

Dissemination and ITC Conference Grants

2nd call for applicants – Fourth Grant Period 2024

HyperChildNET (COST Action CA19115)- Network for blood pressure research in children and adolescents

On behalf of the HyperChildNET COST Action we are pleased to announce the 2nd call for applicants to apply for two different networking tools: Dissemination Conference grants and ITC Conference grants.

➤ **Purpose of the grants:**

1. Dissemination Conference Grants provide financial support for participation in high-level international scientific conferences not organised nor co-organised by the HyperChildNet COST Action to any researcher affiliated to a legal entity (specified at “eligibility rules” section below).

Dissemination Conference grant allows the grantee to deliver the approved oral presentation, actively networks with other participants and promote the HyperChildNet COST Action to the potential stakeholders. Therefore, researchers awarded with a Dissemination Conference grant will be able to present the HyperChildNet COST Action, its activities, and results (oral presentation) in the conferences and/or develop new contacts and potential future collaborations. Dissemination Conference grants will consequently contribute to increasing visibility of the researcher and the HyperChildNet COST Action.

2. ITC Conference Grants provide financial support to Young Researchers or Young Innovators (under the age of 40) affiliated in an Inclusiveness Target Country (ITC) or Near Neighbour Country (NNC) for presenting their own work in high-level conferences not organised nor co-organised by the COST Action. ITC Conference grants serve COST Excellence and Inclusiveness Policy.

ITC Conference grant allows the grantee to receive support for attending and presenting their work (poster/oral presentation) at a conference and establish new contacts for future collaborations.

➤ **Eligibility rules:**

The eligibility criteria for the grants are:

1. Dissemination Conference grants can be awarded to any researcher, giving priority to Young researchers and Young innovators (so applications of Young Investigators are particularly encouraged). Researchers must be affiliated to a legal entity in:

- COST Full Members: Albania, Armenia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Republic of Moldova, Montenegro, Netherlands, Republic of North Macedonia, Norway, Poland,

Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey and United Kingdom (full list: <https://www.cost.eu/about/members/>).

- Researchers and Innovators affiliated to legal entities from EU Member States Outermost Regions: French Guiana, Guadeloupe, Martinique, Mayotte, Reunion Island and Saint-Martin (FR), Azores and Madeira (PT), and the Canary Islands (ES)
- COST Cooperating Member: Israel

2. ITC Conference grants are limited to Young researchers and Young innovators (under the age of 40) affiliated in an ITC or NNC.

- The following countries are considered ITC: Albania, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Croatia, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Lithuania, Latvia, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, Republic of North Macedonia, Republic of Serbia, Turkey and Ukraine.
- The following countries are considered NNC: Algeria, Azerbaijan, Egypt, the Faroe Islands, Jordan, Kosovo, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Syria, and Tunisia.

➤ **Calendar for Dissemination and ITC Conference grants for applicants:**

Deadline to send applications by potential candidates: **January 31st, 2024.**

Period to carry out the granted conferences: **September 15th, 2024.**

➤ **Financial Support:**

The scope of these grants is to provide contribution for travelling, accommodation and subsistence expenses, registration fee, printing of scientific poster and overall effort.

Grants are paid by the Grant Holder Institution, the University of Valencia, after the completion of the activity (so after the conferences) and approval of all required report/documentation.

The financial support asked for these grants should be:

- A reasonable quantity based on the actual cost foreseen for travelling, accommodation and subsistence expenses, registration fee, printing of scientific poster and overall effort.
- Not higher than EUR 1500 per grant for face-to-face conferences and EUR 400 for virtual conferences.

Proposals might be approved with a grant amount lower than requested. The final amount is decided by the HyperChildNET COST Action and based on the duration and location of the conference and the actual conference fee.

➤ **Selection process:**

The evaluation of each submitted application is performed through the process agreed by the HyperChildNET Action Management Committee (MC). The evaluation criteria defined in this call are the same to all potential applicants.

