

European Summer School on Stem Cell Biology and Regenerative Medicine

XVIII

12-19th September 2025, Spetses, Greece

Application Guidance

We are looking forward to welcoming students to our 2025 course on Spetses Island in Greece. We hope that you find this guidance document helpful when you are preparing your applications.

ADVICE: Please read this guidance carefully before making your application. It answers all the questions we have been asked in previous years by candidates and it is designed to help you through the process.

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1. Application Process

There is a two-stage application process for our summer school.

- Stage One – Preliminary application for shortlisting
- Stage Two – Full application following an offer of a place by the organisers

There is a waiting list system for unsuccessful/late applications.

1.1 Stage One Application

**Stage one applications for the 2025 summers school will open on Monday 10th February 2025.
The closing date for applications will be Friday 30th May 2025 at 10pm UK BST.**

The online application form will be available from the following webpage:

<https://www.stemcellsummerschool.org/apply>

A maximum of 56 places will be allocated in 2025.

A PDF summary of the questions for stage one is attached to help you prepare your answers in advance. The application must be made via the online form (not emailed) and you will be required to upload a CV and also a statement from your Supervisor/Group Leader which explains why they think you are suitable to attend this course.

Applications are assessed by the organisers on the basis of eligibility criteria and scientific merit as follows:

- Preference is given to candidates who are:
 - in their second or third year of their PhD studies
 - post-doctoral researcher
 - clinician scientist
- First-year PhD students may apply but are not as suitable for the course because it requires a good understanding of the field and students get maximum benefit from the course when they are at least one year into their PhD research and can talk to faculty and get feedback on their research to-date.
- Undergraduate students will not be accepted.
- A letter of support from your supervisor must indicate why they think you are suitable for the course. Please make sure this isn't a one-sentence recommendation on an email. The letter must detail why you are a good candidate. The letter helps the organisers to choose the candidates based on scientific merit and relevance.
- Students must clearly demonstrate that they understand their topic. Please write your case for support carefully and focus on the research questions you are trying to answer.
- Applicants who have attended the course in a previous year may be considered but must provide a strong and compelling reason for attending the course a second time. Priority is given to students who have never had the opportunity to attend before.
- Applicants who were unsuccessful in previous years can re-apply and should indicate that they applied previously but were unsuccessful.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered by the organisers.
- Late stage one applications will not be considered by the organisers and will be placed on the waiting list. They will only be reviewed if a place becomes available because another candidate drops out.
- We welcome applications from candidates globally.
- We have an equal opportunity policy and welcome applications from all eligible candidates

CV – you will be required to upload a PDF copy of your CV.

Letter of support – you will be required to upload a PDF copy of the letter of support from your supervisor.

ADVICE: Problems submitting your application:

We hope you won't have any problems with our online application process, however, if you encounter a technical error please do let the Jenny (the course organiser) know via admin@stemcellsummerschool.org and she will be happy to fix the technical issue so you can complete your application online.

Please do not contact Jenny and ask her if you can email your documentation instead of submitting it online. We get hundreds of applications and we cannot accept manual applications.

The first stage application is a very competitive process. The organisers receive a large number of applications each year so **please take the time to write your application carefully and check for errors before you submit it.**

1.2 Stage Two Application

Once the organisers have reviewed all applications, they shortlist the candidates to be offered places at the course.

Applicants will be notified whether they have been successful and have been allocated a place by 20th June 2025. Unsuccessful applicants will also be notified by this date.

To accept your place you will have one week to pay for your place and complete the second stage application form with detailed information about your travel arrangements and poster abstracts etc.

Please note the following carefully:

- All payments must be received by Friday 4th July 2025.
- If you have not completed your second stage application and made payment by the 4th July 2025 you are deemed to have declined the place and we will offer that place to another candidate. We will not be offering any time extensions.
- Any places not accepted by Friday 4th July 2025 will be released to other candidates on the waiting list.
- Payments can only be made by credit/debit card through the online system.
- No invoices will be raised and it is not possible to pay by cheque or bank transfer.
- Cancellation is only possible by 18th July 2025. After this time no refunds will be offered.

