

European Ceramic Society





WHO ARE WE?

The European Ceramic Society (ECerS):

- non-governmental federation of national ceramic societies
- founded in 1987
- o officially registered in 2013 as an international non-profit organization (AISBL)

ECerS goals:

- Encourage education, training and research in Ceramics.
- Bring together individuals, research establishments, academic bodies, etc.
- Collect, disseminate and exchange information
- Promotion and organization of conferences and meetings
- Publication of technical papers.



Biennial ECerS Conference

Every 2 years, ECerS organizes a major conference in one of its member countries

The next conference will be held in **Dresden**, Germany, 31st August to 4th September 2025 - **ecers2025**.org

The **2027** conference will be in in **Valencia**, Spain!





Networks & Working Groups

4 Working Groups:

- Young Ceramists & Training
- > R&D
- Industrial
- > Art, Design & Tradition

5 Networks

- Europe Makes Ceramics on Additive manufacturing
- Electroceramics
- Bioceramics
- Sustainability
- Young Ceramists (YCN)









Training/Summer Schools

For several years the European Ceramic Society has organized Summer Schools with the support of the JECS Trust: 15 Schools organised from 2015 to 2023, mainly prior to conferences!

ECerS provides up to 12 grants every year to attend the **ACerS January Winter Workshop**.

The **ECerS Student Speech Contest** is held during the ECerS conference; young research students representing each of the ECerS member countries give an oral presentation that is evaluated by a jury 30 grants will be allowed to attend School/Conferences in USA and/or Asia in 2024



Young **Ceramists**



The YCN platforms













- Initiative of the European Ceramic Society
- Sponsored by the JECS Trust
- Non-profit network aiming to bring together young students and professionals currently doing research in ceramics
- YCN provides a platform for young researchers to build their own professional network
- More than 1000 members!!!

youngceramists.eu



Journal of ECerS

Publishes original research relating to the structure, properties and processing of ceramic materials

- Experimental or theoretical papers on structural, functional and traditional ceramics
- Fully international basis
- Impact Factor (2022): 5.7



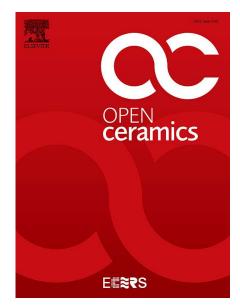




Open Ceramics

Publishes original research relating to the structure, properties and processing of all classes ceramic materials

- More Recent Journal
- Open Access
- Broader topic range than JECS
- Fully international basis
- Should have an Impact Factor before the end of the year







MEMBERSHIP

28 Full Members:

Austria Georgia The Netherlands Slovak Republic

Belgium Germany Norway Slovenia

Croatia Greece Poland Spain

Czech Republic Hungary Portugal Sweden

Denmark Ireland Romania Switzerland

Finland Italy Russia Turkey

France Latvia Serbia United Kingdom

4 Associate Members Central Africa, Iran, Morocco and Tunisia



If you are a member of any one of our 28
European full members countries, or from one of the associated countries,

you are automatically a member of ECerS!





MEMBERSHIP

Advantages to be member of ECerS:

- Reduced prices to attend the ECerS Conferences and Schools
- Reduced subscription fees for the 2 ECerS Journals



- Access to the following calls for projects:
 - JECS Trust
 - Grants to attend the ACerS Winter Workshop in Daytona Beach in January every year
 - Frontier of Research

Journal of the European Ceramic Society Trust

Funding for Ceramic Research and Education





Fund for European projects on ceramics

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

In its allocation of the Trust's resources, the Trust Council aims:

- To enable the European Ceramic Societies to engage in a broad range of activities for the benefit of its membership.
- To strengthen research and teaching in Europe within the subject of ceramics
- To maintain and build on the current strong position of the Journal

More than € 3 000 000 already awarded to 290 projects!













Some guidelines 1/3:

Common for Mobility and General Activities:

The main focus in the expenditure of Trust money is towards student / young researcher activities, but not exclusively so.

- 1. Publications are expected to follow in JECS or in Open Ceramics as appropriate.
- 2. Applicants must have been either members of a ceramic society affiliated to ECerS or direct members of ECerS **for at least 12 months**; *NB this rule is relaxed if the applicant is a student or young researcher, but he/she still has to be member*. If the applicant has a Supervisor then they must have been either member of a ceramic society affiliated to ECerS or individual member of ECerS for at least 12 months.
- 3. The Trust does not accept proposals from individuals seeking support for attending conferences.
- 4. The use of the JECS Trust money must be clearly identified in the application.



Some guidelines 2/3:

For General Activities:

5. JECS Trust money cannot be used to cover registration fees and/or meals, dinners, drinks, etc.

. When travel expenses are allowed to Students/young researchers participating in an event sponsored by the JECS Trust, the amounts agreed by the JECS Trust are as follows:

- 500 € maximum for travel and accommodation for international participants
- 150 € maximum for travel and accommodation for local participants
- 7. The JECS Trust can provide promotional items on demand so no funds are allowed for the following:
 - USB sticks

Notepads

Pens

- Lanyards and badges
- 8. For conferences, workshops, etc., one representative of the JECS Trust board could attend the event for free to promote the JECS Trust and to check that the JECS Trust is well advertised (folders, logo on documents, etc.).
- Any contest support by the JECS Trust must be called "JECS Trust contest" and any prizes awarded called "JECS Trust prizes".



Some guidelines 3/3:

For General Activities:

10. The arrangements for any publication arising from the activity must be approved in advance by **JECS** or **Open Ceramics**, which MUST have the first option to publish the papers.

Common for Mobility and General Activities:

- 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 JECS Trust Board; decisions are final!
- 13. Applicants must either be a member of a non-profit organisation (i.e. university, lab, etc.), an individual (i.e., not a commercial company) or the ECerS PEC.



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

- 1. Activities involving collaboration between multiple members of ECerS (they must involve at least two ECerS full member countries or at least one ECerS full member and one associate member country);
- Activities involving student / early stage researchers;
- 3. Applications for a clearly identifiable activity that can be specifically associated with JECS Trust funding;
- 4. The use of JECS Trust funding gives rise to a benefit that would not otherwise be possible;
- 5. Activities leading to *high quality* contributions to **JECS** or **Open Ceramics**;
- Applications from regular contributors to the Journals;
- 7. Significant contributions from other sources, where appropriate to the activity.



Examples of supported activities

General Activities:

 Events such as workshops that are specifically aimed at students / early stage researchers / high school teachers

- Activities coming from ECerS Working Groups (after acceptance by the ECerS PEC)
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Examples of supported activities

Mobility:

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.

The stays can be from a few days to a few weeks, perhaps of 1 to 3 months or more, if justified by the project.

The grants awarded can include:

- Travel expenses
- Per diem of €50 (for example, if the stay is of 30 days, then €1,500 is allowed)
- €500 per month for the host laboratory (for the use of facilities) if justified.



How to submit an application

Deadlines for the calls for projects:

- 28 February every year MOBILITY ONLY CALL
- 31st May every year
- 31st August every year MOBILITY ONLY CALL
- 30th November every year

The application form can be downloaded on WWW.jecstrust.org

Applicants wishing to receive financial support from the JECS Trust should submit their bids electronically to the joint JECS Trust/ECerS secretariat: info@jecstrust.org with copy to JECSTrust@gmail.com

Decision on awards are taken by the Board of the JECS Trust.

Secretariat – ECerS/JECS Trust Avenue Gouverneur Cornez 4, 7000 Mons – BELGIUM Tel. + 32 65 40 34 21 - info@jecstrust.org







1st and most important advice:

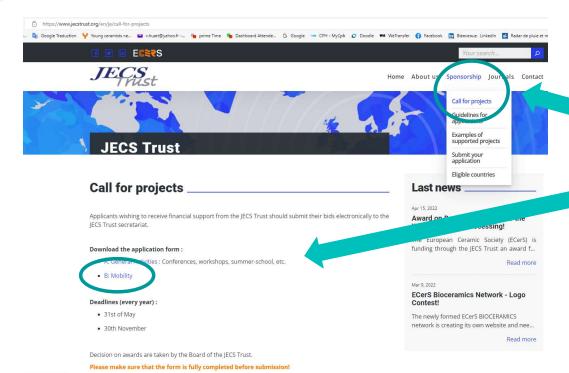
READ THE INSTRUCTIONS AND ANSWER THE FORM CORRECTLY!

