

Procedure for applying Transnational Access funding under IMECC project

Aim

The Transnational Access aims to improve access to state-of-the-art facilities for ecosystem measurement and manipulation for the European research community.

Offered support

The Transnational access offers free access to the participating research facilities. Financing covers the necessary operating costs of providing access. However, some expenses such as travel to the institution that hosts the infrastructure and hotel costs to stay nearby are not covered by the TA budget. Travel can be included as a cost if the site is remote and involves travel to get from the host institution of the infrastructure to the site. Similarly, in general hotel costs would not be covered, but the costs of spending a night on-site could be included (if 24 hour access was important, for example).

Who is eligible?

The TA is offered to researchers from institutions in EU-member and associate countries than the state where the operator of the infrastructure is established. The associated countries of EU are: Albania, Croatia, Iceland, Israel, Liechtenstein, Macedonia, Montenegro, Norway, Serbia, Switzerland, Turkey and Bosnia-Herzegovina (1 January 2009).

TA can be offered only to researcher from other countries than the receiving institute.

Researchers from institutions within IMECC can apply for the funding but it is advisable to demonstrate a linkage to some larger network project.

Scientists outside EU can apply for funding if they make their application as a member of a user group involved in international projects with a strong european link such as FLUXNet.

The application procedure

The applicants are advised to submit a short proposal at the IMECC web-page (www.imecc.org/FormTA.php) that is automatically sent both to TA activity Coordinator (Eero Nikinmaa) and to research site. It is advisable to contact the responsible researcher of the research site of the requested access prior to sending the application to clarify the practical arrangements. Further clarifications of the proposed access can be provided with the downloadable TA Access forms (return address in the form).

The review process

The review process is organized by the Transnational Access activity Coordinator, largely by e-mail. The requests are presented for the selection panel monthly. The selection panel decides upon the request based on the scientific quality of the proposed project and the current possibility of the requested site to offer the access. After the decision all applicants are notified of the fate of the request and in case of negative answer, also the reasons for that.

Reporting

After the completion of the TA, the visitor is asked to make a short report about the access project. The report can be submitted through the IMECC web-page.