

i3S Fundraising Rare Diseases Travel Grant by TabFund



Article 1. Scope

The i3S Fundraising team awards one Travel Grant, sponsored by TabFund (<https://tab.fund/>), for i3S researchers working in the field of Rare Diseases. The grant aims to help promising researchers attend an international scientific meeting (conference, workshops or similar events) of their choice.

Article 2. Eligibility

Applicants must be i3S PhD students.

Article 3. Coverage

Summer schools (or similar), Workshops, Conferences or Symposia in Portugal or abroad. In case of travel costs, this grant can only be used to cover economy-class travel. Visa, accommodation and subsistence costs will not be covered by these funds. The maximum covered value is 500 € and may also include registration fees.

Article 4. Deadlines

Applications will be open from 16th November to 31st December. The Travel grant will be awarded to support attendance to an event with dates from March 2024 until March 2025. In case the person is not accepted in the event, he/she must notify the organization and the grant will be attributed to 2nd place candidate.

Article 5. Submission of application

Application must be submitted through the i3S platform (<https://www.i3s.up.pt/eventos/registrationnew.php?eid=921>).

Article 6. Evaluation of the applications

The applications will be evaluated individually by the jury considering the following parameters:

- Scientific quality of the work to be presented (Abstract, format of communication and Conference) – 45% of the final score

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- Merit of the applicant, considering the work to be presented and on a One page Narrative CV (as part of i3S commitment to The Agreement on Reforming Research Assessment as set out by the Coalition for Advancing Research Assessment (CoARA), this Evaluation Panel will not use metrics as a surrogate measure of the quality of individual outputs and applicant's contributions. Therefore, the Ciência Vitae curriculum will only be used to confirm the information provided in the Narrative CV (for further information regarding Narrative CVs, see for example <https://www.imperial.ac.uk/research-and-innovation/support-for-staff/scholarly-communication/bibliometrics/narrative-cvs/>) - 25% of the final score

- Motivation statement describing the importance of the visit and the impact that it will bring to the candidate's career and to i3S community (max. 500 words) – 20% of the final score

- Referral letter (max. 1 page, valued factor) – 10% of the final score

Article 7. Judging panel

The winner will be selected by a judging panel consisting of Doctor Jorge Oliveira, Dr João Freixo, Doctor Teresa Summavielle, and presided by Doctor Susana Magalhães (Committee for Ethical and Responsible Conduct of Research).

Conflicts of Interest (Col)

Those with first-degree relationships, domestic partnership or married to an applicant are hindered from being a member of the Judging panel. Any Col of the Chairperson or a Panel member is declared prior to the evaluation process, based on limited information on the applicant's identification, current affiliation and host institution. In case the Chairperson or Panel Member declares a Col, he or she will not have access to the full application, or any evaluation produced.

Circumstances that are classified as potential conflict of interest include, but are not limited to:

1. First-degree relationships, marriage or domestic partnership; other personal ties or conflicts;
2. Supervisory relationship with the applicant (e.g., teacher-student relationship up to and including the post-doctoral phase), within the last 3 years;
3. Current close scientific collaboration with the applicant
3. Participating in an on-going scientific or inter-personal conflict with the applicant(s);
4. Any other circumstances the reviewer feels that they may not be impartial

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Article 8. Communication of the results

Results will be communicated at the Rare Diseases Day (29th February 2024). Appeals must be submitted within 10 working days after results' communication. The jury may decide not to award the i3S Fundraising Travel Grant by TabFund if no suitable candidates are found.

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