

Call for applications: Nature Travel Grant Scheme for Journalists

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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 global research, educational and professional publisher, home to an array of respected and trusted brands providing quality content through a range of innovative products and services, including the journal *Nature*. Springer Nature was formed in 2015 through the merger of Nature Publishing Group, Palgrave Macmillan, Macmillan Education and Springer Science+Business Media. Nature Publishing Group has supported ESOF since its very first meeting in 2004.

Similar to the 2012 and 2014 edition of meeting, Springer Nature is funding the Nature Travel Grant Scheme for journalists to attend ESOF2016 with the aim to increase the impact of ESOF.

2. The scheme

In addition to free registration, the Nature Travel Grant Scheme offers a lump sum of £450 for UK based journalists, £600 for journalists based in Europe and £800 for journalists based outside of Europe, to help cover the costs of travel and accommodation to attend ESOF2016.

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 February 29th 2016, 12:00 pm CET.

5. Selection Committee and decision

The Selection Committee is composed of:

- Alice Henchley, Head of Journals Press at Springer Nature
- Aidan Gilligan, CEO at SciCom – Making Sense of Science & Vice Chair, ESOF 2016 Media & Marketing Committee
- Head of Press at ESOF 2016

The selection of candidates will be based on the applicant's CV and motivation statement to be involved in the Nature Travel Grant Scheme for ESOF 2016.

An email of decision will be sent in April 2016 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 ESOF2016 subject to:

- Mandatory participation in the daily briefings organized by the EuroScience Office.
- Publishing of at least one article in any language about ESOF2014.
- 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 the EuroScience Office at Magali.devrin@euroscience.org