

2nd Call for Young Researcher and Innovator (YRI) Conference Grants for conferences occurring until September 20th, 2025.

COST Innovative Grant 18234: “**Machine learning from computational materials science data for modelling nanocrystal catalysts**” is financed by COST, an EU-funded intergovernmental framework for European Cooperation in Science and Technology. COST offers an open space for collaboration among scientists across Europe (and beyond) and thereby give impetus to research advancements and innovation.

For more information about COST Innovative Grant - CIG 18234, please visit the Action's webpage: <https://comp-h2o-split.eu>

COST IG18234 invites applications for: *Young Researcher and Innovator (YRI) Conference grants.*

Applicants for YRI Conference grants can be individuals, **a researcher or innovator under the age of 40**, affiliated to a legal entity in:

- a COST Full/Cooperating Member
- a European RTD
- a NNC (Near Neighbour Country)

YRI Conference grant funds a presentation (poster/oral presentation) of **their own work** by a Young Researcher and Innovator (YRI) in a high-level conference fully organized by a third party, i.e. not organized nor co-organized by the COST Action.

CIG 18234 ask for YRI Conference grantee to include in their presentation a slide about the main topics of CIG 18234 to increase its visibility (you can ask the Grant Manager for the information).

This is the 1st year that COST is proposing this Grant opportunity.

Young Researcher and Innovator (YRI) Conference grants:

- Serves COST Excellence and Inclusiveness Policy
- Supports Young Researchers and Innovators to establish a strong network and increase their visibility in the research community through sharing their work and to gain knowledge
- Can contribute to increasing visibility of the Action.

YRI Conference grant benefits the grantee by receiving support for attending and presenting their own work within the scope of the Action (poster/oral presentation) in a conference and can establish new contacts for future collaborations.

Financial support

A **YRI Conference grant** is a fixed financial contribution which providing a contribution for travelling, accommodation and subsistence expenses, registration fee, printing of scientific poster and overall effort

The maximum amount per **YRI Conference grant** is up to 2,500€ per grant for face-to-face conferences or 500€ for online conferences. Each **YRI Conference grants** sum will be decided by the Core Group, based on the request of the applicant and the relevant conference duration, location and actual conference fees.

Grants are paid by the Grant Holder after the completion of the activity and approval of all required report/documentation¹.

Please note:

- Applicants to Conference Grants shall not apply to different types of **conference grants** in the period.
- Applicants shall not receive different overlapping grants during the same grant period.

Scientific report

The grantee will deliver the approved (oral or poster) presentation, following any specific request of acknowledgement set by the Action MC.

Once the activity has ended, the grantee will submit the required reports and relevant documentation in e-COST including:

- Report to the Action MC 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.
- The certificate of attendance
- The programme of the conference or book of abstracts / proceedings indicating the presentation (oral or poster) of the grantee
- Copy of the given oral presentation (oral or poster).

The report will be submitted within 30 days after the end date of the activity or 15 days after the end date of the Grant Period, whichever comes first.

¹ Financial support for networking activities organised through a Grant Awarding Process is a grant awarded to individuals, not intended to cover employment costs.

How to apply

YRI Conference grants are for conferences accruing until September 20th 2025.

The applications are to be submitted no later than August 1st, 2025.

1. All applicants must register for an e-COST profile at <https://e-services.cost.eu/> adding their CV and bank account details to their profile.
2. All applicants must complete and submit their **YRI Conference** Grant application online at: <https://e-services.cost.eu/activity/grants> using dedicated forms available
3. The application shall include:
 - Title of the presentation
 - Conference title, venue and date (until September 30th, 2025).
 - Attendance type (F2F or online)
 - Budget requested by the applicant
 - Copy of the abstract of the accepted poster or oral presentation
 - Acceptance (or invitation) letter from the conference organisers;
 - The application form (available at the e-COST) describing: Relevance of the conference topic to the Action and Motivation describing the potential for impact on the applicant's career

The applications will be then assessed by the Grant Awarding Coordinator and the Core Group, against the perceived contribution that the proposed grant will make in accordance to the scientific objectives outlined in the Innovators Grant Agreement. Preference will be given to researchers that apply for the first time.

Please note that COST can request additional information to substantiate the information contained within the documents submitted by Dissemination Conference Grant applicants.

Evaluation results will be communicated to the applicants within three weeks after the application submission.

Upon approval of the application, the Grantee receives a Grant Letter from the Grant Holder stating the approved amount and the conditions for receiving the grant.

COST Action reserves the right for justified reasons to leave the position open, to extend the application period and to consider candidates who have not submitted applications during the application period.

For further details, please contact:

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- ***Deadline for applications to be submitted for this Call: 1.8.2025.***
- ***You can apply any time until August 1st (Notification of application outcome will be sent three weeks after submission)***
- ***For Conferences occurring until 20.9.2025.***