

## Guidelines for the JSMC Travel Grant

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All JSMC Doctoral and Postdoctoral Researchers (officially admitted to the JSMC) are eligible to apply for travel support once per year. The maximum amount of travel support for doctoral candidates is 1.000 € once a year, and up to 2.000 €/p.a. for postdoctoral members. Supported travels include all research or science trips, e.g. summer schools, conferences, meetings, workshops, etc., both nationally and internationally.

Please send your complete application as a **single PDF file** including a short, **signed cover letter** (stating who you are, your affiliation and contact information of you and your PI, the scientific purpose of your travel, and how it fits your research project), **confirmation of the conference contribution or acceptance to a workshop**, etc. (e.g. email, invitation letter), a **breakdown of all anticipated travel costs** (e.g., tickets, registration fee, accommodation, etc.) and a short statement why the financial support should be granted. Therefore, please list your contributions to the Excellence at the JSMC (that can include, e.g. publications, Microverse-JSMC ECRE seminar contributions, mentor activities in the JSMC mentoring programs, tutoring of students in the lab, extracurricular activities, any kind of contributions to the JSMC community, etc.). Please send your complete and signed application to [jsmc@uni-jena.de](mailto:jsmc@uni-jena.de).

→ Please note that the success of your application strongly depends on individual participation at mandatory JSMC events, ‘demonstrated excellence’, and your overall respectful communication. Partial funding may be granted. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Applications are accepted all year long.

→ Please note that by accepting JSMC funding (including JSMC travel grants), you agree to **acknowledge the JSMC in forthcoming publications and conference contributions** (even if you’re also a member of the Microverse). Please acknowledge us by using the following:

- Publications: “We acknowledge support by the Jena School for Microbial Communication (JSMC) that is third-party funded by the Thuringian Ministry of Education, Science and Culture (TMBWK).”
- Posters and talks: kindly use the JSMC and TMBWK logos that you can find [here](#)

→ Please note, that a report of your trip, including a photo, shall be contributed to the **JSMC newsletter** (send you report and photo to [jsmc-newsletter@listserv.uni-jena.de](mailto:jsmc-newsletter@listserv.uni-jena.de)). Furthermore, an additional presentation at the **Microverse-JSMC Early Career Research Exchange seminar** is expected of all Travel Grant recipients. If possible, please create an additional **social media post** (LinkedIn, Instagram, etc.) with credits and link to the JSMC!

For any questions or more information, please contact the [JSMC office](#).