

COST Action CA18124

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Training School 2022

“European Research Workshop in Sexual Medicine”

Date and location: 19 - 21 September 2022, **Porto, Portugal**
Local host: [Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences](#) &
[Doctoral Programme in Human Sexuality](#)
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 "European Sexual Medicine Network" (ESMN).

What we offer

1. Tailored feedback to your research and/or research plans by leading European experts in the field;
2. Enhanced research knowledge/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 expenses.

Who can apply

Young researchers and innovators (YRI), including PhD students and early career scholars, with an affiliation from a legal entity in a COST member country (<https://www.cost.eu/who-we-are/members>), Israel (COST Cooperating Member) or from approved European RTD Organizations.

How to apply

To apply, send a brief one-page curriculum vitae, a structured abstract (up to 500 words) of your research proposal (sections: background, aims, method and main outcome measures, and if available: results and 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.?)

Practical details

The training takes place on three full working days starting on Monday 19 until Wednesday 21 of September 2022. 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 co-participants and training faculty. A grant will be provided to participants to cover travel and accommodation costs.

Deadlines and contact information

- Closing date for applications: June 30, 2022
- Announcement of selected applicants: July 20, 2022
- Please submit applications to: Jenny Rose Van (info@esmn-cost.eu)
- For grant related queries please contact: Heidi Mehler (hmeehler@gmx.at)
- For all other queries please contact: Erick Janssen, Ph.D. (erick.janssen@kuleuven.be) or Joana Carvalho, Ph.D. (joana.pereira.carvalho@gmail.com)

About ESMN

The COST Action ESMN - European Sexual Medicine Network - (CA-18124) 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's 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 with the aim to discover 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.