EXCITE - facility access application form

The EXCITE project supports transnational access (TNA) to equipment offered free-of-charge by world-class European Earth Science research facilities in the field of X-ray and electron microscopy for structural and chemical imaging and analysis of earth materials. On this second call, access to 24 facilities hosting 49 pieces of equipment will be provided by 14 partners in the EXCITE community.

Electron and X-ray microscopy facilities are accessible under two access modes:
1. Physical access (hands-on), which requires a user to visit the TNA facility where the equipment is located. Use of the equipment is free of charge. In addition, the visiting user will also be reimbursed for travel, accommodation, and sustenance, up to an amount specified per facility;
2. Remote service (send-in-sample), with resources and services offered free-of-charge without users physically visiting the facility. Samples are sent for analysis to the facility where it is analyzed by an operator. The user does not visit the facility and is thus not qualified to receive travel/accommodation/sustenance reimbursement.

The TNA program supports costs of sample shipment, travel, sustenance, and local accommodation for European and international researchers in order to conduct their research at the EXCITE facilities.

The type of access mode provided differs per facility and equipment. The details on access to each facility can be found via the excite website: [https://excite-network.eu/excite-tna-call-open/](https://www.google.com/url?q=https://excite-network.eu/excite-tna-call-open/&sa=D&source=editors&ust=1638379197025000&usg=AOvVaw31tEyt5w232DUJWUC0UVY9)

The 1st TNA call will be open from 1st June, 2022, to 31st August, 2022.
During this period, proposals can be submitted at any time.
Projects accepted under this call can start as early as 1st November, 2022 and must be completed by 30th April, 2023.

Potential users are strongly advised to contact the facility manager before submitting a proposal for TNA to discuss technical aspects of their projects.

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Main applicant personal information

First name

Your answer

Last name

Your answer

E-mail address

Your answer

Confirm e-mail address

Your answer

Nationality

Your answer

Gender

[ ]  Female

[ ]  Male

[ ]  Other

[ ]  Prefer not to say

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Affiliation and position

Affiliated institute

This can be the research institute, university, or company, to which you are affiliated.

Your answer

Legal status of affiliated institute

[UNI: University and other higher education organisations], [RES: Public research organisation (including international research organisation as well as private research organisation controlled by a public authority)], [SME: Small and medium-sized enterprises], [PRV Other Industrial and/or profit Private organisation].

[ ]  UNI

[ ]  RES

[ ]  SME

[ ]  PRV

Affiliated institute country

Country in which the institute that you are affiliated to is located.

Your answer

Position held

[ ]  Bsc.

[ ]  Msc.

[ ]  Phd.

[ ]  Postdoc.

[ ]  Senior researcher / professor

[ ]  Other:

Are you an early career scientist?

We follow the EGU convention of an early career scientist: "An Early Career Scientist (ECS) is a student, a PhD candidate, or a practicing scientist who received their highest certificate (e.g. BSc, MSc or PhD) within the past seven years. The seven-year period can be extended to allow for periods when the scientist was not working in science because of, but not limited to, caring and/or parental responsibilities, disability, personal illness, community obligations or national service."

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  No

Are you visiting the selected installation for the first time?

Applicants who have never used this installation before receive additional points in the review process.

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  No

Do you have access to equivalent installations in your country of affiliation?

Applicants who do not have access to equivalent installations in their country of affiliation receive additional points in the review process.

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  No

I confirm that the main applicant and >50% of the scientific team works in a country other than the country where the facility is located

EXCITE TNA projects need to fulfil this MANDATORY condition

[ ]  Yes

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Request facility and equipment access

Link to TNA facility information: <https://excite-network.eu/app/uploads/2021/12/EXCITE-TNA-call-1-Facility-information-complete.pdf>

Host facility

Select the name of the host facility you would like to access (only one option per proposal, If you intend to use two facilities in a same project, please submit 2 linked proposals, one per facility):

