

Wild Animal Microbiome Evolution – WAME

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ECR Research exchange visits

Funding available to help early career scientists visit another research group with complementary **WAME** research interests.

What is this for?

Research visits – to learn new methods, discuss future collaborations, grant or fellowship proposals, or just to go and present your work and hear about theirs!

Who can apply?

Early career researchers - postgrad research students, postdocs and junior research fellows. Applicants of any nationality and country of residence are welcome to apply.

How much can be funded?

Up to a maximum of 1400 Euros.

What costs can be funded?

The travel and accommodation required for the research visit only. Costs need to be reclaimed after the visit - receipts are required.

ESEB policy is that we should strive to keep environmental impact as low as possible. As part of this, airfares are only eligible expenses if the distance travelled is more than 500 km or the travel time with alternative transport options is more than 8 hours.

What can't be funded?

Research costs, stipend or wage

When can I travel?

Awards will be announced by the end of June 2026. All costs **must be** claimed before the end of May 2027.

What other conditions are there?

ESEB membership is not a requirement but is encouraged. ESEB membership is relatively cheap (40€ annually for students) and 50% or even 100% discounts for scientists based in lower-economy countries) and provides many benefits including reduced conference fees.

How do I apply?

- Fill out the WAME ECR research visit application form (at the end of this document)
- Get two short letters of support, one from your supervisor/line manager and one from the host research group, justifying why the visit will benefit you.
- Send a **single** PDF file with all 3 documents (the Application form + 2 ref letters).
- Send to - stn.wame@gmail.com
- Deadline **Friday 19th June 2026**

WAME ECR Research exchange grant application form

Personal details:

Title:

First name:

Last name:

Gender (optional):

Date of Birth:

Nationality:

Contact email:

Career position:

Current institute:

ESEB membership number:

The visit

Host Institute:

Host Lab leader name:

Host contact email:

Requested amount:

Topic of your WAME related research (Max 250 words):

Justification of visit (Max 250 words):

Details of expenses including justifying any air travel (Max 250 words)

Attach two letters of support - one from your supervisor/line manager and one from the host Lab leader, justifying why the visit will benefit you. (Max 250 words)