Something does not seem clear to you?

Do not hesitate to contact the secretariat and ask!



Mobility Project



Form available here



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The Journal of European Ceramic Society Trust Application Form for Financial Support

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B. Mobility

TITLE OF THE PROJECT

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.

2. DATES FOR THE PROPOSED ACTIVITY	
3. APPLICANT AND HOME INSTITUTION	
Applicant name Professional status Home institution name and address	
4. HOST INSTITUTION	
Applicant name Professional status Host institution name and address	
(Add other institutions if necessary)	

Mobility Project

1st Part: about you, when and where you want to go

3 months maximum!

Approximate dates*

*can be modified afterward if needed

ARE YOU INVOLVED IN AN EU FUNDED PROJECT?
 If yes, picuse specify which one.

8. OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING

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

If you are involved in a project funded at the National, European or International level, please be precise about which type of project!

For example:

Marie Curie project, EU H2020 project, INTERREG projects, etc.

Mobility Project

OTHER FUNDING

Describe if you are already involved in a project with other sources of funding; it won't rule you out, but you will have to justify asking for JECS Trust funding.

No double funding allowed!

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 – <u>please add a proof of membership to the completed application form</u>. 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)

Country of the	ECerS affiliated National Society:
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☐ 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 – <u>please add a proof of membership to the completed application</u> form.

If the applicant is a student or a young researcher and has not been a member for at least 12 months, **then the supervisor must be**

Mobility Project

MANDATORY: ECerS MEMBERSHIP

You and/or your supervisor must be member of ECerS for at least 12 months!

Don't forget to add the proofs of membership!



MEMBERSHIP

REMINDER!

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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 – <u>please add a proof of membership to the completed application form</u>. In case this is not fulfilled, explain the reason for choosing the institution.

If the supervisor in the host institution is not a member of ECerS, you will have to *justify* your reason for choosing this institution and not another in Europe (unique technology, equipment, expertise, etc.)

Mobility Project

MANDATORY: ECerS MEMBERSHIP

The host
institution
representative
must be member
of ECerS
for at least
12 months!

Don't forget to add the proofs of membership!

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 consult the guidelines before completion.

This is where you explain the scientific part of your project, justify the number of days needed to stay in the host laboratory, etc.

If exceptional costs will be requested in the budget, this is also the right place to fully describe and justify why you / the host laboratory are asking for them.

The topic of the project must be ceramics and be within the scope of at least one of the 2 ECerS journals, *JECS* and *Open Ceramics*.

Mobility Project

Description of the proposed activity

your project on a maximum of 1 A4 page inside the form, not in a separate document!

Description must be written inside the form!

rice 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

This is where you can explain why you need the support of the JECS Trust to develop this project with a specific host institution so please be as clear as possible on why you have selected this lab in particular, what it will bring to you and your project in terms of expertise, use of facilities and equipment, etc., and also what it could bring to ECerS and/or to the ceramic community in general.

Mobility Project

Benefits of the proposed activity

Why you ask for the support of the **JECS Trust for this** project/host institution

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 the Journal of ECerS or in Open Ceramics?

Note: failure to plan to publish in either ECerS journal will not assist your case

The JECS Trust Board expects you to disseminate the results of your project funded by the JECS Trust by:

- Publishing in one of the ECerS journals:
 - JECS
 - Open Ceramics
- Presenting during conferences organised by ECerS or its partners

Mobility Project

<u>Disseminate</u> <u>about your project</u>

Publish your results in one of the ECerS journals and present it during ECerS (or partner) conferences

Submission to an ECerS journal is mandatory!

Costs associated with publication in Open Ceramics will be covered by the JECS Trust



JOURNALS

REMINDER!

ECerS publishes 2 Journals:



Journal of ECerS:

- publishes the results of original research and reviews relating to ceramics
- 2022 Impact
 Factor: 5.7!



