

MOBILITY GRANT PROGRAMME FOR RESEARCHERS FROM INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS – 2026

PURPOSE

The purpose of this programme is to regulate the granting of financial support for short research stays by established researchers from international research institutions within the research groups of the Instituto de Investigación de Tecnologías para la Sostenibilidad (ITPS).

These visits are intended to promote joint research activities, strengthen international research networks, and facilitate knowledge transfer to the Institute's research groups, thereby enhancing international scientific collaboration and the institutional visibility of ITPS.

The programme has a maximum budget of €30,000 for the 2026 financial year.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Applications must be endorsed and submitted by a member of ITPS, who will act as the host researcher and will serve as the liaison with the Institute during the planning and implementation of the visit.
- Each ITPS member may submit only one application under this call.
- Research stays must have a minimum duration of five working days and must correspond to the short-stay nature of the programme.
- The grant is not compatible with other funding awarded for the same purpose or with expenses that would result in double funding.
- Research stays must take place within the validity period of the call, from the date of publication of the call until 30 November 2026. Only expenses related to stays carried out after the approval of the grant will be eligible for funding.
- The visiting researcher must deliver at least one scientific lecture and/or seminar addressed to ITPS researchers and early-stage researchers.

- Applications must be submitted at least 12 working days before the planned start date of the stay.

AMOUNT OF THE GRANT

The maximum amount per application will be up to €2,500, intended to cover expenses related to the visiting researcher's stay, subject to the available budget of the call.

ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

The grants may be used to cover the following expenses:

- Travel expenses.
- Accommodation expenses.
- Daily allowances, in accordance with the limits established by the applicable regulations.
- Remuneration for delivering a lecture or seminar, with a maximum allocation of €500.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applications must be submitted exclusively through the form available on the ITPS website.

Completion and submission of the form is a mandatory requirement for the application to be formally registered. Applications that are not submitted through this form will not be considered.

All required documentation must be uploaded through the form, in accordance with the instructions provided in the call.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

The application period will remain open from the publication of the call on the ITPS website until 13 November 2026 (inclusive).

Applications that do not comply with the minimum submission period of 12 working days prior to the planned start date of the stay will not be accepted.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

Applications must include the following documentation:

- Annex I – Application form.
- Curriculum Vitae of the visiting researcher.
- Work plan for the stay, prepared by the host researcher, describing the planned activities, objectives of the visit, and its strategic relevance for the Institute.

EVALUATION AND DECISION

Applications will be evaluated by the ITPS Standing Committee, according to criteria including scientific quality, strategic relevance for the Institute, budgetary adequacy, and expected impact.

The granting of the aid will be subject to the explicit approval of the Standing Committee. No administrative procedures will be initiated, nor will the visit or related expenses be authorised, until the application has been formally approved in accordance with the established procedure.

Any arrangements made prior to such approval will not be eligible for funding under this call.

The ITPS Standing Committee will be responsible for interpreting these guidelines and for resolving any questions, doubts, or unforeseen situations that may arise during the processing of the call.

DISSEMINATION AND INSTITUTIONAL VISIBILITY

In order to contribute to the visibility of research activities and the international projection of the Institute, visiting researchers and host researchers are encouraged to collaborate, during or after the visit, in dissemination activities related to the stay.

For this purpose, ITPS may request brief news items describing the visit, as well as representative graphic and/or audiovisual material, which may be used by the Institute for dissemination through its website and institutional communication channels for informational purposes.

Such collaboration will not constitute a requirement for the granting or justification of the grant, but is considered good practice in line with the scientific and institutional outreach objectives of ITPS.