When you confirm your place you will be asked to upload the following information:

- Final poster details. Please ensure you have prepared this in advance. You will not be able to supply your poster details at a later date (or change them).
- A copy of your travel insurance certificate. PLEASE READ THE GUIDANCE BELOW CAREFULLY REGARDING TRAVEL INSURANCE.
- Details of the flights you have booked. PLEASE READ THE GUIDANCE BELOW REGARDING BOOKING YOUR TRAVEL.

We will not give stage two application extensions because you do not have the documentation ready. If you cannot supply the documentation by the 16th June then your place will be allocated to someone on the waiting list.

1.3 Fees and Bursaries

(i) Fees

The delegate registration fee for the course in 2025 will be €1300. The fee includes B&B accommodation, all lectures and course materials and some meals as listed in the programme. Lunches are not provided (except on day 2) and Dinners are not provided (except the opening and closing dinners). Students make their own arrangements for any meals/refreshments not specified in the programme.

(ii) Bursaries

The organisers are in the process of sourcing bursary funding and will announce any available bursaries as soon as possible. If you wish to be considered for bursary funding (if any becomes available) please complete the relevant information in the bursary section of the application. Please note that bursaries will be allocated to individuals who can demonstrate the greatest financial need.

Some applicants will be from networks who may provide bursaries to a small number of their students. Applicants still have to apply for the course and be shortlisted by the organisers (there are no automatic places). If you are allocated a place then your network will choose the individuals who will receive the bursaries from your network and the organisers will then inform you that you have been successful.

Students who do not have funding to cover their registration fees (and are therefore being considered for bursaries) will be notified by the organisers whether they have been successful in being awarded a bursary when they are invited to place their stage 2 application. Applicants who have not been successful in being awarded a bursary will also be notified and can be placed on a waiting list in case any bursaries are declined. This does happen periodically because students have found funding between submitting their stage 1 application and the stage 2 invitations being made and therefore no longer need bursaries.

Travel Grants

There are numerous sources of travel funding for PhD students and early career researchers available throughout Europe. Please speak to your group leader for advice on which you might be able to apply to for travel funding.

1.4 Waiting List

Once the main application deadline has closed a waiting list will open. Candidates who were not successful in the original round will be placed on this waiting list as well as anyone who applies late. There is no guarantee that waiting list applicants will be given a place on the course (indeed, in previous years only one or two waiting list places became available).

In the event that places become available on the course waiting list applicants will be considered against the same criteria as stage one. Waiting list preference will be given to applicants who applied on time but were not successful in the first round. Applicants who applied late will be placed at the bottom of the list.

In the event that a waiting list applicant is successful they will be asked to pay the registration fee and upload additional details such as poster abstracts etc. The applicant will have one week to do so to confirm their place.

The latest date that waiting list applicants will be notified is Friday 25th July 2025. If you have not been successful in getting a place by this date please apply for next year's course.

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2. Travel for Stage 2 Applicants

Candidates who are successful in being invited to submit stage 2 applications will need to provide details of their travel arrangements to confirm their place. Please read the following guidance carefully **before** booking your flights and ferries. The following information is also available on our website:

<https://www.stemcellsummerschool.org/travel-information>

2.1 Travel insurance

Travel insurance is a requirement for all participants who attend the course. All students are required to provide copies of their insurance certificate at stage two before being accepted on the course. **Travel insurance IS NOT THE SAME AS MEDICAL INSURANCE.** Stem Cell Education and Research (SCER) does not accept any liability for any travel/medical costs incurred by any individual participating in the summer school. **Please read the following carefully:**

What does travel insurance cover?

Travel insurance covers things like your travel costs in case you have to cancel, loss of baggage, refund of your delegate fee if you are unable to attend for any reason (ie if you cannot attend and your Institution wants to reclaim the costs of your delegate fee), insurance if you need emergency treatment whilst you are on the course (eg being flown off the island for emergency care).

Documents you can provide to prove you have travel insurance:

Please ensure that whichever document you supply has been **translated into English** when you upload it to the application form.

