



Grant programme for eastern-Europe countries Students

Presentation and conditions

1.- Objectives of the grants

The Stifterverband, with the support of Euroscience has decided to offer 20 grants of 500€ for Central and Eastern European scientists to come to EuroScience Open Forum 2008 (ESOF2008).

The aim of these grants is to help scientists from Central and Eastern European countries cover their travel and accommodation expenses to come and attend ESOF2008.

ESOF is organised under the auspices of Euroscience, a scientific association that was founded in 1997 to promote the European Research Area (ERA) and influence European science and technology policies. Euroscience is “the voice of science in Europe”.

ESOF is a discussion and exchange platform on science and technology which applies an integrative concept of focuses, human and material resources, disciplines, fields of study and application. This third edition of ESOF, which will be held in Barcelona on July 18th-22nd 2008, launches a programme based on ten themes for discussion of broad scientific, social and economic interests. Researchers, young scientists, teachers, journalists, business people, policy-makers and citizens are invited to take part in this event and contribute with their ideas.

ESOF started as an initiative of Euroscience in 2004 following an idea conceived two years before by Carl-Johan Sundberg from the Karolinska Foundation and shared by the members of Euroscience. From its inception ESOF assumes the importance of science and technology in the modern world, but also recognizes the existing gap between the public and the mass media. This gap affects the public perception of science and technology. The first edition of ESOF took place in Stockholm in August. This first conference settled the main objectives of ESOF, such as to answer to the multiple challenges and provide solutions to the main problems of modern societies. ESOF2004 was attended by more than 1800 delegates from 67 countries; 350 were journalists from 28 countries.

The second edition, ESOF2006, was held in July in the Deutsches Museum de Munich, Germany. 2100 scientists, politicians, journalists and representatives of several foundations participated. It was supported, among other organizations, by Robert Bosch Stiftung, and Stifterverband für die Deutsche Wissenschaft, and was presided by Wolfgang M. Heckl from the Deutsches Museum and Ingrid Wüning (Robert Bosch Stiftung) acted as vice-president. ESOF2006 counted on the collaboration of Wissenschaft Dialog (WiD), a non-profit organization founded by the organizations which render more financial support to research in Germany. WiD's promotes the interaction and the dialogue between science and citizenship and organises annually the National Week of Science, among other activities.

The nomination of Barcelona as the Euroscience Europe's city of Science for 2008 is at the same time a commitment and an opportunity with regard to the capacity, resources and logistics to organise such an event.

Barcelona will provide the spirit of an entrepreneur, open and warm Mediterranean city. ESOF2008 aims to implement new ideas and business opportunities in terms of scientific and technological interchange, as well as to disseminate science to citizenship and address challenges such as competitiveness, sustainability, development and other issues of scientific, social and economic interest. ESOF is Europe's most important interdisciplinary meeting on science, technology and humanities.



ESOF2008 is made of the scientific programme, the Career programme (targeting young students), the Outreach activities (targeting a general public), an exhibition space, satellite events and a social programme.

The scientific programme is divided into the following themes:

1. **The human mind and behaviour.**
2. **The very big and the very small**
3. **Open society, open science**
4. **Engineering the body**
5. **What should we eat and how should we look?**
6. **Enhancing energy security, fighting global warming**
7. **Science and innovation policy**
8. **Science and art**
9. **Screening: burdens and benefits**
10. **Communicating Science**

The Career programme will address themes such as science communication, science policy, women and science, mentoring, and retirement and pension questions. Practical skill development sessions will complete the programme.

In the daily event « Tapas with the Prof » young investigators will have the opportunity to meet and exchange with renowned senior scientists in a casual atmosphere.

The grant beneficiaries might also be asked to participate as moderators in specific sessions and in particular in the “Tapas with The Prof” activity.

2. - Beneficiaries

The grants are aimed at young scientists from **Central and Eastern-Europe** countries, aged under 35 years old*. Preference will be given to those coming from non-EU countries. These young scientists can be doctorate students, young investigators in their first investigation steps or scientific communicators.

* born after the 1st of January 1973.

3. - Application

In order to obtain a grant, here are the steps to follow:

1. Fill out the form available on the ESOF2008 website, www.esof2008.org.
2. Add to this form a brief *curriculum vitae* (no more than three pages).

The jury reserves itself the right to ask for any complementary information related to the verification of the data sent.

The participation in the call for application implies the full acceptance of its bases, and the conformity with Jury's decision.

The deadline for the presentation of application is the 10th of April 2008 at 12h00 (GMT+01h)



4.- Beneficiaries duties

1. Once received the official grant acceptance, all beneficiaries will have to communicate by email (to anais.lecorvec@esof2008.org) their acceptance of the grant, and by May 30th, they should send to the same email the payment confirmation of their inscription to ESOF2008.
2. Once the event has been celebrated, each beneficiary will have to send a report on their participation, following the guidelines and online form available by then, to the mentioned email. The deadline to present this report is August 31st.

5.- Grant payment

Once received the official grant communication, beneficiaries will be asked to register at ESOF2008, and send their payment confirmation to the email above mentioned before May 15th. Once the confirmation received, Euroscience will proceed to send the grant amount before May 30th.

6. - Evaluation

A group of experts, named by Euroscience and the Stifterverband, will evaluate the applications. The selection criteria include the relevancy of the resume and the clear interest of the applicant to participate in ESOF2008. Also, evaluators will take into account the relevancy of applicants' participation in ESOF2008 for their own science related activities.

The list of grant beneficiaries will be published on ESOF2008 website, and will be communicated individually via email by April 29th.

7. - Calendar (2008)

Online application: February 15th

Closing date of call for application: April 10th

Evaluation process: April 11th to April 28th

Communication of the results to the applicants: April 29th

Deadline for the grant beneficiaries to present report: August 31st