

COST Action LUDI: First Call for Short-Term Scientific Missions (STSMs)

Objective

Strengthening the network by allowing researchers and practitioners to go to an institution's premises in another COST Country is one of the actions supported by the COST Program.

STSMs are particularly intended for Early Stage Researchers and Practitioners, but any LUDI member or other people interested in the theme can apply.

HOST INSTITUTION

Name: TECHNOLOGICAL INSTITUTE FOR CHILDREN'S PRODUCT AND LEISURE (AIJU)

Address: AV. DE LA INDUSTRIA, 23 (IBI) ALICANTE, SPAIN

Main mission (eg: research in..., rehabilitation, recreation centre, users' association, ...): AIJU research centre is a non-profit organization aiming to boost research, development and technological innovation within regional industry, thus making it possible the achievement of a constant competitiveness increase and product quality improvement. AIJU provides companies with the necessary guidance for reaching the optimum level of adaptation of game-toy to final user by carrying out studies on play value, duration, manipulability, suitability for age, educational quality, etc.

Scientific Activity proposed by the Host Institution (max 130 words)

(It should be strictly related to the LUDI objectives and purposes)

For the last 24 years, AIJU has been producing the Toys and Game Guide with the aim of providing consumers with detailed and useful information about quality toys and games which aspire to meet the educational and play development needs of children and adults. During the first week of September ONCE (Blinded people Spanish organization) y CEAPAT (National Reference Centre for Personal Autonomy and Technical Aids) collaborate always on the study of each of the toys recommended assessing their suitability for children with visual disability, hearing and motor skills. We think it is a good opportunity to know some tasks of our work, our laboratory (of safety), and how to proceed to the study of each selected toy. Also, we can visit our Consumer and Educational Department, and see how to do a consumer study. Finally, we can visit a toy factory.

Duration proposed by the Host Institution

(According to COST Rules: from 5 to 90 working days)

5 days

Dates proposed by the Host Institution

From August 31st

To September 4th

Deadline for applying the Call proposed by Host Institution

June 30th

Eligibility

Postgraduate students or postdoctoral fellows or staff members in an institution actively participating in the COST ACTION. Early Stage Researchers (less than 8 years after the PhD) or equivalent for professionals who does not have a PhD will be prioritized.

Financial Support

A fixed grant of maximum 1800 euros, as approved by the Action Management Committee. The total amount granted will depend on the length of the stay and the amount of STSMs proposals submitted in relation with the available budget.

Documents requested to the Applicants by the Host Institution

Please attach to this form: a) a motivation letter (2 pages maximum); b) an updated CV.

Application procedure

The interested applicants should send the requested documents to apply for a STSM to a Committee formed by:

- STSM Coordinator: Tatjana Zorcec; email: tzorcec@gmail.com
- Action Member affiliated to the Host Institution
 - Name: Noemí Rando and María Costa
 - email: nrando@aiju.info, mcosta@aiju.info
- Action Chair, Serenella Besio, email: ludi@univda.it
- Vice-Chair, Pedro Encarnação, email: pme@ucp.pt

Selection procedure

The Committee will assess the applications according to the relevancy of the candidatures to the scientific objectives of the COST Action LUDI TD1309 and particularly to the Scientific Activity proposed by the Host Institution.

Each application will be assessed and the results will be published on the LUDI website and communicated to the successful applicant.

Further Details

The successful applicants and the Host Institution are expected to read carefully the Q&A section concerning the STSM on the LUDI website.

For any additional information they can contact the STSM Coordinator: Tatjana Zorcec; email: tzorcec@gmail.com.