

Funding Rules

VI. MBI Travel Grants

A. Background

1. COSNet has become an Institute Partner of the Mathematical Biosciences Institute (MBI) of the Ohio State University (see <http://mbi.osu.edu/about/partners.html> for further information).
2. This program subsidizes travel and local expenses of Institute Partner (IP) member faculty, postdoctoral fellows, and students, to allow their participation in research and education programs at the MBI. Up to US\$30,000 per annum is available for the program. Applications are welcome at any time but we encourage early applications in case the funding for the year has already been allocated.
3. COSNet members are invited to apply for funding for attending a workshop or summer school or to make a collaborative visit to a researcher at the MBI subject to the following guidelines.

B. Eligibility

1. COSNet Participants currently studying/working in Australia in the area of complex systems science.
2. Participating in research and education programs at the MBI.
3. Documented support by Supervisor (for postgraduate students) and/or collaborating researcher, and letter of admittance by the MBI.

C. Conditions of funding

1. Up to \$2,000 for travel and local expenses.
2. Maximum direct funding in support of any COSNet Participant should not exceed \$5,000 per year.
3. Co-funding cash amount at least equal to half of COSNet funding is expected from Applicant's home institution or other sources. Exemption from this rule will only be considered under extreme circumstances.
4. Must acknowledge funding support from COSNet, the ARC and the MBI in all presentations or publications relating to the visit.
5. Must provide COSNet with a [Funded Activity Report](#) stating the outcomes within two months of completion of the visit.

D. Application procedure

1. Applications using the [Application Form for MBI Travel Grant](#) should be submitted at least two months before the event.
2. All applications will be considered by a Screening Panel appointed by the COSNet Management Committee. There is no appeals process. The decisions made by the Screening Panel will be final.
3. All applications must satisfy the listed conditions of funding. Other selection criteria will include:
 - a. The track record of the applicant or, if the applicant is a postgraduate student, the strength of the letter of support from the Supervisor.
 - b. The appropriateness and merit of the activity proposed.
4. Preference will be given to postgraduate students, early career researchers (within 5 years of award of PhD degree), and postdoctoral fellows, particularly for attendance at workshops and summer schools.
5. Upon receiving notification of the results of their applications, successful Applicants must acknowledge their understanding and acceptance of the specific terms and conditions of the funding, or approval will be withdrawn.

E. Payment of funding support

1. Payment of funding support will be administered by MBI and will be made as reimbursement to the MBI program participants.
2. Participants are required to complete a [Reimbursement Form](#) and a [Payment Compliance Form](#), to be returned to MBI.
3. All reimbursements are processed after completion of visit and will be mailed to the participant's home address.

F. Summary of post-event obligations

1. Provide COSNet with a Funded Activity Report stating the outcomes of the activity within two months of the visit.
2. Acknowledge funding support from COSNet, the ARC and the MBI in all publications that result from the visit.

[Application Form for MBI Travel Grant](#)

[Funded Activity Report \(MBI Travel Grant\)](#)