

Exchange of Scientists under Estonian-Taiwanese Agreement of Scientific Cooperation

Procedure for applying the travel grant for the year 2016

The exchange visit programme provides opportunities for researchers from one partner country to visit research institutions in other partner country with aim to facilitate research cooperation between Estonia and Taiwan; promotes mobility, the building of international contacts and knowledge transfer.

1. Fields of Research

- Environmental and Biosciences
 - Plant sciences (physiology, genetics, plant health, etc.)
 - Biochemistry
- Social sciences
 - Political Science and Administration
- Health Research
 - Biomedicine
 - Clinical Medicine
- Physical Sciences and Engineering
 - Physics
 - Space Research and Astronomy
 - Information Security

2. Period

- 2.1. The Call announcement starts from 10th of August 2016, and the **deadline is 03rd of October 2016**.
- 2.2. The potential travel period set from 1st of November 2016 to 31st of March 2017.
- 2.3. Length of one travel can be anywhere up to two (2) weeks in duration.

3. Eligibility

- 3.1. Each candidate must possess the citizenship or be a permanent resident of sending country.
- 3.2. The travel grant can be applied by a scholar who is holding a doctoral degree and has worked in the research institution of the sending country at least three years prior to the application deadline.
- 3.3. To apply for MOST international cooperation projects, applicants must conform to principal investigator qualifications of General Research Project funded by MOST.

4. Procedure for applying for the grant

- 4.1. Parties will organize a public competition for the travel grant. The final decision among the applicants is made by sending country in cooperation with receiving country.
- 4.2. Processing the applications for the travel grant complies with the guidelines on processing the applications laid down in each Partner's organisation.
- 4.3. Estonian applicant has to submit the electronically signed application (e-mail: aare.ignat@etag.ee).

5. 5. Amount of the travel grant

- 5.1. The Parties shall contribute to the programme as follows:
- 5.2. Each Party will reimburse the travel expenses of their researcher. The upper limit of the travel expenses of ETAG is 1400 EUR. Travel expenses include air ticket in the economy class, local transport to the destination and insurance.
- 5.3. The receiving Party will cover accommodation costs and daily allowances. ETAG will cover daily allowances and accommodation costs total €86/day; the host institution in the receiving country ensures all other costs associated with hosting.
- 5.4. Costs will be covered according to the receipts or invoices after the final report on the project is submitted and accepted.

6. Documents to be submitted

- 6.1. The proposal for the travel grant consists of the application and applicant's CV with the references to major publications. The application must be submitted in English.
- 6.2. Proposed projects must directly involve researchers working at a research institution (i.e. university, research laboratory or research institute) of the receiving country.
- 6.3. Proposals must be based upon a firm potential for research collaboration. The primary objective of the travel will be for the researchers to meet in person and discuss in details the project and determine how to go forward with proposals for funding and research itself. Thus, contact must have already been established with the partner researcher before the application is submitted.

7. Programme reporting

- 7.1. A final report on the project is required, and must be submitted in three weeks after completion of travel grant. The report should provide a review of activities conducted under the grant and state the future plans for cooperation. The report should not be more than 2 pages (A4 size).