

COST Action MP0905 – Black Holes in a violent Universe

31 March 2011

3rd CALL for Short Term Scientific Missions (STSMs)

Deadline for the applications: 25 May 2011
Total budget of STSM-grants for this call: 10,000 € (max 1300€ per STSM)
The STSM has to be completed before 31.12.2011

THE APPLICANT:

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

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

Please note that applications for an STSM from a COST country of the Action to non-COST Institutes associated with our Action will also be considered (for a list of such Institutes please check: http://w3.cost.eu/index.php?id=248&action_number=MP0905).

Applicants from the non-COST institutes of our Action please contact the STSM Coordinator for more advice as to how to proceed with your application

Visits from an Institution of COST country to an Institute of the same country cannot be supported.

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 Euro and 300 Euros, respectively, although there is not strict maximum limit on these. However, the total amount requested per STSM shall not exceed 1300 Euro.

Advanced payment is not possible.

BEFORE the STSM

APPLICATION PROCEDURE & DEADLINES

A formal STSM application has to be sent by e-mail to the STSM coordinator of the Action MP0905 – lossif Papadakis <jhep@physics.uoc.gr>. The application should consist of:

- a) a cover letter, where the applicant should clearly indicate the science topic most relevant to the application (this topic should be one of the 4 science topics which are defined within each of the 4 working groups of the Action; for more info on the science topics please visit the web page of the Action: <http://www.mpifr-bonn.mpg.de/div/vlbi/COST/>),
- b) A copy of the "COST STSM Application form" that has to be submitted by the applicant using the on-line registration tool: <https://e-services.cost.eu/w3/index.php?id=91>

The following information has to be provided on line:

- 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

c) A description/work-plan of the proposed visit (in PDF format); no more than two A4 pages. Applicants must mention if they have already been granted a previous STSM grant, and they should also provide the Host Institute name, the name of the scientist in the Host Institute they collaborated with, and the dates of the previous STSM visit.

d) A detailed CV,

e) A letter of acceptance from the Host institute of the STSM

f) A letter from either the Host or Home institute indicating any extra financial support that may be given to the applicant, if (applicable),

and

g) in the case of applicants who are PhD students, a support letter for the proposed visit from their advisor.

The deadline for applications in response to this call is: 25 MAY 2011.

EVALUATION PROCESS AND RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT

The assessment of the STSM applications will be carried out by a selection committee (STSM coordinator, Chair & Vice-chair and WG Leaders). The committee will inform the Grant Holder of the successful evaluated proposals on 15 June 2011.

The Grant holder will subsequently inform the successful applicants until 23rd of Jun of the outcome of the evaluation process by sending them a pre-approval letter of the STSM notifying the level of the financial grant given. The Applicant has to notify acceptance of the grant by returning the letter, with his/her signature, until 30th of June 2011.

AFTER the STSM is completed

STSM SCIENTIFIC REPORT:

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

- Description of the work carried out during the STSM
- Description of the main results achieved
- Future collaboration with the host institute (if applicable)
- Foreseen publications (if applicable)
- Confirmation by the host institute of the successful execution of the STSM (as a separate e-mail message)
- Other comments (if any)

Please note that successful applicants will be invited to prepare a short cover story (with photos preferably) to be placed on the Action Webpage, after the completion of the STSM.

NOTICE OF COMPLETION:

The STSM coordinator will approve the final report, and will send a "notice of completion" of the STSM, together with the short scientific report, to the Grant Holder. The Grant Holder will then execute the payment of the fixed grant directly to the grantee or the host institute, as requested in the application.

Iossif Papadakis
(STSM Coordinator of the COST Action MP0905)