



NetWords

The European Network on Word Structure

Cross-disciplinary approaches to understanding word structure in the languages of Europe

First call for proposals

Travel grants for *short visits* and *exchange grants*

Morphologically complex words represent a fundamental part of linguistic knowledge and the basic building blocks of language productivity. Nonetheless, words remain a challenging realm of scientific inquiry, at the interface between lexicon and grammar, requiring integration of a number of orthogonal disciplines and approaches, ranging from psycho- and neuro-linguistics to theoretical, variationist and historical linguistics, to memory processes and computational models of (sub)symbolic processing. As part of an effort to provide a platform for morphological research, the European Science Foundation has installed the networking program *NetWordS* devoted to the study of word structure.

The chief aim of the network is to bring together experts of different scientific domains and different theoretical inclinations to advance our current awareness of the theoretical, typological, psycholinguistic, computational and neurophysiological evidence on the structure and processing of words, with a view to promoting novel methods of research and assessment for grammar architecture and language physiology.

NetWordS now invites proposals for travel grants for so-called *short visits* (up to 15 days) and so-called *exchange visits* (from 15 days to six months) to support collaborative morphological research in Europe. Successful applicants will be invited to present their projects at a workshop to be held in the fall or winter of 2012 (date and venue to be determined). Separate funds will be available to support attendances.

The *short visits* program is seeking proposals that will bring together teams of researchers (across separate countries) to enrich the field through collaborations. These collaborations will ideally involve investigators from different disciplinary backgrounds, working on projects that combine methods and insights from their respective fields to open up new perspectives on word structure. Projects proposals need to involve at least two researchers from two different European countries.

Reimbursement of travel expenses will be administered through the ESF. Short Visit Grants cover actual travel expenses up to a maximum of 500 EUR per participating site, plus a per diem of 85 EUR.

Applications include the following items:

- a description of the project work (about 250 words) and the aim of the visit
- CV of applicant of maximally 2 pages, incl. a list of (selected) publications
- researcher(s) involved (incl. short CVs) and the research institution to be visited
- proposed dates and estimated travel costs*

The *exchange visits* program is primarily geared towards junior researchers (PhD students or post-docs) and is seeking proposals that enable researchers to pursue more long-term collaborations on larger projects. These collaborations will ideally bring together investigators from different disciplinary backgrounds, with younger researchers profiting from, for example, the expertise of a more senior collaborator in a different country or the experimental facilities available at the host institution. Projects proposals need to involve at least two researchers from two different European countries.

Exchange Visit Grants are reimbursed on the basis of an allowance of 1600 EUR per month/400 EUR per week/57 EUR per day plus actual travel expenses up to a maximum of 500 EUR. Due to budget constraints, upon receiving notification of acceptance of their proposal, applicants could be invited to curtail duration of their visits.

Applications include the following items:

- a description of the project work (about 1000 words) and the aim of the visit
- a CV of maximally 2 pages, including a list of (selected) publications
- a letter of recommendation from someone familiar with the applicant's work
- a letter of acceptance by the host institution
- proposed dates and estimated travel costs*

Applications to either program should be submitted by email to info-networks@ilc.cnr.it

Overall, up to 40 grants will be available.

Deadline for applications: **September 5th 2011**

Notification of results: by **November 30th 2011**

Following the ESF guidelines*, preference will be given to projects involving researchers from countries with ESF member organizations contributing to this networking program, but proposals involving a non-contributing country will also be considered. A list of the contributing countries is available at www.networks-esf.eu

For advice concerning potential partners you may possibly contact *NetWordS* at:

info-networks@ilc.cnr.it

* ESF guidelines are available at the following webpage:

<http://www.esf.org/activities/research-networking-programmes/guidelines-for-management-of-esf-research-networking-programmes/appendix-3.html>