



Information about proposals for IOBC support of a training course

The International Organisation for Biological Control (IOBC) is offering **travel and accommodation grants for a limited number of early career biological control researchers that are member of an IOBC Regional Section** to attend a biological control training course. Course organisers should inform IOBC-Global by the 30th of November of each calendar year that they are planning to run a course in the next calendar year. The Executive Committee of IOBC-Global and one or more external reviewers will consider course proposals and notify organisers by the 15th of February of the next year whether their proposed course will receive funding. The lead course organiser is required to be a member of IOBC to qualify for the funding.

Proposals for a training course should include:

- The CV(s) of the course organiser(s)
- A description of the expertise of the course organisers in the field of biological control (max. 100 words) and information about practical biological control projects that are conducted at the university/institute where the course will be given (max. 100 words)
- A description (max. 250 words) of the need for the training and the training that will be offered
- Who this training course is for. Who do you anticipate will want to participate in this training (practitioners, students etc.).
- How many participants are expected?
- IOBC-Global supports international initiatives. What components of the proposed training course are international? From which countries do you expect participants? Do international instructors take part in the course? Are there other international components?
- Training course program and structure
- Who will be the instructors on the course? Have they agreed to participate? Do they have funding to attend the course?
- How will the course be funded? The IOBC- Global grants only cover attendance by eligible early career biological control researchers. Other costs would have to be covered by other sources, including course fees.

Course proposals will be reviewed by the Executive Committee of IOBC-Global and one or more external reviewers.

Guidelines for use of IOBC award funds by organisers of short courses on biological control

(1) The grants are intended to support early-career biocontrol researchers and practitioners who are not older than 35 years at the start of the course and are paying, individual member of an IOBC Regional Section. These grants cannot be used to support established researchers, keynote speakers, general expenses etc.

(2) There is no limit on country of origin of grantees. However, the level of support is up to €500 per grantee for attendees from the region and up to €1,000 per grantee for attendees

having to travel internationally. The total amount of an IOBC-Global training grant is €5,000 per course.

(3) As soon as you know the names +cv's of grantees who might qualify for a grant and the amount they qualify for, inform the Secretary General of IOBC-Global. The Executive Committee of IOBC Global will evaluate the information provided by the applicants and will inform the course organizers if the applicant qualifies for a grant.

(4) IOBC should be acknowledged in promotional material for the short course, including use of IOBC logo (provided at the time of funding approval).

(5) Immediately after the training course send the following information and documents for each grantee to the Treasurer:

Receipt/s of expenses associated with the meeting, either matching or exceeding the amount received by the grantee. Thus, for example, if a flight ticket is equal to or exceeds the grant amount, this would be enough; otherwise, further receipts are necessary to reach the amount granted. Electronic/Scanned forms and receipts are acceptable. However, you are required to either keep the originals for at least one year or send them to the Treasurer by post, to comply with auditing requirement.

(6) Course organisers are required to write a short item for IOBC-Global newsletter about the course, including photos.

IOBC-Global Early Career Award eligibility criteria

(1) The grantee has to be a member of an IOBC Regional Section (membership status will be confirmed by Treasurers of the respective Regional Sections).

(2) The grantee has to be of age 35 or under at the time of the meeting/workshop.

(3) The grantee has to be in a biocontrol career.

(4) Successful grantees are required to write a short item for IOBC-Global newsletter

To find out about the benefits of becoming a member of IOBC please go to the [membership page](#) on IOBC website. You can find information on how to become a member in your geographic region by clicking on your area in the Regional Sections tab.