

Application for Travel Grants for Early Career Researchers

Available to early career researchers who require funding to travel to scientific meetings where they intend to present a poster or oral presentation. For full eligibility details, please see our [guidelines](#).

Send your completed application as an attachment to ectravelgrants@nature.com.

Signature

By signing below, you confirm that all information contained herein is true and accurate and you agree to the terms and conditions set out overleaf relating to the administration and funding of the grant.

Signed	
Date	

Applicant details

Full name	
Email address	
Phone number	
Institution/Organisation	
Country	
Grant confirmation	

Early Career Researcher confirmation

Date PhD completed or expected completion date	
Institution	

If you completed your PhD before November 2014 but feel that you should be considered due to a contributing factor (such as a leave of absence) please briefly tell us why.

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Sponsor contact details

A sponsor should be a department head or in a similar position at your institution who we can contact if we require supporting evidence that existing travel funding is not available. If you are not currently affiliated with an institution, provide details for a sponsor at your most recent institution.

Sponsor name	
Email address	
Phone number	
Institution/Organisation	

Conference or workshop details

Name of conference or workshop	
Location	
URL for conference website	
Dates	
Oral presentation	
Poster presentation	

Explanation of financial need

Travel grants are only available to early career researchers who do not have funds available to travel. The judging panel is looking for applicants who have a genuine need for support and would not otherwise be able to travel. Please confirm that you have no other financial means that would enable you to attend the stated conference and explain why you require the funding. If you face any specific financial challenges please describe them here.

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Importance of this conference or workshop

Provide a short (no more than 300 words) explanation of why attending and presenting your research at this particular conference or workshop is important to you and how you stand to benefit from attending.

Overview of research you wish to present

Provide an overview or abstract (no more than 300 words) for the research you wish you present at the conference or workshop.

Lay summary

Describe your research and its likely impact as you would if communicating with a researcher who does not specialize in your subfield (no more than 300 words).

Publications

Provide a list of up to 5 representative publications you have (co)-authored. Please briefly note your main contribution to each (1-2 sentences).

	Publication	Contribution
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		

Optional: link to a longer list of publications (e.g. ORCID, ResearchGate, Google Scholar):

Conference attendance

Provide a list of conferences, meetings, or other similar events you have attended in the past 5 years. Note any presentations made (oral or poster) or awards received.

2019

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2018

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2017

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2016

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2015

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Grants awarded

Provide a list of any grants or other funding received in the past 5 years. If you (co)-authored any of the applications please note this.

2019

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2018

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2017

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2016

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2015

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Other activities

Please list any relevant non-research activities you have participated in or led in the past 5 years (e.g. teaching, outreach, charitable work, involvement with policy).

2019

2018

2017

2016

2015

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Application Terms and Conditions

