

Young Scientists Meeting Grant Regulations



1. All FEMS-supported meetings will be held in the European Area.
2. FEMS will pay a Young Scientists Meeting Grant (maximal EUR 6 000) to the meeting organisers (not to the individual grantees). The meeting organisers should claim the grant by completing a FEMS claim form and submitting this form for authorisation to the Convenor of the Grants Board. The grant money will be released to the meeting organisers after the Grants Board has ruled on the applications (see point 8).
3. A full FEMS Young Scientists Meeting Grant should support at least ten Young Scientists.
4. Meeting organisers are advised to waive all or part of the registration fees to assist Young Scientists in attending their meeting.
5. To qualify for a Young Scientist Grant the applicant should be:
 - A working microbiologist.
 - 35 years old or younger at the closing date of the meeting.
 - A member of a FEMS Society. If the applicant is not a FEMS Society member, another member who is acquainted with the applicant should then provide a recommendation. Applications by FEMS Society members shall have priority.
6. Intending applicants - Young Scientists - should contact the meeting organisers of a FEMS-supported meeting for a grant application form, complete it and return it to the meeting organisers (not to FEMS).
7. The meeting organisers will group the applications from Young Scientists into three categories: 1. From same country; 2. From neighbouring countries; 3. From remote countries. Financial support level will relate to these categories.
8. The meeting organisers will decide which applications are to be recommended for approval and will send all applications, together with their recommendations, to FEMS Central Office. The FEMS Executive Officer will then forward those files to the Grants Board for scrutiny and award decisions.
9. FEMS will inform all applicants about the outcome of their application. Successful applicants will be provided with a Certificate of Attendance.
10. The meeting organisers will pay the grants to the individual Young Scientists either prior to the meeting, or, if more convenient, at the meeting itself. A meeting organiser must sign the certificate as prove that the Young Scientist has received the grant.
11. The signed certificate should be returned to FEMS Central Office within 30 days after the meeting has taken place.
12. FEMS encourages the Young Scientists Meeting Grantees to submit a manuscript on their research work to one of the five FEMS Microbiology journals. Manuscripts will be subjected to the standard review process.

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