The evaluation of the applications will be performed according to the following procedure:

- The Chair (Professor Dr Empar Lurbe) and the Vice-Chair (Professor Dr Elke Wühl) of the HyperChildNet COST Action will carry out a first assessment of the candidates and will present the eligible ones to the Core Group.

- This management body, the Core Group, will study the candidates and will decide for the most appropriate candidates.
- This decision will be presented to the MC for its final approval. In case of denial, another decision shall be made by the Core Group until getting the approval of the MC.

The selection of successful grantee shall be based on contributions to the overall objectives of the HyperchildNet Action and the implementation of the COST Excellence and Inclusiveness Policy.

➤ **How to apply:**

Applications are submitted through the e-COST platform (<https://e-services.cost.eu/activity/grants>).

- *To be filled in e-COST:*

- Title of the presentation;
- Conference title, date (within the active Grant Period), venue and country;
- Budget requested;
- Attendance Type (face to face or virtual).

- *To be uploaded to e-COST:*

- Copy of the abstract of the accepted oral presentation (in the case of Dissemination conference grants, focused on promoting the scientific achievements and activities being performed by the HyperChildNet COST Action);
- Acceptance (or invitation) letter from the conference organisers;
- Grant application form:
 1. For **Dissemination conference grant** ([template](#)), describing: Alignment with the Action Science Communication plan and Expected impact to the HyperChildNet COST Action.
 2. For **ITC conference grant** ([template](#)), describing: Relevance of the conference topic to the HyperChildNet COST Action and Motivation describing the potential for impact on the applicant's career.

➤ **After the participation in the conference:**

Within 15 days from the given conference, the successful applicant must submit the documentation specified bellow. Failure to submit this documentation in the set period will effectively cancel the Grant.

The claim for the payment of any of the grants must be done by submitting via e-COST the required report/documentations, which includes:

- The certificate of attendance;
- The programme of the conference or book of abstracts / proceedings indicating the oral (or also poster in the case of ITC conference grant) presentation of the grantee;
- Copy of the given presentation;
- If available, the weblink (s) to the event and the programme.

Apart from those, specific report should be submitted for each grant:

1. For **claiming a Dissemination Conference Grant**: Report on the outcome of the presentation, contacts made and potential for future collaborations ([template](#)).
2. For **claiming an ITC Conference Grant**: Report on the outcome of the presentation of the accepted contribution, in terms of grantee's visibility, including the establishment of new contacts for future collaborations ([template](#)).

➤ **Contacts for HyperChildNET Dissemination and ITC Conference grants:**

- General inquiries can be sent to: info@hyperchildnet.eu
- Members leading this action:
 - Professor Dr Empar Lurbe. Chair of the Management Committee of the HyperChildNET COST Action – Empar.Lurbe@uv.es
 - Professor Dr Elke Wühl. Vice-Chair of the Management Committee of the HyperChildNET COST Action – Elke.Wuehl@med.uni-heidelberg.de

➤ **Rules documents and legal disclaimer:**

- If funded, the applicants must use the COST Action and the EU Logos as well as the references in their presentation or poster (the applicants will receive specific instructions about it).
- The Guidelines for both grants Action Management, Monitoring and Assessment should be followed to ensure the proper implementation of this networking instrument.
- The main regulations concerning Dissemination Conference are governed by the COST Annotated Rules (<https://www.cost.eu/uploads/2023/11/COST-094-21-Annotated-Rules-for-COST-Actions-Level-C-V1.4-Final-.pdf>), in particular those described in Annex 2. Please read this section prior to preparing your Dissemination Conference application.
- Eligibility for both grants is subjected to possible modifications on legal measures. Please check the “country and organisations table” available at the section “documents for running a COST Action” at this [link](#) to confirm eligibility.
- In case of contradiction between the current call for applicants and the official documents generated by the COST Association, the latter shall prevail.