**The Journal of European Ceramic Society Trust**

**Application Form for Financial Support**

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1. **Mobility**

Before completing this form, please consult the general information notes overleaf   
and the JECS Trust website (www.jecstrust.org) for guidelines associated with JECS Trust applications.

**1. TITLE OF THE PROJECT**

**2. DATES FOR THE PROPOSED ACTIVITY**

**3. APPLICANT AND HOME INSTITUTION**

**Applicant name**

**Professional status**

**Completion date of Bachelor’s degree**

**Completion date of Master’s degree (actual or expected)**

**Completion date of PhD (actual or expected)**

**Home institution name and address**

**Home institution director/head of laboratory**

**4. HOST INSTITUTION**

**Applicant name**

**Professional status**

**Host institution name and address**

(Add other institutions if necessary)

**5. ARE YOU INVOLVED IN AN EU FUNDED PROJECT RELATED TO THIS RESEARCH?**

**If yes, please specify which one and why this application is not covered by the EU funding.**

**6. ECerS MEMBERSHIP**

6.1. Applicant

🞎 Country of the ECerS affiliated National Society:

🞎 Individual member of ECerS:

🞎 Date of first membership:

**The applicant must have been either member of a ceramic society affiliated to ECerS or individual member of ECerS for at least 12 months – please add a proof of membership to the completed application form. If the applicant is a student or young researcher, he/she has to be member but the 12 months rule is not an obligation.**

6.2. Applicant’s Supervisor (if applicable)

Name of the Supervisor/Laboratory Director:

🞎 Country of the ECerS affiliated National Society:

🞎 Individual member of ECerS:

🞎 Date of first membership:

**The Supervisor of the Applicant – if applicable - must have been either member of a ceramic society affiliated to ECerS or individual member of ECerS for at least 12 months – please add a proof of membership to the completed application form.**

6.3. Applicant from the host institution

🞎 Country of the ECerS affiliated National Society:

🞎 Individual member of ECerS:

🞎 Date of first membership:

**The applicant in the host institution must have been either member of a ceramic society affiliated to ECerS or individual member of ECerS for at least 12 months – please add a proof of membership to the completed application form. In case this is not fulfilled, explain the reason for choosing the institution.**

**7. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED ACTIVITY**

Please supply not more than 1 page of A4, summarising the activity that is proposed, and fully justifying the costs requested. Please describe what exactly you are planning to do in the host laboratory and which equipment will be used. Please consult the guidelines before completion.

**8. JUSTIFICATION OF THE PROPOSED ACTIVITY**

Please specify why this project would not be possible without travelling to another institution/country and without the financial support of the JECS Trust.

**9. OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING**

Indicate whether support has been applied for from other sources, and if so, how much. If the results of these applications are already known, state the amount of support obtained; alternatively, state when these results are expected. Explain why the other sources of funding cannot fund the activity.

**10. BENEFITS OF THE PROPOSED ACTIVITY**

Summarise the benefits for both the participants and also the wider benefits for ECerS. Please specify why this project would not be possible without travelling to another institution/country and without the financial support of the JECS Trust.

**11. IS IT INTENDED TO PUBLISH A PAPER AND/OR PRESENTING THE RESULTS TO A CONGRESS?**

Describe dissemination plans for your results.

**How many papers do you intend to publish in Open Ceramics?**

Note: failure to plan to publish in Open Ceramics will not assist your case

**12. RESOURCES REQUESTED**

**Please complete the following table:**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| (a) Costs associated with the research. Please consult the guidelines before completion. | |  | € | (a) = a1 or a2 |
| Use of facilities and consumables at host institution: Maximum 500€/month. | -a1. |  | € |  |
| Exceptional costs. Awarded only with full justification in section 7. | - a2. |  | € |  |
| (b) Travel/ subsistence costs: | |  | € | (b) = b1+b2 |
| Travel | -b1. |  | € |  |
| Per diem (for Subsistence and accommodation): 50€/day | - b2. |  | € |  |
|  | |  |  |  |
| **Total amount requested from the JECS Trust :** | |  | **€** | (c) = (a)+(b) |

