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Young Researcher and Innovator (YRI) Conference Grants —
Call for Applications

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Are you a **young researcher or innovator (under 40 years old)** working in any area related to **genome editing**? Would you like to present your work at a high-level international conference?

About this Grant Type

GENE HumDi is offering **Young Researcher and Innovator (YRI) Conference Grants** (up to **€2,000** each) to support young researchers and innovators in attending an international conference where they can present their work (poster or oral presentation). The presented work must be clearly aligned with the **scientific scope of the Action and related to genome editing**.

The grant may cover:

- Travel, accommodation and subsistence.
- Conference registration fees.
- Other relevant expenses (e.g. poster printing).

Eligibility:

Applicants must be **under 40 years old** and affiliated with a legal entity in a **COST Full or Cooperating Member Country, NNC, or European RTD Organisation**.

Priority Audience:

Active COST Members: Applicants with a short endorsement letter from their Working Group leader will be given priority.

First time applicants: Applicants who have not previously received funding from GeneHumdi will be shortlisted. If the number of grants exceeds the number of shortlisted applicants, all applicants will be considered.

Preferential Scientific Topics

While all proposals relevant to the Action's goals are eligible, priority will be given to conference contributions addressing the following topics:

1. **Specificity and Off-Target Prediction in Genome Editing Tools**
Comparative assessments of genome editing platforms and advanced computational/experimental strategies to predict or validate off-target events.
2. **Omics Studies in Genome Editing**
Transcriptomics, proteomics, epigenomics and other omics-based approaches to investigate genome editing mechanisms or outcomes.
3. **Regulatory Considerations for Human Genome Editing**
Analyses of regulation and governance—especially for clinical translation.
4. **Clinical Applications of Genome Editing**
Therapeutic genome editing, pre-clinical research, or translational pathways.
5. **Scientific and Medical Assemblies at the EU Commission**
Participation in EU Commission-related scientific/medical events on genome editing.
6. **Industry Challenges and Regulatory Issues, Including Patent Applications**
Industrial bottlenecks, regulatory compliance, and intellectual property issues linked to genome editing technologies.



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The top-ranked proposals based on evaluation scores will receive funding.

Important Dates

This is an **open call**. Applications may be submitted at any time from January to July 2026.

- **Eligible Conference Dates:** January 2026 –July 2026

How to apply

Applicants must login via e-COST(<https://e-services.cost.eu/>). Applicants are expected to provide the following information during the application process:

To be filled in e-COST:

- Title of the **presentation**.
- **Conference** title, date and country.
- **Budget** requested.
- **Attendance** Type.

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To be uploaded to e-COST:

- **Application form** (template available on e-COST).

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Question and inquiries

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