Option (i) Travel insurance certificate from your employer/institution

Most institutions can provide a travel insurance certificate which specifies cover for an individual as a part of their work/employment for that Institution. Please ask them for a copy of your insurance certificate and make sure the document shows clearly what is covered under the travel insurance (eg lost baggage, delayed or cancelled flights, course fee refunds if you cancel your place, medical insurance etc)

Option (ii) Letter from your Institution confirming travel insurance

If you cannot provide a formal certificate of travel insurance in option (i), please arrange for the following letter to be put on your Institution's headed paper and signed by an Institution representative. SCER will accept this as proof of that the individual is fully insured for all travel/health related costs including if you have to cancel attendance for any reason and that SCER is not liable for any costs.

Institution Letter Template:

"To Stem Cell Education and Research,

It is hereby confirmed that <<insert name of delegate>> is fully covered by <<insert Institute name>>'s insurance through <<insert insurer name>> in connection with their attendance at the European Summer School on Stem Cell Biology and Regenerative Medicine in <<insert year>>. The insurance covers travel, health etc. Conditions for the insurance can be found at: <<insert weblink>> Our insurance covers cancellation of attendance, flights and other costs associated with the <<insert name of delegate>>'s attendance at the European Summer School on Stem Cell Biology and Regenerative Medicine and Stem Cell Education and Research is not liable for any costs associated with this delegate's attendance.

Signature of authorised individual."

Option (iii) Obtaining personal travel insurance.

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In previous years delegates who have not been able to obtain travel insurance through their institution have either used their own personal travel insurance or purchased their own personal travel insurance through <https://www.globelink.co.uk> which provides travel insurance for European citizens. There are many other providers who also provide travel insurance if you google for them.

Medical cover

Whilst medical cover is obviously important, a European health card does not provide travel insurance, it only provides standard medical cover (which is unlikely to include things like emergency medical flights from Spetses island to the mainland).

Liability

You need to ensure you have travel insurance to cover any emergency costs you may incur. **SCER accepts no liability for delegates' medical or other costs whilst attending the course.**

IMPORTANT:

When you upload your travel insurance the certificate will need to state it is travel insurance and that it covers things like flight cancellation, loss of baggage, medical insurance.

If you upload a medical certificate instead of a travel insurance document your application will be rejected and your place will be offered to someone on the waiting list.

YOU WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED ON THE COURSE WITHOUT PROOF OF TRAVEL INSURANCE.

2.2 Booking your Travel

In order to reach Spetses you have to take a ferry from Piraeus Port which is on the outskirts of Athens. Ferries regularly get cancelled due to the high summer winds. The bigger sea-cats are less likely to get cancelled than the dolphins/aerospeeds. Ferries cost approximately €80 return.

To ensure that you arrive on Spetses island in time for the start of the course, we suggest you do one of the following travel options:

Option 1: Arrive in Athens the night before the course starts and stay in a cheap hotel in Athens/Piraeus so that you can take the morning/lunchtime ferry to Spetses island. The course does not cover this additional night of accommodation but many students have done this in the past. Accommodation on Spetses island is expensive so most students don't choose to travel to Spetses island the night before the course starts because of the high cost of accommodation.

Option 2: Arrive in Athens very early morning on the day the course is due to start and get the ferry directly from Piraeus to Spetses.

Ferry information:

The sea cats are better than the dolphins because they are bigger and more stable in the wind and therefore less likely to be cancelled in the Greek summer winds. It takes approximately 3 hours from Piraeus to Spetses depending on which ferry you take. The winds are lower in the early morning or early evenings.

Ferry timetables and bookings can be made through the following websites:

<https://www.bluestarferries.com/en-gb>

<https://alphalines.gr/en/>

<https://www.ferryhopper.com/>

Examples of timings for reaching Spetses by ferry

09:30 ferry arriving Spetses at 12:05

- flight would need to arrive in Athens by 06:00am latest to make that boat

10:00 ferry arriving Spetses at 13:00

- flight would need to arrive in Athens by 07:00am latest to make that boat

13:30 arriving Spetses at 15:50

- flight would need to arrive in Athens by 10:30am latest to make that boat

15:15 arriving Spetses at 17:20

- flight would need to arrive in Athens by 12:00pm latest to make that boat

15:45 arriving Spetses at 18:40

- flight would need to arrive in Athens by 12:00pm latest to make that boat & **you will miss registration & the opening session. Students should not take this boat unless they miss their earlier connections.**

