



VIRTUAL MOBILITY GRANT ENIS Bridges – 2nd CALL MENTORING PROGRAMME - GRANT PERIOD 2023-2024

ENIS COST Action "European Network on International Student Mobility: Connecting Research and Practice" is happy to announce the opening of the second call Virtual Mobility Grants for the *"ENIS Bridges - mentoring programme" - Grant year 2022/2023.*

Scope:

Virtual Mobility (VM) grant consists of collaboration in a virtual setting among researchers or innovators within the COST Action, contributing to the development of the Action and fostering collaboration between members.

Content and focus:

The programme aims at matching PhD students or young innovators with a senior researcher. It consists of 4 sessions (60 minutes each) aiming at offering the mentee support and guidance with, for example, their thesis, research projects, articles to submit to a peer-reviewed journal (Q1 or Q2), and/or career planning.

How to find a match:

- 1. Reach out to your WG members.
- 2. Follow the work of our members on our <u>LinkedIn page</u>.
- 3. Browse through our <u>ENIS 2022 conference programme</u> to learn more about our members working topic.

Number of grants:

4 (four)

Financial Support:

500 euros per application.

Eligibility:

The application must be supported by:

- a letter from the WG leader
- a letter from the participants in the collaborative initiative.

Evaluation Criteria

- Alignment of the goals of the VM to the Action's objective (2 points)
- Expected impact on the Action development (2 points)
- Sustainability of the cooperation (1 point).

Period:

Mentoring sessions should take place between 1 June and 30 September 2024.

Timeline:

• Open of call: **April 15, 2024**

• Deadline for application: May 15, 2024 Decision process and announcements of results: Up to a month after the close of the call.

Obs.: Applications can be submitted at any point from now, and they will be evaluated as and when they arrive, up until the allocated grants are exhausted.

Priorities:

Young researchers and innovators (< 40 years old); Researchers from inclusiveness target country (ITC); Gender balance will be taken into account.

Duration:

Minimum of 4 sessions (60 minutes each).

How to apply?

- A. Mentors should apply for the VM via the e-cost system.
- B. Fill in the Virtual Mobility application form (template available on e-COST).
- C. Fill in the e-COST form (<u>https://e-services.cost.eu/</u>)
- D. Uploaded to the e-COST system:
 - Application form;
 - A letter from the PhD students participating in the mentoring programme stating that the applicant will be his/her mentor.

Obs.: Clearly state in your CV if you are a young innovator (< 40 years old) and if you hold a tenure position.

Reporting and claim for payment of the grant

Upon the conclusion of the conference, within 30 days after the end of the activity, the grantees have to submit via the e-COST system:

- The claim for the payment of the grant is made via the e-COST system;
- Report to the Action MC on the main achievements of the Virtual Mobility and planned future follow-up activities.

Obligations:

Mentors and mentees commit to writing a post and sending pictures of the VM for the social media network.

Clarifications:

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

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Thais França: thais.franca@iscte-iul.pt