

COST Action MP0905
Black Holes in a violent Universe

19 May 2010

1st CALL for Short Term Scientific Missions (STSMs)

Deadline for the applications: 30 June 2010
Total budget of STSM-grants for this call: 10,000 € (max 2000€ per STSM)
We will support minimum 5 STSMs
The STSM has to be completed before 31.12.2010

Detailed information can be also found under STSM on our webpage:

<http://www.mpifr-bonn.mpg.de/div/vlbi/COST/>

These Exchange Visits are aimed at encouraging and helping scientists to visit an institution or laboratory in another COST country, to strengthen current collaborative projects, to establish new collaborations, to learn new techniques, or to use the host infrastructures not available at the home institute.

THE APPLICANT:

The applicant could be PhD student, a PostDoc or staff member in an institution actively participating in the Action and located in a COST Country of our Action (COST countries of our Action can be find on http://w3.cost.eu/index.php?id=248&action_number=MP0905).

STSM grantees must make their own arrangements for all health, social, personal security and pension matters.

HOME & HOST INSTITUTION:

The home and the host institution can be organizations of either the public or the private sector.

An STSM may only be *approved from a home institution in a COST country of the Action to a host institution in a COST country of the Action*

The Applicant must obtain the agreement of the host institution, before submitting the STSM application.

DURATION:

There is a minimum duration of 5 working days for the proposed STSM.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT:

The financial support provided by the STSM scheme is intended to cover a part, but not necessarily all, of the costs of the proposed visit. The financial contribution for a STSM will be a fixed grant based on the Applicant's budget request and the evaluation of the application by the STSM assessment committee. Indicative values for the requested amount for daily allowance and travel expenses are 60€ and 300€, respectively, although there is not strict maximum limit on these.

However, the total amount requested per STSM shall not exceed € 2000

Advanced payment is not possible.

BEFORE the STSM

REGISTRATION & DEADLINES:

The Applicant must use the on-line registration tool:

<https://e-services.cost.eu/w3/index.php?id=91>

to submit their application. The following information has to be provided:

- Applicants data: name, work place, address etc.
- The planned dates and duration of the STSM
- Information about the proposed STSM: title, short description etc.
- A short CV
- A requested budget
- Bank details

A formal STSM application has also to be downloaded and sent by e-mail the STSM coordinator of the Action MP0905 -- Iossif Papadakis <jhep@physics.uoc.gr>. The applicant should clearly indicate the science topic most relevant to its application (this topic should be one of the 4 science topics which are defined within each of the 4 working groups of the Action) and should also send:

- Actual CV
- A letter of financial support from the home institute (if applicable)
- A letter of acceptance from the Host institute of the STSM

The deadline of the application is 30 June 2010.

The assessment of the STSM applications will be executed by a selection committee (STSM coordinator, Chair & Vice-chair and WG Leaders). The committee will inform the Grant Holder (MPIfR- MP0905_GH@mpifr.de) of the

successful evaluated proposals on [15 July 2010](#).

The Grant holder will subsequently inform the successful applicants until [20 July 2010](#) by sending them a Grant letter with an official approval of the STSM application and the level of the financial grant given. The Applicant has to return this Grant letter, after accepting the grant with his/her signature until [31 July 2010](#).

The deadline for the returning of the signed STSM grant to the Grant Holder (MP0905_GH@mpifr.de) is [31 July 2010](#).

AFTER the STSM is completed

STSM SCIENTIFIC REPORT:

The grantee is required to submit to the host institution and the STSM coordinator (Iossif Papadakis <jhep@physics.uoc.gr>) within 4 weeks after the completion of the STSM a short scientific report with following information:

- Purpose of the STSM
- Description of the work carried out during the STSM
- Description of the main obtained results
- Future collaboration with host institute (if applicable)
- Foreseen publications (if applicable)
- Confirmation by the host institute of the successful execution of the STSM
- Other comments (if any)

NOTICE OF COMPLETION:

The STSM coordinator will approve the final report and send the notice of completion of the STSM to the Grant Holder (MP0905_GH@mpifr.de). The Grant Holder (MP0905_GH@mpifr.de) will execute the payment of the fixed grant directly to the grantee or the host institute, as requested in the application, after receipt of the following documents:

- Notice of completion by the STSM coordinator
- Completed Payment request form from the STSM grantee
- Summary (max 1 page) of scientific report from the STSM grantee

Iossif Papadakis
(STSM Coordinator of the COST Action MP0905)