1. These terms and conditions ("**Terms and Conditions**") apply to your application ("**Application**") for a Communications Journals Travel Grant for Early Career Researchers ("**Grant**") which is available to early career researchers who require funding to pay for the travel costs associated with attending a scientific meeting or conference ("**Event**") in person where they have been invited or intend to apply to present a poster or oral presentation. Springer Nature Limited ("**Springer Nature**", "**us**", "**we**", "**our**") is responsible for the operation, management and funding of the Grant.
2. To submit an Application you must: (a) be resident in a country where it is lawful for you to apply; (b) be aged 18 years old or over (or the applicable age of majority in your country if higher) at the time of application; and (c) have a PhD (or currently enrolled in a PhD program) and up to five (5) years post-doctoral experience in the relevant research area. Application(s) from Burma/Myanmar, Cuba, Iran, North Korea, the Crimea region of Russia/Ukraine, Sudan, and Syria or where otherwise prohibited or restricted by law shall not be accepted. Springer Nature reserves the right to verify the eligibility of applicants.
3. The Application process is open for entries between 12:00 GMT on 9th September 2019 and 12:00 GMT on 27th October 2019.
4. The Grant will amount to two thousand five hundred Euros (€2,500) per recipient. Springer Nature will make three (3) Grants available in respect of the following subjects: Biology, Chemistry and Physics. We reserve the right in our sole discretion to determine which Applications are most suitable for receipt of the Grant monies.
5. Springer Nature accepts no responsibility for any Applications that are incomplete, illegible, corrupted or fail to reach Springer Nature by the closing date for any reason. Proof of posting or sending is not proof of receipt. Entries via agents or third parties are invalid. No other form of entry is permitted. Please keep a copy of your entry as we will be unable to return entries or provide copies.
6. Springer Nature may at its sole discretion disqualify any applicant found to be tampering or interfering with the entry process, or to be acting in any manner deemed to be disruptive of or prejudicial to the operation or administration of the Application process. Only one entry per eligible person. Multiple entries will be deemed to be invalid and may lead to disqualification.
7. Springer Nature does not act as an employer with respect to the Grant.
8. All Application submissions will be treated as confidential.
9. All intellectual property rights in the Application shall, at all times, be and remain your exclusive property. You grant us, a limited, royalty-free, non-exclusive licence to use the Application for the purpose of reviewing and processing the Application and otherwise carrying our obligations as set out in these terms and conditions. You confirm that your Application is your own original work, is not defamatory and does not infringe any laws, including but not limited to privacy laws, whether of the UK or elsewhere, or any rights of any third party, that you have the right to give Springer Nature permission to use it for the purposes specified herein, that you have the consent of anyone who is identifiable in your Application or the consent of their parent, guardian or carer if they are under 18 (or the applicable age of majority), it is lawful for you to apply and that you agree not to transfer files which contain viruses or any other harmful programs.
10. All personal data submitted by applicants is subject to and will be treated in a manner consistent with the Nature Privacy Policy accessible at <https://www.nature.com/info/privacy>. By participating in the Application process, you hereby agree that Springer Nature may collect and use your personal information and acknowledge that you have read and accepted the Nature Privacy Policy. By applying for the Grant you consent to the use of personal data by Springer Nature for the purposes of the administration of the Grant and the Application process and any other purposes to which you have consented.
11. The Grant shall be awarded as follows: The successful grantees ("**Grant Recipients**") will be decided following the close of the application process. The Grant Recipients will be notified via email during December 2019. Grant Recipients will be selected by a panel of Nature staff and independent members of the applicable Communications Journal Editorial Board. Any decision will be final and binding and no further communication will be entered into in relation to it.
12. The Grant Recipient will be notified as follows: The successful Grant Recipient will be notified by email once the selection panel have made their decision. Each Grant Recipient will be required to confirm acceptance of the Grant within ten working days and may be required to complete and return an eligibility form stating their age and residency details, among other details. Springer Nature will endeavour to ensure that Grant Recipient receives the Grant monies within 30 days of the date they confirm acceptance of the Grant. If a Grant Recipient does not accept the Grant within ten days of being notified, they will forfeit the Grant monies and Springer Nature reserves the right to choose another Grant Recipient. Springer Nature's decision is final and we reserve the right not to correspond on any matter.

13. If you are awarded the Grant, you agree to participate in and co-operate with promotional activities relating to the Grant that may be instigated and/or organised by Springer Nature including but not limited to publicly acknowledging and/or announcing the Grant Recipient and/or activities relating to the announcement of the Grant Recipient and the publication of a short report on the subject of what you learnt from attending the Event.
14. If you are awarded the Grant, you undertake that you will use the Grant for the purposes for which it is awarded and in accordance with these Terms and Conditions.
15. In the event that your circumstances change and you are no longer able to attend the Event for any reason then you are required to contact us immediately.
16. Payments will not be made in respect of the Grant until the successful applicant has formally accepted the Grant and these Terms and Conditions. You agree and accept that payments of the Grant can only be made to the extent that Springer Nature has available funds.
17. The amount of the Grant shall not be increased in the event of any overspend by the Grant Recipient in relation to the travel costs from attending the Event. You shall promptly repay to Springer Nature any money incorrectly paid to you either as a result of an administrative error or otherwise. This includes (without limitation) situations where either an incorrect sum of money has been paid or where Grant monies have been paid in error.
18. Springer Nature reserves the right to cancel or amend these Terms and Conditions as required by the circumstances.
19. Other than for death or personal injury arising from negligence of Springer Nature, so far as is permitted by law, Springer Nature hereby excludes all liability for any loss, damage, cost and expense, whether direct or indirect, howsoever caused in connection with the Application or any aspect of the Grant. All activities are undertaken at the applicant's own risk. Your legal rights as a consumer are not affected. These conditions shall be governed by and construed in accordance with English law. Disputes arising in connection with this Agreement shall be subject to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts.