



**CNRS Travel grants to attend ESOF2008
Barcelona, 18-22 July 2008**

PRESENTATION AND CONDITIONS FOR TRAVEL GRANTS

1. – Purpose

The Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS) offers travel grants to help young researchers who are related to French universities, institutions or research centres and who may wish to attend ESOF2008.

ESOF2008 is promoted by Euroscience, founded in 1997, that represents European scientists of all disciplines in the public sector, universities, research institutes as well as business and industry. Euroscience acts as a discussion group and a policy lobby in order to contribute to the creation of an integrated space for research in Europe.

The Euroscience Open Forum is a biannual event, visiting the major scientific cities of Europe. Barcelona will host ESOF2008 from 18-22 July 2008, and is commissioned by the Catalan Foundation for Research and Innovation (FCRI). There have been two ESOF's to date, in Stockholm in 2004 and in Munich in 2006. Turin will host ESOF2010 in 2010.

ESOF is an open platform for debate and communication about science and technology to stimulate and to foster a social awareness of and interest in science. ESOF2008 brings Europe's science community together under a general motto of *science for a better life*. ESOF's target audiences are: scientists and researchers, policy-makers and science managers, business people, science communicators, journalists and general public.

At ESOF2008 there will be a broad scientific programme, a *Career Programme*, *Outreach* activities aimed at general public, and a research and innovation exhibition, satellite and social events.

Through practical sessions, panel discussions, debates, presentations and networking events, the Career Programme will publicise the opportunities open to young and mid-career researchers in Europe and around the world. In "Tapas with the Prof", young researchers will be able to benefit from the experience and inspiration of Europe's leading researchers in intimate and informal get-togethers.

2. – Who can apply?

PhD students, recent postdocs, young researchers or science communicators **below the age of 30**, who are related to French Universities, Institutions or Research Centres or other Organisations relating to the French R&D and innovation system.

3. – Application

1. To complete the application form.
2. To attach a brief *curriculum vitae* (up to 1 page long) to the application form.
3. Motivation statement (max. half page).

On submitting the application form for travel grants, you agree to the full acceptance of the rules and to the decision taken by the Evaluation Committee.

The **deadline** for applications for travel grants **21st April 2008.**

4. – Obligations of beneficiaries

1. Beneficiaries must confirm by email to office@euroscience.ws that they accept the travel grant. A proof of payment of registration fee should be submitted before **30 May 2008**.
2. Once ESOF2008 is finished, beneficiaries must fill in the travel grant evaluation form that will be available from the web pages above-mentioned. The questionnaire will include basic questions about the assessment and development of ESOF2008. It should be submitted before **5 September 2008**.

5. – Evaluation and decision

A decision is taken by an Evaluation Committee, which will be appointed by Euroscience. The eligibility criteria will be based on the curriculum assessment and the applicant's motivation statement in attending ESOF2008. The decision will be communicated by email and will be announced at the web site www.euroscience.org. Further information on ESOF2008 website at www.esof2008.org.

6. – Information

For any further information, please contact the Euroscience Office at office@euroscience.ws
Telephone: 00 33 3 88 24 11 50

7. – Deadlines (2008)

- **17th March**: The call for applications is open.
- **21st April**: the deadline for applications for travel grants.
- **From 12th May**: the recipients of the travel grants will be decided.
- **Before 30th May**: travel grants awardees are required to confirm their acceptance of the travel grant and to submit a proof of the payment of registration fee.
- **From 18th - 22nd July**: Euroscience Open Forum 2008.
- **Before 5th September**: travel grants awardees are required to submit the travel grant evaluation form.