



Guidelines for Training Schools

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Mission:

Training schools (TS) are a COST Action tool focused on the development of young researchers, particularly those involved in Ph.D. studies and in post-doctoral roles. The purpose of EurofamNet Training Schools is to contribute with high quality training of the future generations of European researchers in the field of family support from an evidence-based and pluralistic approach.

EurofamNet will run two training schools over its life, the first focused on Evidence Based Programmes and related topics of evaluation and quality standards, the second, directed towards competences and skills standards for Family Support practice.

Eligibility:

- Applicants must be part of a PhD programme, or postdoctoral fellow or can be employed by an institution or organization performing research.
- The Home institution of the applicant should be located in a Participating COST Full Member/ COST Cooperating Member, or in an Approved NNC Institution.
- The Host Institution should be located in another participating COST Full Member/ COST Cooperating Member, Participating COST Partner Member, Approved IPC or NNC Institution.

Evaluation Committee:

The MC has approved that the evaluation process will be carried out by a committee for transparency and inclusion reasons.

As approved by the MC, the committee will be composed by the TS Coordinator, the Vice Chair, the Chair, the WG leaders, the Policy & Practice Group leader, the Young Researchers Group leader and the Grant Awarding Coordinator.

Evaluation Criteria:

- Quality of research project on (TS1) parenting programs/positive parenting interventions (TS2) skills standards for workforce in family support (1 to 10 points),
 - Curriculum vitae (1 to 10 points),
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- Letter of motivation and expectations, considering the excellence and inclusiveness COST criteria as well as previous and/or expected contributions to EurofamNet (1 to 10 points).

Evaluation Process:

- The evaluation criteria defined by the Action's MC are promptly communicated to all potential applicants on the website of the Action.
- Deadlines for applications and for evaluation are clearly set and communicated via the website of the Action.

For each training school:

- The TS Coordinator will evaluate if the applications meet the criteria for eligibility, and if documents required are part of the application. The TS Coordinator will send the eligible applications by email to the rest of the committee giving reasons for non-eligible applications (if applicable).
- The committee will grade each applicant's proposal based on a ranking from 1 to 10.
- The TS Coordinator will formulate a list of applicants ranked from the highest to the lowest points.
- Starting from the ranking, COST policies on excellence and inclusiveness and available budget will be considered by the committee for a final decision.

List of documents for the application:

For the application to be eligible, applicants need to submit the following supporting documents:

1. A complete proposal which includes (maximum 4 pages):
 - A. Motivation letter.
 - B. Research project (PhD, postdoc or another project).
2. An updated Europass CV (dates of degrees obtained, current position, past experience and a list of academic publications, if applicable).

TS Financial Support

- A TS Grant will financially contribute (but not necessary cover all) costs for travel, accommodation and meal expenses.
- TS grantees must make their own arrangements for all provisions related to personal security, health, taxation, social security and pension matters.

Further details can be consulted at the COST Annotated Rules.
