

Training School Participation Rules of Cost Action CA15119 (NANOUP TAKE) for the 1st Grant Period (May 2016 – April 2017)

Objectives and participants

The main purpose of NANOUP TAKE Training Schools (TS) is to attract and train a new generation of scientists/technicians in topics directly related to thermal applications of nanofluids. A TS will be organized every grant period and it will coincide with a Management Committee (MC) and/or Working Group (WG) meetings. NANOUP TAKE will support the participation of Trainers and Trainees for their attendance at the TS.

Trainers, eligibility criteria and funding support

Based on the COST eligibility criteria (see <http://www.cost.eu/download/COSTVademecum>), Trainers are reimbursed for their travel, accommodation and meal expenses during the TS.

There are two types of Trainers:

- COST Trainers: Trainers belonging to institutions/companies in participating COST countries.
- Invited Speakers: Trainers whose primary affiliation is with an institution located in a non-Participating COST Country. There are up to four Invited Speakers for each TS and they can only be invited once during the Action.

During the first trimester of each Grant Period, the Core Group members (Chair, Vice-Chair, WG Leaders, Short Term Scientific Missions Coordinator, and Dissemination Coordinator) will propose to the MC the list of topics to be worked on during the TS.

After approval, there will be an open call to the Action participants to request COST Trainers. Trainer proposals should be sent by email to info@nanouptake.eu and they should include a brief summary (max. 1 page) of the proposer's research activities related to the TS topics. COST Trainers will have preferential access to the invitations to the WG meetings. Invited Speakers will be selected by the WG Leaders (one for each). The complete list of TS Trainers will be prepared by the Action Chair and Vice-Chair following scientific excellence and relation to TS topics criteria and this will be sent to the MC for approval. The funding rules of Trainers will be the same as the rules approved for the corresponding MC/WG meetings allocated at the same place.

Trainee Applicants, eligibility criteria and funding support

Based on COST eligibility criteria, Trainees are entitled to receive a fixed Grant for their attendance to the TS and they should belong to institutions/companies in participating COST countries. The selection of the invited trainees will be performed following the steps below.

1. Three months before holding a TS, an open call will be made to all NANOUPTAKE participants in order to request TS trainees candidates. The candidates should submit an intention letter (max. 2 pages) with information about their affiliation, academic and research background and interest in the TS. In addition, a reference letter from at least one Action participant is needed. The submission will be made by e-mail (info@nanouptake.eu) and sent to the GH Manager.
2. The GH Manager will select the contributions that match the eligibility rules and she will send them to the Chair and Vice-Chair.
3. The Chair and Vice-Chair will classify the contributions following these criteria:
 - Suitability of the candidate's academic and research background (max. 10 score points).
 - Involvement of the candidate in the Action (max. 5 score points).
 - Interest of the candidate in the TS goals (max. 5 score points).

In the case of there being more candidates than available funding, gender balance and ITC priority criteria will be used.

4. The list of invited trainees will be sent to the MC to be approved by e-vote and invitations will be sent using e-COST.

Candidates from the local organizer will be included if they obtain a minimum qualification of 12 score points in step 3 (but they will not be funded).

The trainee's grant will be calculated as a fixed contribution for traveling (300 euros) and the same hotel and meal expenses as the approved amount for the corresponding MC/WG meetings allocated at the same place.

Further information about applications

Questions may be sent to the Action Chair (Prof. Enrique Julia): enrique.julia@uji.es