

Mobility Grants for Lab Exchange

Objectives

COMULISglobe mobility grant for lab exchange schemes will strategically contribute to the network aim of maximizing image-based research outputs by enabling 1) collaborations on innovative MMI methods, 2) access to MMI technology for scientists lacking them locally, and 3) knowledge transfer to support careers and regional development. Network members are encouraged to promote their projects to potential lab exchange applicants thus encouraging collaboration between institutions whilst strengthening the COMULISglobe outputs and network.

These lab exchange fellowships are aimed at supporting individual mobility, strengthening the existing networks and fostering collaborations by allowing PhD students, Early Career Investigators (ECIs), facility staff and experienced researchers in the field of **MultiModal Imaging** to visit an institution, laboratory or industry in another country.

The mobility grant will focus on selecting excellent projects where potential scientific breakthrough and competitiveness are clearly impaired by the lack of MMI means (knowledge), and on the transfer of specific technology and skills between the facilities or facilities and companies/SMEs.

The lab exchange will be offered on regular competitive calls throughout the duration of the CZI grant.

The mobility grant for lab exchange

Funding conditions apply and must be respected: A mobility grant for lab exchange usually covers travel and subsistence costs. The financial support granted by a **lab exchange grant is a contribution to the costs of the project/mission** and may not necessarily cover all the costs. In general, grants will represent an average contribution to a **maximum of 1 000 US Dollars** (2 000 US Dollars for intercontinental exchanges) from COMULISglobe to the applicant. Please, note that the mobility grant will be paid to the successful applicants on completion of the lab exchange and after evaluation of the final report.

Mobility grant for lab exchange selection criteria

The selection of applicants is based on the scientific scope of the mobility grant for lab exchange application which must clearly comply with the overall objectives of the network COMULISglobe, always considering the combination of two or more imaging modalities to gather information about the same type specimen.

Mobility grant for lab exchange selection criteria

1. The application serves the **goal of fostering collaboration** in the field of Multimodal Imaging (MMI), establishing new scientific contacts.
2. The mobility grant serves for the **exchange of know-how**, meaning that researchers either exchange expertise due to the planned scientific visit, get practical skills by learning unique “technology” not available in their home institution and/or learn new theoretical methods or experimental approaches.
3. The **scientific quality** of the proposed mobility grant for lab exchange is high, its timeliness is justified, and the work plan for its realization is well founded.
4. The application should be **financially justified** meaning that the estimate of expenses is reasonable.

Application Procedure for the mobility grant for lab exchange

Applications should be submitted according to the procedure detailed below:

Step 1 – Formal agreement and e-mail registration by the applicant

1. Obtain the written agreement of the host institution, before applying.

2. The Applicant must submit by e-mail the supporting documents include a mobility grant for lab exchange proposal (described below), short CV, motivation letter and letter of support from host institute) to the mobility grant for lab exchange coordinator:
 - Detailed work plan / project description
 - Short Curriculum Vitae
 - Motivation letter
 - Letter of support from the HOST institute

Step 2 – Assessment of the mobility grant for lab exchange

Upon each mobility grant for lab exchange Call Closing date, the Evaluation Committee will perform the scientific and budgetary assessment of the applications considering the COMULISglobe objectives and the previously defined evaluation criteria. The committee will also define an acceptable funding level for the approved applications. ***The amount of the awarded Grant can never be higher than what the applicant requested.***

Step 3 – Approval from the mobility grant for lab exchange coordinator and Chair of the Action

The mobility grant for lab exchange coordinator and the COMULISglobe Manager informs the CZI Grant Holder that the proposed mobility grant for lab exchange has been approved.

Formal Report after the mobility grant for lab exchange

Successful applicants must submit a scientific report to the Host Institution and to the lab exchange Grant Coordinator within 30 days from the end date of the mobility grant for lab exchange, and they will be responsible for acquiring from a senior researcher affiliated to the Host Institution confirmation of formal acceptance of the scientific report.

The report should describe:

- Purpose of the visit (Statement of the project aim(s) and objectives)
- Description of the work carried out (Describe the work that was undertaken)
- Description of the main results obtained (Describe the main outcomes of the work)
- Future collaboration with host institution (Describe any likely follow-on work with the host institution arising from the visit- if applicable)
- Projected publications/articles resulting or to result from the mobility grant for lab exchange (Mention any publications that may arise from the visit - if applicable)
- Confirmation by the host of the successful execution of the mission (Provide a brief affirmation by the Host researcher -with their signature- that the mobility grant for lab exchange was carried out successfully. It can be included in the report or as a separate accompanying document)

NOTE: Publications resulting from mobility grant for lab exchange activities should acknowledge COMULISglobe CZI support.

Brief report for dissemination purposes

A brief report for the Action's website should include the following:

- Name:
- Institution:
- Research Interest: (one sentence)
- Summary of research completed in mobility grant for lab exchange: (<400 words)
- Synthesis and application [of research]: (<100 words)
- Wider benefit of the mobility grant for lab exchange to the participant: (<200 words)
- Key Outputs
- If possible, include a photo of you with your collaborators and a short quote describing your experience.