

EAPP Networking and Travel Stipends 2021

Overall goals

The call is now open for the EAPP networking and travel stipends 2021. By sponsoring networking and travel stipends for Early Career Researchers (ECRs), EAPP aims to increase its regional scope and cross-national relationships among its members and support ECRs in building collaborative networks with the European personality psychologists. Two networking and travel stipends of 5,000 EUR each will be offered in 2021.

Eligibility for funding

EAPP provides networking and travel stipends for cross-national visits among the members of the Association. As an eligibility requirement, the Host researcher (Host) has to be based in Europe, and Visitor's main affiliation has to be in a country different than the one of Host. Both Host and Visitor have to be (or become) EAPP members prior to application.

- Visitors are ECRs, i.e., PhD students or postdoctoral researchers within 5 years of the award of their PhD degree and without a tenured professorship. These durations exclude any period of career break, e.g. for family care or health reasons.
- Duration of the visit: minimum of 1 month
- Timing of the visit: In principle, the visit is to take place in 2021. However, given the extraordinary and unpredictable conditions due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, flexibility in planning might be required. Accordingly, the stipend will be extended if conditions preclude travelling in 2021.

What funding covers

The travel stipend of 5,000€ can cover the following expenses:

- Economy class travel costs
- Modest housing costs
- Modest allowance of living costs
- Research costs (e.g., research materials; participant reimbursement)

Applicants must confirm that these costs are not covered by any other funding institutions.

Applications consist of

1. A statement of purpose by Visitor on the envisioned research goals for the visit (max. 3 pages), including
 - a. name of Host and the host institution;
 - b. estimated start and end dates of the visit;
 - c. description of the planned activities and time-line;
 - d. description of ways in which collaboration between Visitor and Host will be initiated or deepened during the visit (and whether and when there have been prior collaborations);

- e. steps planned to ensure longer term collaboration after the visit;
 - f. explanation of how the visit can foster Visitor's career.
2. Letter of support by Host, specifying how Visitor will be integrated in Host's research activities, local research community or broader research network, and how longer term collaboration after the visit will be ensured.
 3. Curriculum Vitae of Visitor and Host.
 4. Indicative budget, including the summary of approximate costs and intended allocation of the stipend's funds.
 5. Declaration whether (or which) additional funds are available during the visit.
 6. Statement regarding availability for other EAPP-related PR initiatives (e.g., acting as an "ambassador" for EAPP, being interviewed for EAPP blog, etc.)

Application procedure

- Applications should be sent to secretary@eapp.org by the 30th January 2021 (23:59 CET).
- The winners of the two networking and travel stipends will be announced by the end of February 2021.

Evaluation criteria

The applications will be evaluated by the EAPP Executive Committee using the following criteria:

1. Relevance of the research goal(s) for personality psychology;
2. Feasibility of envisioned research goals;
3. Suitability of planned steps for initiating or deepening collaboration during the visit, for integrating the visitor into research activities and networks of the host, and for ensuring longer term collaboration after the visit;
4. Estimation of expected gains for the visitor's career;
5. Preference is granted to applications if (a) visitors or hosts are based in Southern and Eastern European region, (b) visitors are from European countries.

Responsibilities of successful applicants

Successful applicants will have to sign an agreement with EAPP, stating that the stipend will be used responsibly and to the allocated purpose and that any unspent funds must be returned to the EAPP.

No later than 2 months after the end of the visit, a report of the visit should be sent to secretary@eapp.org consisting of the following documents:

1. A document detailing on what the funds were spent (along with copies of receipts).
2. A report (max. 2 pages) detailing how the envisioned goals have been realized, why some planned steps might have changed, what further ways to network/collaborate have been initiated, and listing joint publications/conference presentations resulting from the visit. This report should also provide personal evaluations by Visitor and Host of whether the visit was successful in promoting Visitor's career.
3. Short narrative about the visit plus photo to be published on the EAPP website.
4. Statement about possible publication of any research results. EAPP strongly encourages applicants to consider the European Conference on Personality for communication of their research findings, and the *European Journal of Personality* as well as *Personality Science* as publishing outlets.