# 2025 EAPP Networking and Travel Stipends Call for Applications

#### Goals

The call is now open for the 2025 European Association of Personality Psychology (EAPP) Networking and Travel Stipends. By sponsoring these stipends for early career researchers (ECRs), the EAPP aims to increase its regional scope and cross-national relationships among its members and support ECRs in building collaborative networks with European personality psychologists.

Two networking and travel stipends of €5.000,00 each will be offered in 2025. Money can be transferred upfront to a University's department; or to the awardee after their stay, upon presentation of receipts.

**Eligibility.** 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 the main affiliation of the visiting researcher (Visitor) has to be in a country other than the one of the Host. Both Host and Visitor have to be (or become) members of the EAPP prior to application (see <a href="https://eapp.org/membership/">https://eapp.org/membership/</a>).

- Visitors are ECRs (i.e., PhD students or post-doctoral 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: the visit should take place in 2025.

### **Funding Coverage**

The travel stipend of €5.000,00 can ONLY cover the following expenses:

- economy class travel costs to and from the final destination (sustainable travel options are recommended)
- travel insurance
- modest housing costs while abroad
- reasonable costs related to food, electric/gas/water bills, cleaning services, public transportation, and similar expenses while abroad
- research costs (e.g., research materials; participant reimbursement) while abroad

Applicants must confirm in writing that these costs are not covered by any other funding institutions. Project overhead costs cannot be applied for.

**Please note:** In case of successful funding, the stipend money transferred by the EAPP might be considered taxable income for the stipend recipient, depending on their country of residence. EAPP assumes no liability for the tax consequences of the transaction. Stipend recipients cannot receive any money for volunteer work from the EAPP (e.g., for editorial activities) in the year in which the stipend money is transferred. Help with and clarification of these issues can be obtained from <a href="mailto:transferred">treasurer@eapp.org</a>.

## **Application Structure**

- 1. A statement of purpose by the Visitor on the envisioned research goals for the visit (max. 3 pages), including:
  - a. name of the Host and the host institution
  - b. estimated start and end dates of the visit
  - c. description of the planned activities and timeline
  - d. description of ways in which collaborations between the 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 collaborations after the visit
  - f. explanation of how the visit can foster the Visitor's career
- 2. Letter of support by the Host, specifying
  - a. how the Visitor will be integrated into the Host's research activities, local research community, or broader research network
  - b. how longer-term collaboration after the visit will be ensured
- 3. Curriculum Vitae of
  - a. Visitor
  - b. Host
- 4. Provisional 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. A statement from the Visitor describing how the visit will advance EAPP's values, see <a href="https://eapp.org/organization/our-values">https://eapp.org/organization/our-values</a>
- 7. Approval of the Department Chair or of the University's signing officials

If the travel grant money needs to be transferred to a University's department, please, provide a letter signed by the Department chair or by the University signing officials (i.e., persons with the authority to approve such an agreement) confirming that the Departments involved in the grant (i.e., the department to which the applicant is affiliated, which will receive money from the EAPP) is available to act as host entity for this grant in case successfully funded, and that they are aware that no overheads are allowed.

Notice that if the host institution changes after the application is evaluated, the applicants will be allowed to send an updated version of this document. EAPP will have the authority to approve (which will happen in most cases) or reject (only for exceptional reasons) the new institution.

#### **Application Procedure**

- Applications should be sent to <u>secretary@eapp.org</u> by October 31, 2024 (23:59 CET), whom you can also contact in case of questions
- The winners of the two Networking and Travel Stipends will be announced in December 2024.

#### **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. Potential future impact on Visitor's career and research prospects
- 5. Accordance with the EAPP's values, see https://eapp.org/organization/our-values

### **Responsibilities of Successful Applicants**

Successful applicants will have to sign an agreement with the 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 (see Appendix A).

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 unaltered copies of all receipts Receipts need to be clearly organized in a single pdf file, one receipt per page. The report needs to be a word table specifying what each receipt refers to (e.g., travel, accommodation, food, etc.), following the same order in which receipts are presented in the pdf file. Only costs supported by receipts will be covered by the grant, any leftover money will need to be returned to EAPP within a month after the approval of the report by the EAPP treasurer.
- 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 the Visitor and Host of whether, or in what ways, the visit was successful (or not) 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.

### Appendix A. Agreement draft

# European Association of Personality Psychology (EAPP) Networking and Travel Stipend Agreement

The parties to this Grant Agreement are:

- 1. The EAPP Executive Committee (EC) represented by the EAPP treasurer, and
- 2. The recipient of the 2025 EAPP Networking and Travel Stipend, henceforth the Recipient.

This Agreement contains the terms on which the Stipend is being provided to the Recipient of the 2025 EAPP Networking and Travel Stipend. By signing this contract the Recipient promises to spend the lump sum of 5.000,00 Euro according to the budget plan of the accepted application (as submitted to EAPP). Generally, the lump sum can be spent solely on (a) economy class travel costs to and from the final destination (sustainable travel options are recommended), (b) travel insurance, (c) modest housing costs, (d) modest allowance of living costs and/or (e) investments in research (e.g., research materials; participant reimbursement), and only if these costs are not covered by other funding institutions.

Within 2 months after the visit and travel for which the Recipient has received the stipend has ended, the Recipient promises to send the following documents to secretary@eapp.org:

- a. A document detailing on what the funds were spent (along with copies of receipts).
- b. 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.
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By signing this agreement, the Recipient promises to use the funds responsibly and to transfer back any remaining funds within two months after the visit.

Name of applicant:
University:
Email:
Amount:
IBAN:
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Date:

Signature