

**Training School Participation Rules**  
**Cost Action CA15119 (NANOUP TAKE) for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grant Period**  
**(May 2018 – April 2019)**

**1. Objectives and participants**

One of the main goals of Nanouptake COST Action is creating a network of scientists, engineers and businessmen interested in nanofluids and their application. Among many activities there is a Training School (TS) - a special part of the Action mainly addressed to young people like PhD students and early career investigators (ECI). It allows them to meet highly qualified trainers and learn a lot about nanofluids. During lectures and “hands on” activities trainees gain an experience which will be valuable for them in their fresh started careers. Beside the undoubted benefit of learning from the best specialist in the area, participants can meet each other and start some collaborations. Training School contributes to create a network of “fresh blood” scientist and might be fruitful in upcoming years.

**2. 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.

During the first trimester of each Grant Period, the Core Group members (Chair, Vice-Chair, WG Leaders, Short Term Scientific Missions Coordinator, Training School Coordinator and Dissemination Coordinator) will propose to the MC the main subject of TS.

After approval, there will be an open call to the Action participants to request COST Trainers. Trainer proposals should be sent by email ([info@nanouptake.eu](mailto:info@nanouptake.eu)) to the GH Manager. It 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 Core Group. 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.

### 3. 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.

- 28<sup>th</sup> June 2018, an open call will be made to all NANOUP TAKE 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](mailto:info@nanouptake.eu)) and sent to the GH Manager. **The deadline to submit these documents is 11<sup>th</sup> July 2018.**
- The GH Manager will select the contributions that match the eligibility rules and she will send them to the TS Coordinator, Chair and Vice-Chair.
- The TS Coordinator 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 being more candidates than available funding, gender balance, ECI and ITC priority criteria will be used.

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 list of invited trainees will be sent to the MC to be approved by e-vote and invitations will be sent using e-COST (before 1<sup>st</sup> August 2018).

The trainee's grant for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grant Period will be with fixed rate 500 euros.

Questions may be sent directly to the TS coordinator (Dr. Gawęł Żyła): [gzyła@prz.edu.pl](mailto:gzyła@prz.edu.pl)