



PhasAGE
EXCELLENCE HUB ON
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PhasAGE Conference Fellowships 2022 (1st Call Jan - Jun 2022)

Call for Applications for PhasAGE Conference Fellowships – Guidelines and Conditions

1. Description of the Fellowships

In this call, PhasAGE will award 1-2 Conference fellowships (CFs) for researchers to attend scientific international conferences. The conferences/events supported by PhasAGE CFs will be publicized on the PhasAGE website (participants may suggest other conferences not listed on the PhasAGE website). The fellowships will cover expenses with registration fees, travel, and accommodation (limited to a maximum of 2000€).

Fellowships should be used to cover the advanced or early registration to the event, preferentially.

2. Terms and Conditions

- The PhasAGE CFs will cover expenses (registration travel and/or accommodation) of researchers/participants from the PhasAGE Consortium who want to present their research work regarding PhasAGE topics* in international high-level conferences.
- The applicants awarded with the PhasAGE CFs will be publically advertised on the PhasAGE website. For this purpose, the applicant should read and accept the Terms and Conditions Form provided after acceptance.
- Each Conference Fellowships will be covered by the corresponding host institution of the selected applicants.

*PhasAGE topics – protein phase separation; intrinsically disordered proteins; protein aggregation; biomolecular condensates in the context of aging and age-related disorders.



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3. Application

Candidates are required to submit their application via email to phasageproject@i3s.up.pt. To ensure enough time for evaluation, **applications** should be submitted at least **30 days prior abstract submission deadline** of the corresponding conference. The following documents should be prepared and sent in **pdf format** by email with the subject line "PhasAGE Conference fellowships 2022 – application [your name]":

- Filled in application form (available for download at PhasAGE CF webpage)
- Abstract to be submitted to the conference (the applicant is responsible for preparing the abstract according to the guidelines of the selected conference)
- A short CV in the format of bio sketch (max 2 pages)
- A motivation letter expressing the interest to attend the selected conference and explaining how participation in the selected conference will benefit his/her career.

4. Selection Criteria for Conference Fellowships

The PhasAGE Conference Fellowships will be granted by a scientific evaluation panel on a competitive basis according to the alignment of the conference/event topics with PhasAGE scientific aims and the quality of the work to be presented. The following considerations will be evaluated:

- Merit – of the applicant's research work to be presented in the conference/event
- Relevance – The extent to which the proposed conference/event provides a significant and relevant contribution to the dissemination of the work progress of the applicant under PhasAGE main objectives. This should be addressed in the motivation letter.
- The scientific track record of the applicant – This should be detailed in the Applicant's CV
- Scientific excellence – The innovative contribution of the applicant's research work to the achievement of PhasAGE topics
- Potential impact – How the conference and the dissemination of the applicant's work will contribute to the progress of its scientific career – this should be stated in the motivation letter.



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5. Notifications of Successful Applications

The PhasAGE will notify the awarded applicants 15 days before the deadline of abstract submission for each conference. The selected applicant will be required to sign an acceptance form agreeing to the terms and conditions of the CFs.

If the selected applicant withdraws or does not confirm the acceptance of the CF within 5 working days of the communication of the results, the CF is awarded to the applicant that ranked immediately after the selected applicants.

Important Note: if all available fellowships are awarded before the end of the 1st call (June 2022), this call will close. A 2nd call will open from July to December 2022.

6. After the Conference and Reimbursement

After the conference, selected applicants are required to send a copy of the Abstract Book, the poster and/or presentation, the Conference Participation Certificate, and a short report on their conference experience to phasageproject@i3s.up.pt, up to one month after the conference has taken place.

Participants from IBMC/i3s should fill in and submit the IBMC/i3s reimbursement form to the financial department of IBMC/i3s within 30 days after the end of the conference.

Participants from VIB, UniPD, and UAB should contact their corresponding PhasAGE project managers and proceed according to their own institutional rules for reimbursements.

7. Funding Acknowledgement

The applicants awarded with the CFs are required to indicate the sponsorship of the PhasAGE in all adverts and announcements of the activity, as in the Abstract Book and the dissemination material (eg. Include the PhasAGE logo in the presentation or poster). The PhasAGE Project Manager will provide the PhasAGE logo upon request. The following description must be included at the end of the abstract and/or in the poster: *"Sponsored by PhasAGE project. This project has received funding from European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under grant agreement No 952334"*



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