COST
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SENESCENCE2030
Targeting Cell Senescence to Prevent Age-Related Diseases

Open Call for Dissemination Conference Grants
GP3 2026-2027

The Call for Dissemination Conference Grants of SENESCENCE2030 – CA23119 accepts applications for the period from November 1st, 2026, to September 15th, 2027.

Dissemination Conference Grants support the participation of Action participants to high-level conferences to present the work of the Action.
Currently, SENESCENCE2030 calls for Dissemination Conference Grants applications targeting participation at conferences that will take place **form November 1st 2026 until September 15th 2027**.
The participation to the conference should specifically contribute to the scientific objectives of this COST Action, which are outlined in detail in the MoU of the Action.
These grants:

- will help increase the visibility of the Action in the research community, and will contribute to increasing the visibility of the presenter;
- will attract additional participants and stakeholders by facilitating the dissemination of Action results to relevant end-users at high-profile Conferences in the field on a topic relevant to the Action.

Who can apply?
For Dissemination Conference Grants, there are no limitations regarding age while the primary affiliation must be in a COST country. **Any member** of SCENESCENCE2030 COST action **is eligible to apply**. The applicant must make an oral/poster presentation at the conference in question and must be listed in the official event/conference program. The main subject of the oral presentation / poster presentation / speech at the approved conference must be on the topic of the Action, must refer to Senescence2030 and acknowledge COST.

How to apply?
All applicants must carefully read the funding and eligibility rules detailed in the COST Annotated Rules.
All applications must be submitted directly through the e-COST System.
Within e-COST you will need to create a “Conference Grant Request”.
To apply for this call, follow the steps below:

- Obtain the agreement of the host institution.
- The applicant should start an STSM application by logging into e-COST: https://e-services.cost.eu/
- Go to COST Actions, on the left panel.
- Go to Grant Applications, again, on the left panel.
- Click on the “+ Apply for grant” button located on the bottom right.
- Select the Dissemination Conference grant.
- Select the COST Action **CA23119**.
- Fill in the required information.
- Save the information.

You will need to submit the following documents:

- Conference Grant application form (you can download this through the system).
- CV (including a list of academic publications, if any).
- Short description of your involvement in the SENESCENCE2030 COST Action.
- Acceptance letter from the conference organisers (confirming either your speaking slot or your poster presentation) or a copy of the official conference programme (including either your speaking slot or your poster presentation).
- A copy of the abstract or poster submitted to the conference.

Finally, click on the "Submit the application" button.

Application Timeline

The application must be sent at least 30 days before the start date of the conference.
All grant applications submitted will be assessed by the Mobility Grant Committee.
Outcome notification: The successful candidates will be notified in 15 days from the application.
The selection process stops as soon as all the grants have been awarded.
The conference must take place **form November 1st 2026 until September 15th 2027**.
Report is due within 30 days from the end date of the activity or 15 days after the end of the Grant Period, whichever date comes first.

Eligibility Criteria

All applications will be assessed against the following criteria of scientific merit:

- Does the conference (or topic of the panel etc.) fall within the scope of SENESCENCE2030?
- Is the topic of the conference likely to contribute substantially to the debates within the Action?
- Is the proposal internally coherent, logical, and clearly structured?
- Is the presentation likely to make a significant contribution to the candidate's scientific and professional development?

Preference will be given to papers being submitted to conferences with competitive peer review.
Gender balance will be taken into account.
The selection committee will also consider to what extent the requested funds are commensurate to the activities that the applicant plans to undertake.

Financial Support (one Grant)

A Conference Grant is a fixed financial contribution which takes into consideration the budget request of the applicant and the outcome of the evaluation of the application by the delegated person(s). Conference Grants do not necessarily cover all the expenses related to participating in a given conference. A Conference Grant is a contribution to the overall travel, accommodation and meal expenses of the selected Grantee.
Max 2.000€ for face-to-face events, including Conference Fees.
Documentary evidence of the conference fee amount must be provided by the applicant and in kind, must be archived by the Grant Holder along with the relevant administrative documents.

Receiving Your Grant

If you have been selected as a Dissemination Conference Grant Recipient, you will receive your grant after the conference. After your conference, the e-COST System will automatically ask you to submit a Scientific Report. Successful applicants need to complete and submit a ITC or Dissemination Conference Grant report within 30 days from the end date of the activity or 15 days after the end of the Grant Period, whichever date comes first.
Once your scientific report has been approved you will receive the grant to your bank account.
In addiction you will be invited to present the results of your participation at the next Management Committee meeting or to write a short blog entry for the Action's website.
Please remember to ask someone to take a picture of you during your presentation possibly showing the logo of the Action Senescence2030 to showcase your involvement on the Action's website and in the Action newsletter (with your prior consent).

Clarifications:
The COST Association and the Grant Holder of the Action cannot to be considered as being a grantee's employer. Grantees must make their own arrangements for all provisions related to personal security, health, taxation, social security and pension matters.

Please note that COST can request additional information to substantiate the information contained within the documents submitted by Conference Grant applicants so you should keep copies of all travel and accommodation receipts.

Contacts

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