



**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**  
for the  
**EMBRIC Transnational Access (TA) program**

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[www.embric.eu/access/TA](http://www.embric.eu/access/TA)

# FAQs

Please read through the Frequently Asked Questions before contacting the EMBRIC Access Officer (davide.dicioccio@szn.it) with any further queries you may have. If your question is specific to a particular Access Provider, please refer to the contacts shown in the EMBRIC Transnational Access Guide for Applicants (check the Download Area at [www.embric.eu/access/TA](http://www.embric.eu/access/TA))

## Eligibility

### 1. Who is eligible for support?

To be eligible to benefit from access to the Access Providers participating in the EMBRIC Transnational program, a User Group (research team of one or more researchers) must satisfy the conditions reported at the following link: <http://www.embric.eu/access/TA> (Eligibility section).

### 2. Are there any age limits?

No.

### 3. Do I need to have a PhD?

No.

### 4. Can I submit more than one Project?

Yes. However, you must complete an application form per Project you want to perform. You cannot submit more than one Project proposal to the same Access Provider per call.

### 5. I am a PhD student, can I apply?

Yes, however you will need a supporting letter from your supervisor. The letter must be signed by your supervisor and then uploaded as PDF in the ARIA web application system or sent to the Access Officer (davide.dicioccio@szn.it), specifying the name of your Project proposal.

### 6. Can I apply for a visit to receive training?

Training can be a component of the visit activity but it is not the main purpose of the EMBRIC Transnational Access program. It is essential that the focus of the Transnational Access visit is to pursue your own Project. The visit must deliver a research output (e.g. publication in a journal, presentation in scientific meetings, congresses, scientific reports, doctoral thesis, etc.).

### 7. If I work in one of the EMBRIC partner, can I apply for access?

Researchers working within an EMBRIC partner (Access Provider) are eligible, but priority is given to applicants who are from outside of the EMBRIC consortium.

## **8. Can I reapply if I am unsuccessful?**

Yes, the User Selection Panel may provide feedback on your application to help you to strengthen the weaker parts of your Project proposal.

## **9. Can I apply for a repeat visit to an EMBRIC Transnational Access Provider?**

Yes. The User Selection Panel will take into consideration if the applicant has had access to the Access Provider before. Priority is given to first time users.

# Application

### **1. What is the maximum visit duration?**

The maximum TA visit duration is 10 working days (Monday to Friday) per Access Provider, for an overall of 20 days of access per user (up to two). Longer TA visits will need your financial support. Subsistence costs will cover a total of 28 days per Project per user (up to two).

### **2. What does the award cover?**

The award covers laboratory fees (use of standard disposables and access to services and platforms). The costs of non-standard disposables and experiments required before or after accessing the Access Provider (assay development, etc.) are excluded. The award also covers the cost of your international travel (up to 800€ per round trip) and local accommodation (up to 167€ per day) that contributes towards your subsistence and local travel. You will be required to meet the cost of local travel in your country of origin, e.g. taxi to the airport. Shipping cost of material needed for the Project is also included for a maximum of 400€. Each Access Provider has different ways of managing their budgets; please talk with the relevant Local Access Officers for more detailed information (check the Transnational Access Guide to the Applicant in the “Download Area” of the website).

### **3. Who should act as “Scientist in charge”?**

The Scientist in charge is the person at the selected Access Provider who will be your main contact. It is a staff member of the Access Provider.

### **4. My research requires destructive sampling of biological material, will this be possible?**

In principle yes, but such research must be assessed on a case-by-case basis by the relevant Access Provider. Prior to submitting an application, contact the Local Access Officer at the Access Provider and request their policy on destructive sampling of the material.

## **5. My research requires DNA extraction from biological material, will this be possible?**

Such research must be assessed on a case by case basis by the relevant Liaison Officer. Prior to submitting an application, contact the Liaison Officer at the Access Provider and request their policy on DNA extraction of the material.

## **Scoring and Visiting**

### **1. How does the application process work?**

Once you have submitted your Project proposal, the Access Officer will check the application for eligibility. It will then be reviewed for technical feasibility by the Person in Charge/Liaison Officer at the selected Access Providers and then be passed to the User Selection Panel for scientific evaluation. Applicants will be notified by email about the acceptance of their Projects after 6 weeks after the Project submission.

### **2. When will I be able to visit the selected Access Providers?**

Your TA visit (two accesses or more) must be performed between September 2017 and December 1<sup>st</sup> 2017.

### **3. Do I need to write a report after the TA visit?**

Yes, you will need to complete the following documents:

- the “Confirmation of visit form” no later than two weeks after the TA visit
- the “Transnational Access Activity Report” no later than one month after the TA visit.

These documents are available online at the following link: <http://www.embric.eu/access/TA/access-procedures>, in the “User obligation” section. Payment of your travel, accommodation and shipping costs will be reimbursed to you after receipt of these documents.

### **4. When will I be informed if my Project has been approved?**

The application process takes 6 from the deadline. The results of your application will be emailed to you.