



## Call for host institutions for COCAG training schools 2027 & 2028

The COST Action (CA23112) *Critical Perspectives on Career and Career Guidance (COCAG)* invites Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) across Europe to express interest in hosting the early career researcher and innovators training schools for the years **2027** and **2028**.

The training schools will receive financial support from COST and input into the design and organisation of the event from the ECADOC Scientific Committee. The training school exists to provide high-level doctoral training and networking opportunities and to foster innovative, interdisciplinary, and critically engaged research in the field of career and career guidance.

### Focus of the Summer Schools

Proposals must clearly demonstrate how the proposed theme of the Summer School will be aligned with the main themes of the COCAG Action, which focus on:

- critical perspectives on the concept of career;
- interrogating the social, political, cultural, and economic dimensions of career guidance;
- addressing inequalities, inclusion, sustainability, and the ethics of care in career guidance research and practice; and
- exploring new methodologies and cross-sectoral collaboration in career studies

The 2027 training school should particularly engage with *career and career guidance policy*, whilst the 2028 one should engage with *career guidance practice*.

We welcome proposals that engage with these critical themes, offer interdisciplinary approaches, and stimulate debate, reflexivity, and innovation among doctoral researchers.

### Host institution responsibilities

Hosting institutions are expected to:

- provide suitable venues and logistical support for a 5-day residential training school;
- nominate a local organising team and at least one scientific coordinator;
- collaborate with the ECADOC Scientific Committee and the COCAG Core Group to co-develop the academic programme; and

- ensure the event fosters inclusive participation, critical dialogue, and intercultural exchange.

## Benefits of hosting

The training school is funded by the COST Action. Benefits of hosting the event include:

- increased international visibility and academic networking;
- opportunity to engage with and shape cross-European doctoral training within the field;
- collaboration with leading scholars and COST Action experts; and
- contribution to the advancement of socially responsive, critical scholarship in career guidance.

## Expression of Interest: What to Include (max 4 pages)

1. Institutional profile: name, relevant faculty/department, and brief background
2. Preferred year: indicate whether you are applying for 2027 or 2028
3. Proposed Summer School theme and its explicit alignment with COCAG's critical focus areas
4. Institutional capacity: facilities, previous experience with doctoral training or event hosting
5. Initial logistical planning: proposed location, accommodation options, and travel accessibility
6. Local organising committee and key contact person(s)
7. Name of the Scientific Coordinator

## Submission & Deadline

Please send your Expression of Interest to:

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**Deadline: 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025.**

For questions regarding programmes of previous training events, please contact: Miika Kekki (ECADOC Programme Manager) [m.kekki@derby.ac.uk](mailto:m.kekki@derby.ac.uk), for questions regarding economy Ghazal Vahidi (COCAG COST coordinator) [g.vahidi@derby.ac.uk](mailto:g.vahidi@derby.ac.uk)

The submissions will be reviewed by the COST Core group with advice from the ECADOC Scientific committee. Decision will be announced at the beginning of November.

We warmly invite interested institutions to help shape the future of critical, inclusive, and forward-looking doctoral education in career guidance across Europe.