18:30 arriving Spetses at 21:40

- flight would need to arrive in Athens by 15:00pm latest to avoid traffic and make that boat and **you will miss the first evening. Students should not take this boat unless they miss their earlier connections.**

Travel from Athens airport to Piraeus port

It takes approximately 1 hour to clear customs at Athens airport (sometimes slower so allow 1.5 hours to clear customs).

Option 1: Metro – We recommend travelling to the port of Piraeus by Metro as it is quick and cheap. If you are travelling from Athens airport to Piraeus by metro you need to leave at least 1.5 hours to travel between the two locations. It costs approximately €10 to travel from the airport to Piraeus (one way) using Metro Line 3.

<https://www.oasa.gr/en/visit-athens/metro-line-3-to-airport/>. It is a five minute walk (500m) from the Piraeus Metro station to the Port. The first metro from the airport to Piraeus in the morning is at 06:10. Tickets can be purchased at the metro station.

Option 2: Taxi - Depending on the time of day it takes approximately 1 hour from Athens airport to Piraeus by taxi. Traffic in Athens can be terrible though, particularly at rush hour. We have used the following company in the past <https://www.welcomepickups.com> If you can share a taxi with other students this will reduce the cost. It costs approximately €100 from the airport to Piraeus (one way).

Travel from Athens airport to Spetses on land

This is a more expensive option but if the ferries aren't running it is an alternative option to avoid missing the start of the course. It is possible to get a land taxi from Athens airport to the port of Kosta for approximately €350 if booked in advance (a standard car holds 3 people). You then take a sea-taxi from Kosta directly to the Spetses Hotel for approximately €40 (you will need cash because most taxis don't have a card machine). You will have to pay the same for the return trip.

3. Venue and Accommodation

Lots of information about the venue can be found on the website at:

<https://www.stemcellsummerschool.org/venue-accommodation> Please read the website for lots more information. The information below is relevant to the stage 2 application

3.1 Accommodation

All students are allocated a twin room at the Spetses Hotel. When students are offered a place on the course they are asked who they would like to share with. If no preference is stated then shared rooms are allocated on a same-gender basis.

ADVICE: If you have specific requirements for your accommodation eg medical issues please note these in your stage 2 application answers at the relevant section. Common requests are to share with a friend or colleague.

Applicants will be notified who they are sharing with approximately one week prior to the course.

4. Useful information for stage 2 applicants

Lots of useful information including a packing list etc can be found on our website:

<https://www.stemcellsummerschool.org/information-for-delegates> . The following is particularly important to note.

(i) Poster format

All Summer School students present a poster. **The poster should be created in A0 portrait format.** Please do not bring landscape posters. The posters will be mounted with pins. Students will be responsible for mounting their own posters at the correct time. Information about this will be provided in the delegate pack. It is a requirement that students present a poster.

Please note, any student who arrives without a poster will be required to create one on-site using a flip-chart and marker pens.

(ii) Delegate pack

A delegate pack will be sent to all delegates electronically one week before the school starts. The Organisers will not be providing a printed copy of the delegate pack.

If you wish you wish to have a printed copy of the delegate pack please print it yourself and bring it with you. The course no longer provides printed copies to reduce print and shipping costs (which helps keep the delegate fee lower) and also to reduce paper wastage.

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2025 Stage one Application form

First Name *

Last Name *

Email *

Mobile Phone Number *

Gender *

students are assigned shared bedrooms and this information is used to ensure that we match genders. If you have any questions about this question please contact admin@stemcellsummerschool.org and we will be happy to help

Position *

Please note undergraduates are not eligible to apply for the course. First year PhD students may apply but 2nd and 3rd year students are prioritised.

Institution *

Institution Address 1 *

Institution Address 2 *

Institution City *

Institution Postcode/ZIP *

Institution Country *

Why do you want to attend this course? *

Maximum 250 words. Please focus on the benefits to your career/research.

