Missions (STSM) Applications

2nd **(Supplementary)** Call for STSM Applications for Missions occurring between April and May 2015**.**

All STSM activities must occur in their entirety within the dates specified above

Purpose of a Short-Term Scientific Missions (STSM)

Short-Term Scientific Missions (STSMs) are short research stays. The purpose of an STSM is to facilitate Researchers from COST Countries participating in COST Action IS1312 to go to an institution or research centre in another participating COST Country to foster collaboration and to perform empirical research.

The main objective of the TextLink Action is to coordinate the creation of a European portal of cross-linguistically available monolingual or parallel corpora that have been enriched and made interoperable and co-searchable through annotation of discourse-relational devices (DRDs) and the information they convey.

In 2014-2015, focus of research in the Action will lie on (i) compiling resources and lexicons of discourse-relational devices, (ii) defining the identification procedure of DRDs, and (iii) comparing and evaluating the interoperability of annotation schemes.

Websites:
http://textlinkcost.wix.com/textlink
http://www.cost.eu/domains_actions/isch/Actions/IS1312

Specific information concerning STSMs

STSMs can have a duration of between 5 days and 60 days.

The financial support on offer is a contribution to the overall expenses incurred during the STSM and may not necessarily cover all of the associated outgoings.

The following funding conditions apply and must be respected:

1. Travel expenses cannot exceed EUR 500;

2. A grantee can be afforded funding up to a maximum of EUR 2500;

3. For accommodation and meal expenses, a maximum amount of EUR 120 per day can be considered;

4. STSM activities must occur in their entirety within the dates specified in this call.

5. Researchers holding their primary affiliation at an institution located in a Participating COST Country are eligible to perform a STSM in another Participating COST Country. A list of Participating COST Countries can be found on the COST Action Webpage at www.cost.eu/domains_actions/isch/Actions/IS1312

Financial support is limited to travel and subsistence expenses and is paid as a grant.

This supplementary call, COST Action IS1312: TextLink: Structuring Discourse in Multilingual Europe will be able to fund an additional 4 to 8 STSMs. The amounts granted for each individual STSM will be determined during the evaluation process by the nominally appointed persons. The selection of applicants is based on the scientific scope of the STSM application, which must clearly compliment the overall objectives of the Action.

How to apply for an STSM:

Interested Researchers are advised to follow the directions provided below and submit their application and supporting documents to Prof. Jacqueline Visconti (j.visconti@unige.it) by the deadline of the **20th March 2015. We encourage** STSMs of at least two weeks or longer. Any TextLink member may apply. In the case that too many applications are received, preference will be given to early-stage researchers[1].

THE APPLICATION PROCESS IS AS FOLLOWS:

1. All applicants must carefully read the funding rules detailed in section 6 of the *COST Vademecum: COST Action Part 1 - Short Term Scientific Mission (pages 32-35)*. This document is available at: http://www.cost.eu/participate/guidelines.

2. All applicants must register for an e-COST profile at https://e-services.cost.eu/ - adding their bank account details to their profile.

3. All applicants must obtain a **letter of invitation** from the Host institution confirming that they can undertake the STSM on the given dates **prior** to submitting an application.

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[1] An applicant can be considered as being an "Early-Stage Researcher" when the time that has elapsed between the award date of the applicants PhD and the date of the applicants first involvement in the COST Action IS1312 does not exceed 8 years. PhD students are also eligible to partake in STSMs.

4. All applicants must complete, submit and download their STSM application online at: https://e-services.cost.eu/stsm.

5. All applicants must send their submitted STSM application form and the relevant supporting documents to Prof. Jacqueline Visconti (j.visconti@unige.it) **for evaluation before the application submission deadline expires.**

The list of supporting documents to be submitted for the evaluation are:

• Letter of invitation to the applicant from a senior Researcher affiliated to the Host institution

• The submitted STSM application form (downloadable when the online application is submitted - see point 4 above)

• A motivation letter including an overview of the proposed activities that will be performed which must contain a plan of work for the visit highlighting the proposed contribution to the scientific objectives of the respective COST Action (max. 2 pages);

• Expected number of days for the STSM (starting and ending date, including travel), and estimation of total cost (based on travel expenses and number of days- cf. rules mentioned above). *The maximum reimbursement per diem approved by the MC is 120€ per day.*

• A letter of support from the Home Institution;

• A Full C.V. (including a list of academic publications – if applicable).

6. The application will then be assessed by the STSM manager Prof. Jacqueline Visconti (j.visconti@unige.it), the Action Chair (Prof. Liesbeth Degand) and the Action Vice-Chair (Prof. Bonnie Webber) against the perceived contribution that the proposed visit will make against the scientific objectives outlined in the Action Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

7. The applicant will be formally notified of the outcome of their STSM application by Prof. Jacqueline Visconti (j.visconti@unige.it) on the **27th March 2015**.

8. Within 30 days from the end date of the STSM, the successful applicant must submit a scientific report to the Host institution and to the Prof. Jacqueline Visconti (j.visconti@unige.it). The applicant is also responsible for acquiring an official acceptance letter / Email confirmation of acceptance from a senior Researcher affiliated to the Host institution formally accepting the scientific report. This formal acceptance of the scientific report has to be sent to the Grant Holder and Prof. Jacqueline Visconti (j.visconti@unige.it) for archiving purposes.

Failure to submit the scientific report within 30 days from the end date of the STSM will effectively cancel the grant.

(Please note that COST can request additional information to substantiate the information contained within the documents submitted by STSM applicants).

Deadline for applications to be submitted: 20 March 2015

Notification of application outcome: 27 March 2015

Period of STSM: between 30th March 2015 and 1 June 2015