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Call for applications: Nature Travel Grant Scheme for Journalists ESOF2018 – Toulouse, 9-14 July 2018

THE CALL IS OPEN

1. Purpose

Created by EuroScience, the biennial ESOF – EuroScience Open Forum – meeting is the largest pan-European general science meeting dedicated to scientific research and innovation. At ESOF meetings leading scientists, researchers, young researchers, journalists, business people, entrepreneurs and innovators, policy makers, science and technology communicators and the general public from all over the world discuss new discoveries and debate the direction that research is taking in the sciences, humanities and social sciences.

Springer Nature is a leading research, educational and professional publisher, providing quality content to its communities through a range of innovative platforms, products and services. As a research publisher, Springer Nature is home to trusted brands including Springer, Nature Research, BMC, Palgrave Macmillan and Scientific American.

Nature Research has supported ESOF since its very first meeting in 2004. Similar to the 2014 and 2016 editions of meeting, Springer Nature is funding the Nature Travel Grant Scheme for journalists to attend ESOF2018 with the aim of increasing the impact of ESOF.

2. The scheme

In addition to free registration, the Nature Travel Grant Scheme offers a lump sum of £400 for journalists based in Europe and £800 for journalists based outside of Europe, to help cover the costs of travel and accommodation to attend ESOF 2018.

Please note that limited university accommodation (rooms and studios) is available for booking, on a first come, first served basis.

3. Who can apply?

Journalists irrespective of their gender, age, nationality, place of residence and media (paper, radio, TV, web) are welcome to apply. **Media accreditation will be required.**

4. Application procedure

To submit an application, follow the link to <https://escmp.euroscience.org/login>, sign into the EuroScience Conference and Membership Platform (ESCMP) and click on “Apply for a Grant”. Follow the application procedure.

On submitting the application form for travel grants, you agree to the full acceptance of the rules and to the decision taken by the Selection Committee.

The deadline for submitting an application is Sunday 29 April 2018, 12:00 pm CET.

5. Selection Committee and decision

The Selection Committee is composed of:

Rebecca Walton, Senior Press Manager at Springer Nature
Alexandra Foissac, ESOF 2018 Communication & PR Manager
Aidan Gilligan, CEO at SciCom & Vice Chair at ESOF 2018 International Media & Marketing Committee

The selection of candidates will be based on 1- the applicant's CV and 2- motivation statement to be involved in the Nature Travel Grant Scheme for ESOF 2018 and 3- impact of the proposed publication with equal weighting.

An email of decision will be sent in Tuesday 29 May 2018 to all candidates stating whether or not their application has been selected.

6. Payment conditions

The lump sum will be transferred to the grantees after ESOF2018 subject to:

- Mandatory participation in the daily briefings organized during ESOF 2018.
- Publishing of at least one article in any language about ESOF 2018.
- Provision of a one-page travel report in English.
- Completion of a feedback questionnaire regarding the scheme.

7. Information

For any further information, please contact.

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