Tell us about your current research objectives *

Maximum 250 words.

Have you worked with stem cells before? *

Maximum 250 words. If so, in what context have you worked with stem cells?

Outline any previous public engagement experience *

Maximum 250 words. Please explain any previous experience such as visiting schools, science fairs, developing materials for explaining stem cell science to the general public.

Name of your Supervisor/Group Leader**Statement of Support & CV ***

Please upload a statement of support from your supervisor and your current CV. Both must be in PDF format. Please name them "CV - your name" and Support letter - your name"

Drag and drop files here or [browse files](#)

Do you require a visa to travel to Greece? ***Are you from any of the following networks? *****Who will be paying your delegate fee? *****Would you like to be considered for a bursary? ***

The course is currently in the process of trying to secure some bursary funding. In the event that some becomes available they will be allocated on the basis of greatest financial need. Please do not apply for a bursary if you have alternative funding available.

Who will be paying your travel costs? ***Please confirm you will have travel insurance ***

Please note that Medical Insurance is NOT the same thing. Please see <https://www.stemcellsummerschool.org/travel-information> for information about travel insurance

Payment confirmation *

Select ▼

Poster confirmation *

Select ▼

Do you agree to the SCSS terms and conditions? *

Select ▼

Would you like to be placed on the waiting list? *

Select ▼

How did you hear about the course? *

Select ▼

Send me a copy of my responses

Submit

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Thank you for applying for a place as a Delegate at the European Summer School on Stem Cell Biology and Regenerative Medicine ("SCSS"). The following Terms and Conditions ("Terms") apply to you and your participation. "Attendee" for purposes of these Terms will include all participants at SCSS including Faculty, Delegates and Sponsors. By participating at SCSS, you agree to these Terms so please read them carefully. These Terms include and incorporate by reference SCER's [Privacy Policy](#).

This summer school is organised by Stem Cell Education and Research ("SCER"), which reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to limit or deny access to any entity or individual at any time.

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1. SCSS Registration

1.1 Stage 1 application

Applicants are invited to apply for a place at SCSS through a stage 1 application process. In 2025 the deadline for stage 1 applications is 30th May 2025 at 10pm UK BST.

The SCER organisers then shortlist Applicants based on the contents of their application and eligibility criteria.

1.2 Stage 2 application

Applicants who have completed a stage 1 application will be notified on 20th June 2025 whether they have been successful in being allocated a place at SCSS 2025. Applicants who have been allocated a place must complete their stage 2 form and provide full payment by 4th July 2025 at 5pm UK BST.

Any Applicant who has been offered a place who does not complete their stage 2 form and provide payment by 4th July 2025 at 5pm UK BST will forfeit their place and their place will be offered to an Applicant on the waiting list.

Any Applicant on the waiting list who is offered a place at SCSS must complete their stage 2 form and complete payment by the date in the email they are sent or they will forfeit their place.

All Attendees are required to have their own travel insurance policy which covers full cover including health insurance and cancellation insurance. A copy of this travel insurance policy must be provided

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in the stage 2 form completion. SCER accepts not liability for any Attendee who does not have appropriate insurance in place.

1.3 Delegate Cancellation Policy

If circumstances change and a Delegate can no longer attend SCSS, they may cancel their place by providing written notice to admin@stemcellsummerschool.org as outlined below:

The delegate fee may be refunded if a cancellation is made by 18th July 2025.

Cancellations received after 18th July 2025, or non-attendance, will NOT be refunded.

For cancellations received after the 18th July 2025 the Delegate must use their travel insurance to reclaim any costs relating to their cancellation.

Delegates are responsible for cancelling their own travel reservations. SCER accepts no liability for any cancellation costs incurred by the Delegate.

In the event that SCER is forced to cancel SCSS for any reason, all Attendees must use their own travel insurance to reclaim any costs associated with the cancellation. SCER accepts no liability for any costs of any Attendee in the event that SCSS is cancelled. SCER's cancellation insurance is limited to direct costs of the event including Attendee accommodation, venue costs and any catering specified in the programme, and does not extend to any travel costs of any Attendee.

