

## Offer students and early career researchers a unique experience to go to Europe's biggest trans-disciplinary conference !

[EuroScience Open Forum - ESOF](#) is a European forum held every two years, dedicated to scientific research, innovation and outreach. It was designed by [EuroScience](#) as a unique opportunity in Europe to present and discuss the frontiers of scientific and technological advancement, the relationships between science and society, and the policies supporting research.

The next ESOF edition will take place in Trieste, Italy from 5 to 9 July 2020. The conference is organized by [FIT – Fondazione Internazionale Trieste](#) and is supervised by professor Stefano Fantoni, who has been appointed champion of the event.

[ESOF 2020](#) will be a unique opportunity for leading scientists, young researchers, students, industry, policymakers, journalists and the public to discuss new discoveries and debate the direction that research is taking within all scientific disciplines.

- **A Science Programme** consisting of keynote lectures, seminars, workshops and engaging formats for debating the latest research.
- **A Science to Business Programme** that will link research with business and industrial applications, including matchmaking events.
- **A Science in the City Programme** that will stimulate public awareness of science, innovation and new technology, and invites young and old to enjoy the fun of science.
- **A Career Programme**

### Career Programme



The Careers Programme provides opportunities for everyone involved in scientific disciplines, from researchers to representatives from industry, training and educational institutes, science journalists to policy makers to engage with one another to discuss issues and ideas related to researchers either at their early stage or at stage of transition later on in their career.

This Career Programme at ESOF2020 will showcase career opportunities at all levels in Europe and beyond, for researchers at all stages of their careers. Themes under this programme are:

“Researcher Careers: from Academia to Industry and Back”, “Portfolio Careers: Coping with insecurity and Sequences of Jobs in Research”, “Horizontal Career Mobility in the 4<sup>th</sup> Industrial Revolution”, “Entrepreneurship Education” and “Active Collaboration”.

## ESOF2020 – Freedom for Science, Science for freedom

The overall concept and vision behind [EuroScience Open Forum 2020](#) is “Freedom for Science, Science for freedom”.

As the world is more and more global, as information goes faster and faster, as scientific progress is accelerated by technologies and both expected and challenged by the public, sharing science becomes a major challenge for the 21st century.

Freedom for Science refers to the open-ended and unresolved questions that science is facing, with method and curiosity, without restrictions of credo and prejudices.

“Science for Freedom”, on the other side, refers to the inclusiveness of science and its language, which goes beyond borders and conflicts and brings together people of any colour and gender.



### Why should early career researchers be part of it?

There are many reasons why participate in ESOF. Here are seven:

1. **Listen to and discuss with Nobel Laureates and key scientists.**
2. **Learn more about Science Policy** and meet high level European and national politicians.
3. **Discuss with business representatives** how science connects to business and how research in companies look like.
4. **Be aware of the latest scientific developments** in your research field and other relevant disciplines. Meet the best experts in the world, hear their latest results and listen to their opinions.
5. **Communicate your research to a broad audience.** At ESOF you will have an opportunity to communicate and discuss your research with many scientists and researchers from a number of disciplines and countries.
6. **Enlarge your network.** ESOF may be the event in your career where you exchange the most business cards ever.
7. **Connect to the media.** About 500 science journalists are expected to attend the meeting and all the most prominent science magazines and mainstream newspapers and electronic media from Europe will be present.

### How to contribute

- By providing a **financial sponsorship** – one travel grant amounts to 900€ (travel, accommodation, registration, local transport). The EuroScience Office in Strasbourg may help with the selection of most aspiring early career researchers (launch of the call and selection) and the Trieste team will provide assistance and information on travel and accommodation at the local level.
- By supporting the **organization of a Science Bus to ESOF2020** in Trieste – details below

### Benefits for Sponsors

**Visibility:** Sponsor’s logo, website and a short description of the organisation will be published on the [EuroScience](#) and [ESOF](#) websites as well as included in the ESOF General Programme.

**Connectivity and Network:** Sponsors will be invited to a “Friends of EuroScience reception” and other networking activities.

## How Universities can support young researcher's participation to ESOF2020



### By supporting the organization of a Science Bus

Euroscience and the ESOF local organizers wish to encourage and promote the participation of groups of graduate and PhD candidates. The groups will reach Trieste by bus (ideally a low emission vehicle) or some other low-cost transportation. It can also be a regular bus/train line.

Selected participants will have access to all ESOF 2020 programmes and to the specific sessions dedicated to Young Researchers.

This project is based on the successful ESOF 2008 and 2010 Science Bus, [2014 Science Train](#) and [2016 Science Plane](#) that brought to Barcelona 40, to Torino 30, to Copenhagen 16 and to Manchester 13 students. The Science buses participants will be offered a very low conference fee, the possibility to be hosted in low-cost accommodations in Trieste and onsite help provided by the local organizers.

EuroScience together with ESOF2020 team will organise a “Get Together” session and invite all travel grantees to meet their peers and other representatives of funding entities.

### Best practices

The best practices are that a university finances or finds its own sponsors for one or more Science Bus(es). The university may cooperate with the local Trieste team which can provide rooms in hall of residence.

The coach capacity is in general around 40 seats. It is up to the university to decide how many students it wishes to finance or co-finance (both university and students contribute).

In general, students which have already obtained their Bachelor's degree will benefit most from the opportunities this event represents. It is therefore recommended selecting students having already obtained their Bachelor's or Master's degree or are currently enrolled in a PhD programme. Postdocs have usually a regular income and are able to self-finance such a trip.

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