[ ]  CAM - ES M-DS - FEG Electron MicroProbe

[ ]  CAM - ES M-DS - SEM QEMSCAN

[ ]  CAM - WEMS

[ ]  CNRS-INSU - CrystalProbe-Montpellier

[ ]  GFZ - PISA

[ ]  HZDR - HIF - Spectral-CT

[ ]  INGV-OV - X-ray MicroCT

[ ]  INGV-RM1 - FESEM/EMPA

[ ]  NTNU - RECX - Radiografi

[ ]  NTNU - RECX - Tomografi

[ ]  TU Delft - CITG - Medical(Macro)-CT scanner

[ ]  TU Delft - CITG - Micro-CT scanner

[ ]  UBI - FCUL - EPMA lab

[ ]  UBI - LNEG - EPMA

[ ]  UEDIN - Micro-CT

[ ]  UGent - UGCT

[ ]  UGR - CIC - HRTEM

[ ]  UGR - CIC - X-ray μ-CT

[ ]  UiO - GEO - SEM

[ ]  UiO - IKO - MicroCT

[ ]  UiO - IKO - NanoCT

[ ]  UPPA - DMEX - High resolution tomography

[ ]  UPPA - DMEX - High speed tomography

[ ]  UU - EM Centre

Equipment

Copy-paste the name(s) of the equipment within the host facility that you would like to use from the call website. <https://excite-network.eu/app/uploads/2021/12/EXCITE-TNA-call-1-Facility-information-complete.pdf>

Your answer

Access units

See call website for the type of access unit offered by the installation (days/hours).

[ ]  Days

[ ]  Hours

Number of access units

Total number of access units requested.

Your answer

Type of access

See call website for definitions.

[ ]  Physical

[ ]  Remote

[ ]  No preference

Access for other team members besides yourself

In the case of physical access, if you would like other team members to visit the facility as well, please indicate their name, affiliation, and the reason for their visit (e.g., uniquely needed skills). It is a faculty of the facility staff to accept or deny the request of multiple users at the facility. Keep in mind that the reimbursement limits per proposal will not change.

Your answer

I have already contacted the manager of the host facility

Indicate if you have had contact with the host manager for the development of this proposal. You are strongly advised to contact the manager of the host facility to discuss details on analyses and samples.

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  No

If you have already contacted the manager of the host facility, please state their name(s)

Your answer

I already agreed on a specific starting date with the hosting facility manager:

This field is not mandatory

Your answer

I already agreed on a specific end date with the hosting facility manager:

This field is not mandatory

Your answer

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Proposal submission

Keywords:

Please include up to three keywords (separated by semicolons) that describe the scientific domains related to your proposal.

 Your answer

Linked proposals:

Linked proposals are proposals submitted by the same applicant to use two different facilities within the same scientific project. Linked proposals will be considered jointly with respect to the scientific evaluation but the technical evaluation will be separately conducted by the two facilities involved.

[ ]  Yes, this proposal is linked to another proposal (two facilities)

[ ]  No, this is a single facility proposal

Proposal acronym

In case of linked proposals submission please use the same acronym, followed by a letter (e.g., 'A.C.R.O.N.Y.M.-a', 'A.C.R.O.N.Y.M.-b')

Your answer

Proposal title

Your answer

Abstract

Max. 1000 characters space included

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EXCITE TNA privacy policy

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 I agree to the EXCITE TNA privacy policy

[ ]  I agree

EXCITE TNA data policy

Link to EXCITE TNA data policy: [https://excite-network.eu/app/uploads/2021/12/EXCITE-TNA-data-policy.pdf](https://www.google.com/url?q=https://excite-network.eu/app/uploads/2021/12/EXCITE-TNA-data-policy.pdf&sa=D&source=editors&ust=1638379197051000&usg=AOvVaw34Wxf2RQXGIaXgXJtik9xT)

 I agree to the EXCITE TNA data policy

[ ]  I agree

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**Please rename the proposal file name with your \_SURNAME\_NAME and send your proposal in pdf-format, together with this form, to tnamanagement@ingv.it**

The proposal template with instructions can be downloaded from: <https://excite-network.eu/app/uploads/2022/05/EXCITE_2ndcall_TNA_Proposal-template_SURNAME_NAME.docx>