1.4 Force Majeure

After the cancellation date of 18th July 2025, payments made are not refundable for any reason, including, but not limited to, failure to attend due to illness or due to any event beyond the reasonable control of the parties, such as an act of God, natural disaster, travel-related problems or an act of terrorism.

2. SCSS Delegate Book

To ensure all Attendees derive the greatest value from SCSS, SCER share an electronic delegate book with all Attendees which includes Attendee names and email contact details. SCER also use an event app from Eventee.

Applicants who submit a stage 2 application are authorising their registration information to be shared with other Attendees and agree to receive communications from any Attendee.

SCER does not share Attendee information with any third parties for commercial purposes. SCER does share the delegate list and contact details with some SCSS sponsors.

3. Delegate Accommodation

Delegate accommodation is provided on a shared-room basis. Delegates will be allocated accommodation in twin or triple bedrooms by SCER. Applicants are requested to provide information in their stage 2 form regarding any room sharing preferences. Room allocations are made based on same-sex bedrooms unless Delegates of different genders both specifically name each other as wishing to share a bedroom. If an applicant has a specific medical condition which relates to room sharing then they must declare this in the stage 2 form and SCER will use reasonable endeavours to accommodate that, however, if there is an increased cost associated with accommodating that request then it is the applicant's responsibility to bear that increased cost.

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4. COVID-19

All Attendees must take COVID-19 tests as requested by SCER and share the results of that test with the organisers. In the event that an individual tests positive for COVID-19 during SCSS the Attendee confirms they will remove themselves from the SCSS course and not interact with any other SCSS Attendee. In the event that an Attendee is sharing a bedroom with another individual who tests positive, SCER will use reasonable endeavours to source alternative bedroom accommodation for the other Delegate to enable the Attendee with COVID-19 to self-isolate.

In the event that an Attendee tests positive for COVID-19 prior to travel to SCSS they will not travel to SCSS and they will use their travel insurance to cover any cancellation costs incurred.

5. Use of Multimedia at SCSS

In order to comply with global data privacy laws, SCER imposes certain restrictions on the use of multimedia at SCSS (i.e., photography, video, audio, online streaming and all future mediums).

SCER prohibits the use of Attendee cameras and mobile recording devices at all sessions in order to protect the proprietary content and images of all Attendees.

SCER leverages social media to post SCSS photos and videos to its Social media feeds. Attendees are encouraged to capture their SCSS experiences in general discussion sessions and post their own social content from SCSS, provided it does not defame other Attendees, show other Attendees proprietary information or infringe on copyrighted content.

By attending SCSS, Delegates acknowledge and agree as follows: (a) SCER may edit and use the footage it captures at SCSS for marketing and promotional activities and for any other lawful purpose in the ordinary course of its business; and (b) Due to the prevalence of mobile recording devices in today's world, SCER disclaims all liability for the capture of images by Attendees at SCSS.

6. Wifi Security

The hotel and venue at SCSS provides wifi free of charge. SCER accepts no liability for the use by Delegates of such wifi provided by third parties. SCER does not provide wifi for the use of conference Delegates.

By accessing any venue/hotel wifi, Delegates acknowledge that they understand that their access to the system is an unencrypted public wireless network, and that they are solely responsible for ensuring the privacy and integrity of any transmissions they make or receive, as well as the safety and security of any systems they use via those wifi systems.

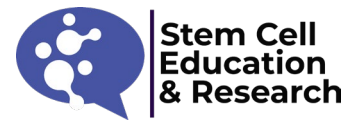
Limitation of Liability — Under no circumstances shall SCER be liable for any direct or indirect damages resulting from Attendee's use of any wifi systems at SCSS. If an Attendee is dissatisfied with the wifi services provided at the hotels and venue, their sole and exclusive remedy shall be to discontinue use of the wifi service.

7. Presentation Materials

Attendees will receive access to SCER and third-party licensed content ("Presentation Materials"). SCER is not liable for the information in the Presentation Materials. Attendees may use these

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presentations as well as session audio/video recordings where available solely for their own internal, non-commercial purposes. Unauthorized distribution (via sales, copying, posting on intranet/internet) is expressly forbidden.

