



The Schwäbisch Gmünd Scientific Exchange Grant

The mission of the **European Academy of Surface Technology (east)** is to promote Europe-wide science, research, training and education in the field of surface technology and related areas in order to contribute to the integration, understanding and friendship between European people and individuals.

In the spirit of the mission of east, the Schwäbisch Gmünd Scientific Exchange Grant has been established with the purpose to support exchange between European research groups in the field of surface technology.

The grant is given in the name of the town Schwäbisch Gmünd, where east has had its headquarter since its foundation in 1989. The town of Schwäbisch Gmünd has always been a strong support for east and has a long tradition of craftsmanship of precious metals. The Schwäbisch Gmünd Scientific Exchange Grant is established in celebration of the 30 years' anniversary of east and is given for the first time 2020/2021. The grant will be given based on judgement of applications according to the following criteria.

Who can apply? The applicant must be active in a European research group and apply for a grant for short term exchange of a duration of at least eight working days to another European research group for performing specific research or teaching activities within in surface technology. Exchange between academy and industry is welcome. There are no limits in age or experience.

The grant is given for full or partly covering of costs for travel and accommodation for an exchange of at least eight working days. A daily allowance of 20 €/day is accepted. Neither salary nor project costs are granted.

The application should contain the following information:

- Budget containing costs for travel, accommodation and daily allowance (fixed rate at 20 €/day).
- Personal presentation (short CV). Maximum two pages.
- Short description of the specific research or educational activity to be performed during the exchange including a motivation to how it improves European cooperation. Maximum two pages.
- A letter of support from the host organization confirming the planned exchange. One page.
- Agreement to publish data related to the exchange grant (name, picture and short video presentation of exchange experience) on the EAST-website, in EAST-publications and EAST-social media channel

Reporting. By receiving the grant, you agree to within a month after the exchange to deliver a popular description of the exchange activity to be published by EAST.

Deadline. The call is a continuous call for funding, with normally 2 deadlines a year and sponsorship. Next actual **planned deadlines** for application are **31 March 2024**, **31 March 2025** and **30 September 2025**. The travel period applied for should be carried out in the 12 months following the results publication. Evaluation and application approval will be published 30 days after the. The application should be mailed to info@east-site.net.

The evaluation committee will consist of Professor Caterina Zanella (chairwoman), Jönköping University; Professor Li-ana Anicai (vice chairwoman), Polytechnical University of Bucharest, and Dr. Andreas Richter, General Secretary of east.