**SELECTION RULES - TRAINING SCHOOL SPITSBERGEN 2025**

CA21159-PhoBioS offers a limited financial support to Trainees (eligible members of PhoBioS, as defined in the Annotated Rules for COST Actions, i.e., only from Members or from Near Neighbour Countries) to attend the Training School Spitsbergen 2025.

**All expenses must be anticipated by the Trainee and will be reimbursed according to the following rules. Daily allowance for Trainees is approx. 180 EUR/day (up to 4 days) and transportation expenses are reimbursed up to a maximum of 900 EUR. No other reimbursement will be provided. In particular, Trainees have to cover costs of their meals, accommodation, and mandatory insurance for the duration of their travel and stay (these include, but are not limited to, meals on the icebreaker, lunches and coffee breaks during classes, for an estimated cost of 100 EUR).**

The selection will be based on applications and on the following priorities:

1. The scientific and/or professional profile of Candidates must be consistent with scientific goals of CA21159-PhoBioS. Preference will be given to candidates from fields such as photonics, ICT, biology, biomedicine, environmental protection and materials science.
2. Candidates will be classified according to the following scoring:
   1. Categories of applicants:

* Ph.D. Students – 50 points;
* M.Sc. Students – 40 points;
* Young Researchers and Innovators (under the age of 40 years) – 30 points;
* Other applicants – 10 points.
  1. Additional factors:
* applicants who did not get financial support for previous edition of the school – 10 points;
* applicants who are the only representative of their country in particular category of applicants (see above) – 10 points;
* applicants who already participated in scientific and research projects (it should be indicated in the application form - number, funder, title of the project, role of the applicant, approximate budget) – 5 points;
* applicants who already participated in research carried out in the polar regions or closely related to this topic (it should be specified in the application form - number, funder, title of the project, role of the applicant, approximate budget, date and place of stay in the polar zone) – 5 points.
* applicants ICT countries - 5 points;
* gender balance correction factor (if necessary for particular applicants category) - 5 points.

1. Applicants should use the Trainee Application Form. Applications can be submitted form 27.12.2024 to the e-mail address: margnyba@pg.edu.pl. Deadline of application is 27.01.2025
2. Trainees will be granted travel cost refund and an amount based on a daily allowance (both up to limit). Prior to the Training School, each Trainee granted financial support must register at e-COST, https://e-services.cost.eu, namely by creating a profile that includes the details of a bank account for payment.
3. Trainees aim are as follows:
   1. meeting and networking with peers and leaders of the area and, build the next generation of researchers,
   2. getting critical knowledge and skills to deepen their own research,
   3. creating potential for career opportunities.