

The AdResCanCER Action is pleased to announce the opening of the **2026 Call for Short-Term Scientific Mission (STSM) Grants**.

Key Dates

- **7 July 2026** – Application deadline
- **Within 1–2 weeks after the deadline** – Applicants will be notified of the evaluation results
- **31 October 2026** – Final date for completing STSM activities
- **the final report is due latest 10 days after completion of the STSM activities**

Late-Breaking Call

If funds remain available after the main call, a late-breaking STSM call will be launched. Applications in this call will then be evaluated on a rolling basis until all available funds have been allocated.

Important Note

The evaluation of grant applications and the formal approval decision must be completed before the start date of the proposed scientific mission. Applications cannot be approved retrospectively.

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must:

1. Be a participant in COST Action CA24162 (Management Committee member, Working Group member, or registered participant) with an up-to-date e-COST profile.
2. Undertake the STSM at a host institution located in a different country from their home institution and based in a COST Member Country, Near Neighbour Country (NNC), or International Partner Country (IPC).
3. Be actively engaged in research or clinical work relevant to the objectives of the Action.
4. Provide a letter of acceptance from the host institution.

Priority will be given through a point-based evaluation system to:

- Young Researchers and Innovators (YRIs);
- Applicants from Inclusiveness Target Countries (ITCs); and
- Applicants affiliated with less research-intensive institutions.

Only one STSM grant per funding period may be awarded to each applicant.

How to Apply

Step 1: Review the Guidelines

Carefully read the STSM Guidelines before preparing your application.

Step 2: Prepare the Required Documents

Please prepare the following documents:

- a) Completed Grant Application Form (saved as a PDF; download the template below)
- b) Acceptance letter from the host institution
- c) Letter of support from the applicant's home institution
- d) Up-to-date e-COST profile
- e) Work plan
- f) Detailed budget proposal (travel, accommodation, subsistence expenses-e.g. meals, local transportation)

Step 3: Submit Your Application

1. Log in to your e-COST profile (or create an account if you do not already have one).
2. Complete and submit the electronic application form available at:
<https://e-services.cost.eu/activity/grants>

After the STSM

Obtain Confirmation from the Host Institution

Request a letter or email from the senior researcher at the host institution confirming the successful completion of the STSM.

Prepare Your Report

Complete the STSM Report Template (available on e-cost).

Submit the Report

Upload the completed report to e-COST no later than 30 days after the end of the STSM, and no later than **10 November 2026**, in accordance with the reporting deadlines established by the Grant Holder and the Grant Awarding Coordinator.

Share Your Experience

Participants are encouraged to take photographs with colleagues at the host institution for dissemination through AdResCanCER communication channels. Sharing your experience

through your own social media accounts is also encouraged; please consult the STSM Guidelines for further details.