Open Ceramics:

- publishes the results
 of original research
 and reviews related
 to all classes
 of ceramic materials
- peer-reviewed
 open access Journal
 launched in 2020!



(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.	€	
Subsistence 50€/day	- b2.	€	
Total amount requested from the	IECS Trust		(c) = (a)+(b)

- Maximum €500 per month can be allowed to the host institution (invoice needed) for the use of facilities and equipment;
- Any exceptional costs must be justified in item 7;
- Travel: <u>only one return ticket covered</u> if more required, it must be justified in item 7;
- Once accepted, no change in budget allowed!

Mobility Project

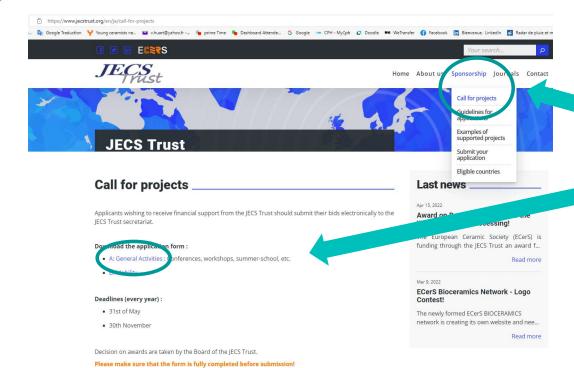
Resources requested

Once your project is approved, 50% of the grant can be transferred on request to help you pay upfront costs

The per diem of €50 does not need justifying



General Activities



Form available here



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The Journal of European Ceramic Society Trust **Application Form for Financial Support**

A. General activities: Conferences, workshops, summer-schools, etc.

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 PROPOSED ACTIVITY
2.	LOCATION/DATES FOR THE PROPOSED ACTIVITY
3.	NAME AND AFFILIATION OF THE PRINCIPAL APPLICANT
4.	NAMES AND AFFILIATIONS OF OTHER COLLABORATORS
(a)	
(b)	
	(Add others if necessary)

General Activity

1st Part:

about the organiser and when & where the activity will be organised

> Priority is given to international events so it can be highlighted here

5. ECerS MEMBERSHIP

Put a tick in the box or your membership and complete it with the country, date of first membership and number of membership (if applicable). 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.

☐ Full Member:

☐ Associated Member:

Individual Member:

<u>Full member</u>: Member(s) of one of the National Ceramic Societies of ECerS

<u>Associate Member</u>: Member of one of the National Ceramic Societies of Morocco or Iran

<u>Individual member</u>: Member(s) from outside Europe, Moroco or Iran

General Activity

MANDATORY: ECerS MEMBERSHIP

Organizer(s)
must be member(s)
of ECerS
for at least
12 months!

Don't forget to add the proof(s) of membership!



MEMBERSHIP

REMINDER!

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If you are a member of your national society for one of the Full or Associated countries, you are automatically considered a member of ECerS!

If the event is not the first in a series, we advise you to outline quickly the previous activity

Names of invited / keynotes speakers should be presented here too

Activities planned for students are strongly encouraged and should also be described here

General Activity

Description of the proposed activity

your project on a maximum 1 A4 page inside the form, not in a separate document!

Description must be written inside the form!

7. 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.

Do you propose to charge a registration fee, and if so, how much?

For students:

For professionals:

For events such as conferences, etc., the JECS Trust will support a maximum of 50% of the budget.

The amounts presented here will have to be presented also in the financial table in item 11 – Resources Requested.

General Activity

OTHER FUNDINGS

Describe here
the funding coming
from the activity,
from sponsors, and
from any other
source

Describe here how your event / conference will benefit not only the participants, but also the speakers and, of course, any students / young researchers.

What will also be the benefits for ECerS and its 2 Journals: *JECS* and *Open Ceramics*? As well as publications, think in terms of advertising, networking, etc.

General Activity

Benefits of the proposed activity

What will be the benefits for the participants attending your event and also for ECerS and its journals

IS IT INTENDED THAT THERE WILL BE A PROCEEDINGS OR OTHER PERMANENT WRITTEN/ELECTRONIC RECORD.
 Summarise your intentions as regards publishing oral/poster papers assented at the event.

