

HAPLO-iPS

Guidelines for Training School Grants

Mission

Training schools (TS) are COST Action tools focused on the training of young researchers, particularly those involved in PhD programmes and in post-doctoral roles. The purpose of Haplo-iPS Training Schools is to contribute to high quality training of young European researchers in the field of hiPSC generation and their development for use in cell therapy.

Haplo-iPS will run several TS over the whole project period focusing in the different Working Groups areas of interest. TS will be funded as part of the COST Action through specific Grant calls.

Eligibility

- Applicants must be part of PhD programmes, be postdoctoral fellows or otherwise employed by institutions or organizations performing research.
- The Home institution of the applicant should be in a Participating COST Full Member/COST Cooperating Member country or be an Approved Near Neighbour country (NNC) Institution.
- The Host Institution should be in another participating COST Full Member/ COST Cooperating Member country, Participating COST Partner Member country, Approved International Partner Country (IPC) or be a NNC Institution.

Submission of applications

Applicants should submit the following documents:

- Curriculum vitae ([EUROPASS CV](#))
- Letter of motivation and expectations
- Letter of support from the applicant supervisor

Evaluation Committee

As approved by the Management Committee (MC), the evaluation will be performed by an expert selection committee for transparency and inclusivity reasons. The committee will include the Local TS Coordinator, the Grant Awarding Coordinators, the Chair, the Vice Chair and the leader and co-leader of WG6 (Training and Dissemination).

Participants will be selected on the basis of an evaluation-criteria score (see below) and the committee's evaluation will seek evidence for benefit to the individual to support them in the development of stem cell banking and manufacture of cell-based medicines. The committee will also seek an acceptable gender balance in successful applicants.

Evaluation Criteria-Score

- Curriculum vitae (1 to 5)
- Letter of motivation and expectations (1 to 5)

In case of decision making between candidates identical scores, applications will be prioritised as follows:

- Member of an ITC country and meet the general TS eligibility criteria (see above)
- Gender Balance
- 1 student/applicant per centre

Evaluation Process

The evaluation criteria defined by the Action's MC are communicated to all potential applicants on the website of the Action and via other means including partner institutions and social media.

Deadlines for applications and for evaluation are clearly set and communicated via the website of the Action.

For each training school:

The Local TS Coordinator evaluates applications for compliance with the criteria for eligibility, and to confirm that the requested supporting documents have been submitted.

The Local TS Coordinator sends the eligible applications to the Evaluation committee members by email, highlighting non-eligible candidates (if applicable).

The Evaluation committee scores each applicant's proposal (1 to 10).

The Local TS Coordinator lists the applicants ranking from the highest to the lowest score and arranges a selection committee meeting.

The selection committee meets to finalise the selection of successful candidates.

COST policies on excellence and inclusiveness and available budget are considered by the Evaluation committee for final decision.

TS Financial Support

A TS Grant will cover (but not necessary cover all) costs for economy travel, accommodation, and meal expenses for the selected candidates.

TS grantees must make their own arrangements for all provisions related to personal security, health, taxation, social security, travel insurance and pension matters.

Further details can be consulted at the [COST Annotated Rules](#).