

## **COST Action CA18124**

### **Training School 2020**

#### **Call for participants**

#### **“European Research Workshop in Sexual Medicine”**

**Date and location:** 27–29 April 2020, Porto, Portugal

**Local host:** <sup>1</sup>[Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences](#);  
University of Porto;

**Venue address:** Rua Alfredo Allen 4200-135, Porto

#### **About the training school**

The *European Research Workshop in Sexual Medicine* aims to support Early Career Researchers in the fields of sexuality, sex research, sexual health, and sexual medicine by connecting them to experienced experts (trainers) in the field. Early Career Researchers and PhD students are invited to present and discuss their planned, ongoing or recently finalized research project with an interdisciplinary group of experts and other participants. The training school is organized within the framework of the [COST Action CA18124 "European Sexual Medicine Network" \(ESMN\)](#).

#### **Confirmed trainers**

Johannes Bitzer (Switzerland), Peer Briken (Germany), Raffaella Ferrero Camoletto (Italia), Cynthia Graham (United Kingdom), Pedro Nobre (Portugal), Aleksandar Štulhofer (Croatia), Pedro Vendeira (Portugal)

#### **What we offer?**

1. Tailored feedback to your research study plan by leading European experts in the field;
2. enhanced knowledge research skills, and understanding of the field;
3. unique opportunity to network with other scholars in an international setting;
4. grant to cover your travel and accommodation costs.

#### **Who can apply?**

PhD students and Early Career Researchers (up to 8 years after obtaining PhD)

#### **How do you apply?**

To apply, send a brief one-page curriculum vitae, a structured abstract (up to 500 words) of your research project (sections: problem, aims, method and main outcome measures, results, implications), and a one-page cover letter detailing the strengths of your proposal (why is my proposal important; how does it contribute to the field; what makes it new; what is its clinical/social relevance, etc.?)

<sup>1</sup> PhD program in Human Sexuality <https://www.fpce.up.pt/pdsh/en/about.html>

### **What is next?**

15 selected applicants will be notified no later than March 10. They will be sent all necessary information and instructions for participation in the training program.

### **Practical Details**

The training takes place on three full working days starting on 27 until 29 of April 2020. The mornings will consist of group discussions and presentations of individual projects. These sessions will be moderated by the trainers. In the afternoon participants will have the opportunity to discuss their projects in more depth with an assigned trainer. A grant of € 1.000,-- will be provided for selected participants to cover their travel and accommodation costs. All participants currently working in one of the 38 COST member countries (<https://www.cost.eu/who-we-are/members/>), Israel (COST Cooperating Member) or from approved European RTD Organizations are eligible for funding.

**For grant related queries please contact:** H. Weissenbacher ([buchhaltung@oeasm.at](mailto:buchhaltung@oeasm.at))

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**Please submit the applications to:** H. Weissenbacher ([buchhaltung@oeasm.at](mailto:buchhaltung@oeasm.at))

**Closing date for applications:** March 1, 2020

**Announcement of selected applicants:** March 10, 2020

### **About ESMN**

The COST Action CA 18124 ESMN - European Sexual Medicine Network aims to establish an international multidisciplinary network consisting of researchers, specialists and professionals in sexual medicine. The fields include: medicine, psychology, sociology, pedagogy and other health sciences. The [ESMN](#) overarching goal is to introduce and advance sexual medicine at every level of education, and in clinical and public health research and practice. The Action aims to exchange research results produced by different disciplines in order to find commonalities in concepts and approaches to sexual medicine. This will serve as the foundation for identifying shared concepts and definitions, and the start of joint interdisciplinary research, with a particular focus on including young researchers. It will also form the conceptual groundwork for developing interdisciplinary outlines and curricula for further university education at a European standard of qualification and recognition.

COST is the longest-running European framework supporting transnational cooperation among researchers and scholars across Europe. It was created in 1971 to bridge the gap between science, policy makers and society. The framework supports the mobility of researchers across Europe and fosters the establishment of scientific excellence. COST also plays an important role in building a European Research Area.