



Expression of Interest



CALL FOR JOINT PAPER GROUPS

INTRODUCTION

We are excited to announce a Call for Expression of Interest (Eoi) as part of the PROFEEDBACK Action. This initiative aims to foster collaboration within the PROFEEDBACK community by encouraging the development of joint research publications. We invite all interested Action members to form groups and submit their ideas for joint papers for consideration.

The reason for the Eoi is the growing interest among PROFEEDBACK Action members to collaborate and create joint publications. The PROFEEDBACK COST Action aims to support this effort by first assessing interest and identifying topics through the Eoi. Subsequently, we will establish a publication grant (expected during Grant Period 4 in 2025) to provide support for the groups formed through the Eoi.

WHY APPLY? - BENEFITS FOR PARTICIPANTS

1) FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

The PROFEEDBACK COST Action can offer financial support for expenses related to publication, including Open Access fees, proofreading, editing, translation, and layout costs. This funding becomes available once a journal has accepted the publication. When the paper is ready for publication, PROFEEDBACK can cover the fees by making a direct payment to the service provider (translation, layout etc.) or journal through the Grant Holder Institution HÉTFA.

How to choose journal? - Recommendation

The joint paper groups shall select a renowned publisher and the publication shall be of high impact. Impact of the publication to be assessed along the SCImago Journal Rank (SJR)³ – that has established itself as a good alternative to the Impact Factor – of the considered academic journal. Any journal that is situated in the first three quartiles Q1-Q3 is considered of sufficient impact, while journals in the last quartile Q4 or journals not contained in the SCOPUS database need an assessment by the responsible COST Science Officer. The SJR and quartile (Q1, Q2, Q3 or Q4) for each journal contained in SCOPUS can be obtained from the SCImago webpage (accessible at <https://www.scimagojr.com/journalrank.php>). The scientific publication shall be subjected to peer review. Peer review is defined as obtaining advice on individual manuscripts from reviewers, expert in the field who are not part of the journal's editorial staff. This process, as well as any policies related to the journal's peer review procedures, shall be clearly described on the journal's website.

2) OPPORTUNITY FOR IN-PERSON MEETINGS FOR JOINT PAPER GROUPS

The PROFEEDBACK COST Action can provide financial support for in-person meetings for joint paper groups. There are two main ways:

a) STSM (Short-Term Scientific Missions) mobility grants provide financial support for travel expenses and daily allowances for individuals traveling to collaborate on joint publications. It's important to note that STSM grants primarily support "bilateral" meetings between Action members, where a grantee travels to another country to visit an Action member or organization. For more information on STSM, please visit: <https://profeedback.eu/mobility-grants/>

b) Other meetings: Depending on the number of interested Action members, the Grant Holder Institution can organize additional in-person meetings for joint paper groups.

General Publication Grant Guidelines:

For publication grants, the general COST guidelines are as follows:

- The paper must include at least **three authors** from **three different countries**.
- A maximum of **1,500 EUR** is allocated per accepted publication.
- If the publication appears in a **Q1 or Q2 journal**, the funding may increase up to **4,500 EUR**.
- Each author is eligible for a maximum of **1,500 EUR**, with at least **two authors being Profeedback members** who have a registered COST account.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Groups must consist of a minimum of three PROFEEDBACK Action members from three different countries. It is important to have diverse and complementary expertise among group members. The proposed joint paper idea should align closely with the scope and objectives of the PROFEEDBACK Action.

How to apply?

Interested groups should send an e-mail to profeedback@hetfa.hu. The application requires the following information:

- PART 1: GROUP DETAILS: Names and affiliations of the three Action members forming the group.
- PART 2: ELABORATION OF THE JOINT PAPER IDEA: A concept note outlining the research topic and core ideas.
- PART 3: WORK PLAN: A proposed draft timeline highlighting key milestones and activities.
- PART 4: COLLABORATION METHOD: Description of how the group intends to collaborate and contribute collectively to the joint paper.

SELECTION PROCEDURE

Applications will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Diversity and complementarity of the group members' expertise.
- Relevance and significance of the proposed joint paper idea within the PROFEEDBACK Action's scope.
- Clarity and feasibility of the work plan.
- Demonstration of a collaborative approach.

The Core Group of the Action will assess the submitted applications. Evaluation periods occur at least every three months.

DEADLINE

We are accepting applications on an ongoing basis with no specific deadline. You can apply at any time.

We encourage interested groups to submit their joint paper ideas as soon as they are ready for consideration.

CONTACT

For any questions or further information, please contact profeedback@hetfa.hu.

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