

Early Career Researcher Mobility Grant from the *Metabolomics Society*

The object of the *Metabolomics Society* is to promote the growth, use and understanding of metabolomics in all areas including (but not limited to analytical chemistry, life sciences (clinical, plant, microbe, environmental), bioinformatics and many others).

The ECR Mobility Grant is a fund for Early Career Researchers and Technical Experts who are members of the *Metabolomics Society* to go to a Host Institution for a short period (three months maximum) to learn something new in the area of metabolomics (and related sciences such as lipidomics) and to then bring this knowledge and know-how back to their own Home Institution.

This fund is supported by the *Metabolomics Society* and there will be a maximum limit of \$2,500 being available per ECR Mobility Grant. Therefore, if the mobility will cost more than \$2,500 you must find some additional support from elsewhere, and this should be detailed in any Letters of Support.

Definitions

Scholar	Means the holder of the ECR Mobility Grant.
Scholarship	Means an ECR Mobility Scholarship.
ECRs	Means Early Career Researchers. This includes PhD students currently undertaking study, or those who are no more than 5 years post the award of a PhD. This time-period excludes any career breaks (e.g., for childcare) – if these are relevant, they must be declared for eligibility.
Technical Experts	Means those Scholars who run core facilities, there is no age limit nor experience limit.
Home Institution	Means the industrial, academic or public service organisation which employs the Scholar.
Host Institution	Means the Higher Education Institute or Research and Training Organisation (RTO) that will host the Scholar.
Work Programme	Means the programme of work or study to be undertaken by the Scholar during the period of the Scholarship.
Metabolomics	Means the comprehensive characterization of the small molecule metabolites in biological systems. This can be untargeted and/or targeted and can include Lipidomics.
Fund	Means the funding for the ECR Mobility Grant. This will be for a maximum of \$2,500 and the total fund available is \$7,500. This means 3 or more Mobility Grants will be awarded per year depending on the level of funding requested.

1. Purpose

The purpose of the ECR Mobility Scholarship scheme is to provide the opportunity for a researcher who is employed in academic, industrial or public service sectors to visit a Host Institution to acquire new analytical science knowledge in metabolomics, or experience of analytical science teaching, learning or training methods, which would be applied on return to their Home Institution. The emphasis would be both on personal development of the Scholar as well as achieving a practical and beneficial impact for the Scholar's Home Institution.

2. Eligibility

- 2.1 Applicants shall be either Early Career Researchers (as defined above) or Technical Experts (as defined above).
- 2.2 There are no restrictions on the country of origin of the Applicant.
- 2.3 Applicants shall be employed in academia, industry or the public service.
- 2.4 Applicants shall supply written confirmation of their employment in academia, industry or the public service.
- 2.5 Scholars should be members of the Metabolomics Society at the time of applying for the Scholarship. Application forms can be found at:
<https://metabolomicssociety.org/membership/become-a-member/>
- 2.6 The next Application Deadline is: **Day Month Year**

3. Scholarship Work Programme

- 3.1 Each Scholarship shall be for a period of between a minimum of two weeks and no more than three months.
- 3.2 Applicants shall submit a Work Programme for the full period of their Scholarship.
- 3.3 Scholars are expected to work on the Work Programme full time.
- 3.4 Applicants are free to choose the Metabolomics subject of the Work Programme.
- 3.5 The Host Institution shall provide written confirmation of its acceptance of the applicant's Work Programme.
- 3.6 The Scholar shall provide the *Metabolomics Society* with a report of the Scholarship within one month of the end of the Scholarship. This will be used by the *Metabolomics Society* for highlighting the importance of the ECR Mobility Scholarship and photographs are encouraged if appropriate.
- 3.7 The Scholar shall provide the *Metabolomics Society* with a brief report of the impact of the Scholarship within a year of the end of the Scholarship.

4. Finance

- 4.1 The total value of the Scholarship will not exceed \$2,500.

- 4.2 It is presumed that the Scholar will continue to be paid their salary by their Home Institution during the period of their Scholarship.
- 4.3 The Metabolomics Society will pay for
 - 4.3.a Return travel costs to Host Institution
 - 4.3.b Travel & subsistence cost while in the Host Institution
 - 4.3.c Accommodation cost while in the Host Institution
 - 4.3.d Other costs: e.g., visas, travel insurance, etc.
- 4.4 The Metabolomics Society will NOT pay for:
 - 4.4.a Laboratory consumables as these will be covered for by the Host.
 - 4.4.b Host Institution's registration fee, bench fee, overhead charge or laboratory insurance for the Scholar
- 4.5 100% of the grant will be paid in advance directly to the Host Institution on invoice to the *Treasurer of the Metabolomics Society*. The Host Institution shall be responsible for disbursing funds to the Scholar as appropriate. The mode and currency of payment will be agreed with the Host Institution.
- 4.6 Applicants, in consultation with the Host Institution, shall provide a comprehensive budget for all cost elements of the scholarship.
- 4.7 Within one month of the end of the Scholarship, the Scholar or the Host Institution shall provide the *Treasurer of the Metabolomics Society* with a statement of expenditure. Money unspent at the end of the Scholarship shall be returned to the *Treasurer of the Metabolomics Society*.

5. References

Applicants shall supply references in the form of Letters of Support from:

- 5.1 A senior member of their Home Institution; normally your Mentor.
- 5.2 A senior member of the Host Institution; normally your intended Supervisor.

6. Miscellaneous

- 6.1 The *Metabolomics Society* reserves the right to terminate or modify the conditions of a Scholarship at any time.
- 6.2 The *Metabolomics Society* retains the right to withhold the award if the scholarship criteria are not fulfilled.
- 6.3 The grant will be terminated for any Scholar whose progress or conduct does not meet the *Metabolomics Society*'s expectations.
- 6.4 The decision of the *Metabolomics Society* is final.
- 6.5 If a Scholar ceases to undertake the Work Programme the *Metabolomics Society* must be informed immediately. Any unspent funds must be returned to the *Treasurer of the Metabolomics Society*.
- 6.6 In the event of any publishable work arising from the ECR Mobility Grant the Scholar should seek to publish the results in accordance with normal academic procedures, preferably in a journal the society is affiliated with (but this is not binding). The Scholar, the Home Institution and the Host Institution shall

acknowledge the support of the 'Metabolomics Society' in all publications and materials resulting from the Scholarship.

- 6.7 The *Metabolomics Society* assumes no responsibility, financial or otherwise, for any expenses incurred by the Scholar or the Host Institution beyond the Scholarship grant, nor for any liability arising from the Scholarship.
- 6.8 In the event of any Intellectual Property generated during the Scholarship, the *Metabolomics Society* will make no claim to any IP arising.

For further information, contact the *Secretary of the Metabolomics Society*.