



RULES FOR THE EFC YOUNG SCIENTIST GRANT

for Short Scientific Missions

Founded and Presented by the European Federation of Corrosion

1-INTRODUCTION

The EUROCORR conference makes a special effort to stimulate interaction and collaboration within the international corrosion community by setting up an EFC Young Scientist Grant scheme, made possible by the EFC. The grant will provide financial support to junior corrosionists to enable them to visit and interact with other corrosionists at their home institute abroad and to discuss research issues of mutual concern relevant to the field. A special EFC Young Scientist Grant Selection Committee makes the grant selection on the basis of brief proposals submitted and will be presented at the yearly EUROCORR Conference.

2-RULES

- 2-1. To enter the competition, two applicants, having defined an area or issue in their corrosion related research they want to discuss and/or work on bilaterally in more detail and at leisure at the home institute of one of the partners, fill in the appropriate form describing the nature of their project or discussion items.
- 2-2. The conditions of eligibility to the EFC Young Scientist Grant competition are as follow:
 - The main applicant has less than eight years of professional experience (incl. PhD) upon application deadline (other candidates may also be considered if there are extraordinary grounds for doing so. Extraordinary grounds refer to illness, parental leave or similar circumstances.), is a participant to the EUROCORR taking place the year when the award is granted and submits an abstract to this EUROCORR.
 - The co-applicant is a member of an EFC Member Society and should preferably be a participant to the EUROCORR taking place the year when the award is granted.
- 3-3. Each applicant can hand in a maximum of two applications with different partners.
- 2-4. The applications are to be submitted to the EFC Scientific Secretary, Dr. Roman, Bender, via the following form: <https://forms.office.com/e/TMQNa4qVE8> (questions can be directed to Roman Bender, roman.bender@dechema.de).
- 2-5. The submission deadline is 15 February of the year of the EUROCORR the grant will be awarded. Submissions after this deadline will not be considered.

- 2-6. Each year a maximum of three EFC Young Scientist Grants, up to a maximum of € 1,600 each, will be awarded. The number of grants and their amounts may be increased if EFC Member Societies contribute financially to the award. The STAC Chair, in agreement with the EFC President and Treasurer, will decide the number of grants and the amounts. The grant shall be used to cover part or all of travel and accommodation costs. There are no restrictions as to distance travelled or duration of the visit.
- 2-7. The EFC Young Scientist Grant Selection Committee will consist of the STAC Chair (chair), the EFC President and EFC Vice-President. The results of the Committee will be announced by the Selection Committee chair during EUROCORR and granted applicants will also be informed in writing. The decision of the Selection Committee shall be considered as final and not arguable.
- 2-8. The EFC Young Scientist Grant proposals will be judged by the Selection Committee solely on the basis of the quality of applications, which takes into account: i) the relevance and originality of the discussion points, ii) the perceived strategic relevance of the visit for future collaboration and development of the field. Especially to be established and new interactions are encouraged above already established and ongoing collaborations.
- 2-9. Details of the contents of the application will be treated as confidential and will not be disclosed. De-personalized general information may be disclosed for publicity reasons.
- 2-10. Reimbursement of the costs will take place typically within a period of four weeks after receiving the receipts. The receipts or other proofs of payment, together with a brief (typically 500 words) summary describing the purpose of the visit and its outcome, are to be sent to the EFC Scientific Secretary (see address above).
- 2-11. Only in exceptional cases a partial pre-payment to cover the costs will be made. Such applications are to be made to the EFC Scientific Secretary (see address above).
- 2-12. Each EFC Young Scientist Grant recipient is given the opportunity to present a brief outcome of the research visit at the next year's EUROCORR Conference¹.
- 2-13. The EFC Young Scientist Grant only applies to the applicants listed on the original application and cannot be transferred to others.
- 2-14. The EFC Young Scientist Grant is to be spent after the conference at which the grant is awarded, and latest before 1st of May of the year following that conference.
- 2-15. In case the visit ultimately leads to a joint scientific publication, the support via the EFC Young Scientist Grant scheme must be properly acknowledged.
- 2-16. The applicant agrees that in case of winning the Grant their name and affiliation will be published on the EFC's website and social media channel(s). The applicant also agrees to be interviewed by the Young EFC and to the publication of this interview on the EFC's website and social media channel(s).

¹ All costs associated with the travel and registration to the EUROCORR conference are at the expense of the granted applicants.