**By submitting this application to the JECS Trust, I certify, I am aware and I agree that:**

* the Host Institute has been contacted and agrees to collaborate on the project if accepted by the JECS Trust
* the Per diem allowed by the JECS Trust is not a salary and cannot be considered as a salary
* my name can be used by ECerS and the JECS Trust for purpose of official or private communication/advertisement
* Travelling obviously has a significant ecological impact. The JECS Trust will therefore be vigilant in not funding applications with too large an impact related to the benefit of the activity. The use of trains and more ecological transport should also be prioritised, when available/possible.

**Signature of the applicant:**

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**GENERAL INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS TO THE JECS TRUST**

The JECS Trust was formally set up in December 2007 to oversee the expenditure of funds passed on to the European Ceramic Society (ECerS) by the Society’s Journal and by its publisher, Elsevier.

**In its allocation of the Trust’s resources, the Board of the Trust aims:**

* to enable the European Ceramic Society to engage in a broad range of activities for the benefit of its membership;
* to strengthen research and teaching within the subject of ceramics;
* to maintain and build on the current strong position of its Journals: Journal of ECerS and Open Ceramics.

**Main Guidelines for Mobility applications:**

1. Publications are expected to be submitted first in Open Ceramics.
2. Applicants must have been either members of a ceramic society affiliated to ECerS or direct members of ECerS for at least 12 months, if the applicant is a student or young researcher, he/she has to be member but the 12 months rule is not an obligation. The Supervisor of the applicant – if applicable - must have been either member of a ceramic society affiliated to ECerS or individual member of ECerS for at least 12 months.
3. Applicants working in a Laboratory (Research Centre, Institute, University, etc.) located in a country that is not affiliated to ECerS (full or associate member) must be (him/herself and/or his/her supervisor from the same Laboratory) a direct individual member of ECerS for at least 12 months to apply for JECS Trust Mobility grant.
4. Application rejected 2 times cannot be submitted again.
5. Stay in the host laboratory should be of 2 weeks (10 working days) minimum.
6. The use of the JECS Trust money must be clearly identified in the application.
7. When fund is requested for more than one return travel, the reason of those multiple visits has to be described in the application.
8. Invoice from the host lab should be received maximum 6 months after the end of the project.
9. The Trust does not accept proposals from individuals seeking support for attending conferences.
10. The JECS Trust money cannot be used to cover registration fees and/or meals, dinners, drinks, etc.
11. Applicants wishing to receive financial support from the JECS Trust should submit their bids electronically to the JECS Trust secretariat.
12. Decisions on awards are taken by the Board of the JECS Trust.

**The Board of the Trust does not wish to be unduly prescriptive and applications of any kind which fall within the rules are welcome. However, the following list of factors which are viewed favourably in ranking the proposals may be useful:**

* Activities involving a collaboration between one European Ceramic Society member and another ECerS member or associate member country;
* Activities involving student/early stage researchers;
* Applications for an identifiable activity that can be specifically associated with JECS Trust funding
* The use of JECS Trust funding for an identifiable benefit that would not otherwise be possible;
* Activities leading to high quality contributions to the Journal of the European Ceramic Society or to Open Ceramics;
* Applications from regular contributors to the Journals;
* Significant contributions from other sources, where it is appropriate to the activity.

**Examples of activities supported:**

* Events such as workshops which are specifically aimed at students/early-stage researchers/high school teachers.
* Activities coming from ECerS Working Groups/Networks (after acceptance by the ECerS PEC).
* Funding of visits by individual researchers to other laboratories within Europe for the purposes of learning new techniques or accessing equipment not available in their own laboratories.
* Workshops on topical research areas, put on either as part of the ECerS biennial conferences or at other times. For all such meetings, Elsevier would have a strong interest in considering the publication of a Special Issue of JECS or Open Ceramics containing high quality papers from the meeting.

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