How many papers do you intend to publish in the Journal of ECerS or in Open Ceramics? Note: failure to publish in either ECerS journal will not assist your case

The ECerS journals, *JECS* and *Open Ceramics*, should be advertised during your event / conference and participants must be encouraged to submit articles.

If you are planning to edit a special issue in one of the ECerS Journals, it must be negotiated with & approved by the Editors in Chief of the relevant journal:

- Prof. Richard Todd for JECS
- Prof. Paolo Colombo for Open Ceramics.

General Activity

Publications in JECS or Open Ceramics

If your
event / conference
is to be sponsored by
the JECS Trust, priority
must be given to the
2 ECerS journals

10. USE OF THE JECS TRUST MONEY

Summarise how the JECS TRUCT funds allowed will be used for the organisation of your project. The Trust prefers funding to be used for clearly identifiable items that would not be possible without funding from the Trust and that can be specifically associated with JECS Trust funding; please identify clearly which of the items from section 11 you ask the JECS Trust to support (for example c1, c2.)

- No salaries accepted!
- No registration fees covered by the JECS Trust grant!

JECS Trust can provide promotional items on demand – so no funding will be allowed for the following items:

- USB sticks
- Pens
- Notepads
- Lanyards and badges
- Once accepted: no change in budget allowed!

General Activity

Use of the JECS Trust Money

Describe
here which items
from the budget
presented in section
11 will be covered
by the grant
requested

11. RESOURCES REQUESTED

Please complete the following table:

Expected number of atte	ndees (Students excluded):		
expected number of stud	dents:		
(a) Costs associated with	the hire/use of facilities:	€	1+a2+a3+a4
Describe costs:	- a1.	€	
	- a2.	€	
	- a3.	€	
	- a4.	€	
(b) Consumable/adminis	trative costs associated with the activity:	€	(b) = b1+b2+b3+b4
Describe costs:	- b1.	€	
	- b2.	€	
	- b3.	€	
1	- b4.	€	
(c) Travel/subsistence co	€	(c) = c1+c2+c3+c4	
Describe costs:	- c1.	€	
	- c2.	€	
	- c3.	€	
·	- c4.	€	
(d) Other		€	
Describe costs:	- d1.	€	(d) = d1+d2+d3+d4
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	- d3.	€	1
8	- d4.	€]
Anticipated total cost of	the activity:	€	(e)= (a)+(b)+(c)+(d)
Time parea rotal cost of	the detirity.		
(e) Funding recoverable		€	(f) = f1+f2
	- f1. from registration fees:	€	
	- f2 from other sources:	€	」 ⊤
Total amount requested	from the IECS Trust :	€	=(e)-(f)
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General Activity

Ressources Requested

Please provide
a budget that is as
clear and complete as
possible and covers
the whole conference
/ event

The amount requested should be no more than 50% of the total budget of the event!



Now that you know how to fill in the form, don't forget to send it in on time!

Deadlines for the calls for projects:

- 28 February every year MOBILITY ONLY CALL
- 31st May every year
- 31st August every year MOBILITY ONLY CALL
- 30th November every year

Please note that the JECS Trust board needs time to read and analyze all the applications so your project cannot begin before 2 to 3 months after the relevant deadline – please check the JECS Trust Website (section news) for information on the next calls.



How to get JECS Trust funding for your ceramics researches in Europe? Some tips to succeed!

JECS Trust

News_

Mar 1, 2024

Next Deadline to apply to the JECS Trust is 31st May 2024!

Please note that the decisions of the JECS Trust board will not be known before end of July 2024.

Activities submitted for the deadline of 31st May 2024 for support from the JECS Trust should then not begin before mid-August 2024.

The deadlines for the JECS Trust Calls for projects are every year:

For General Activities:

- 31st May
- · 30th November

Last news

Mar 1, 2024

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Feb 28, 2024

New Editor in chief for the Journal of ECerS!

Since first January 2024, the Editor in Chief of



Any Questions?