It is a mandatory requirement that all Delegates must present a poster at SCSS. The poster must be in A0 portrait (NOT landscape) format. Any Delegate who attends SCSS without bringing a poster will be required to create a poster for presentation whilst they are on-site. This can be done using a flipchart page or by creation of a file which can be printed at the print-shop at SCSS. There will be no exceptions to this requirement.

8. General information

8.1 – Notepad & pens

The organisers do not provide a notepad or writing paper or pens. Notepads and pens can be purchased on the island.

8.2 Re-usable water bottle

The island does not have drinking water from the tap. Water is provided but to save using disposable plastic cups Attendees are asked to bring a re-useable water bottle that they can re-fill.

8.3 Small bag

The course does not provide a bag. Attendees may wish to bring a small, lightweight bag to carry items around the island.

8.4 Clothing

Swimming Costume - There are lots of places to swim on the island. The hotel provides beach towels.

Jumper/warm clothing - SCSS is held at the end of the summer season. Most evenings are really lovely and warm but occasionally it can get quite windy so some Attendees may wish to bring a warmer item of clothing for the evening

Shoes for walking - The island is very beautiful and it is possible to walk around it. It is, however, very stony and some of the paths outside Spetses town are not suitable for sandals and light footwear. If Attendees want to go walking in their free time SCER suggest bringing trainers or similar.

8.5 Networking event – The SCSS course usually runs one networking event which requires travel to a local beach by boat. SCER accepts no liability for any Attendee who travels by coach to the networking event. The Attendee's travel insurance must cover their travel to/from and during SCSS.

9. Medical emergencies

All Attendees are asked to provide a contact in case of medical emergencies. This is a mandatory requirement.

There are no hospitals on the island and there is only a small doctor's practice and tiny pharmacy on the island. If Attendees have any pre-existing medical conditions they should be aware of the limited availability of medical support on the island.

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In previous SCSS courses Attendees most common medical complaints were blisters, sunburn and sea urchin prickles in hands/feet. We suggest Attendees bring plasters (for blisters), sunscreen, and antiseptic wipes and painkillers. These can be purchased on the island at the pharmacy, however it is a very small pharmacy with limited supplies. SCER does not provide any medical supplies and accepts no liability for any medical problems that may arise for Attendees whilst on the island.

10. Code of Conduct

The SCSS Code of Conduct outlines SCER's expectations for all Attendees who attend SCSS. The SCSS organisers will enforce this Code of Conduct and expect cooperation from all Attendees to help promote a safe environment and a productive experience for everyone.

SCER are committed to providing a safe and productive meeting environment that fosters open dialogue and the exchange of scientific ideas, promotes equal opportunities and treatment for all Attendees, and is free of harassment and discrimination. SCER value the participation of all Attendees and want them to have a productive and enjoyable experience. Attendees are expected to uphold standards of scientific integrity and professional ethics. SCER recognise that there are areas of science that are controversial but SCSS should serve as an effective forum to consider and debate science-relevant viewpoints in an orderly, respectful and fair manner.

SCER wish Attendees to enjoy SCSS and make the most of opportunities to extend existing networks. Scientific meetings can be stressful because they involve travel, disrupted routines and busy schedules. However, these meetings provide a unique opportunity to learn about new research, spend time with colleagues outside of the lab and make new connections. For Attendees who do not consider themselves especially outgoing, SCER encourage those individuals to try to make themselves available and do not hesitate to introduce themselves to others. It is important to treat everyone at the conference with respect, kindness and dignity.

This Code of Conduct applies to all Attendees.

Expected behaviour:

- Treat everyone with respect and consideration, valuing a diversity of views and opinions.
- Maintain a respectful, considerate, and courteous attitude towards everyone you engage with including Attendees and venue staff.
- Communicate openly and thoughtfully with others, and be considerate of the multitude of views and opinions that are different from your own.
- Provide clear, honest information and ensure your communications are useful, informative and relevant.
- Refrain from intimidating, discriminatory, harassing or demeaning behaviour.
- Be mindful of your surroundings and of your fellow Attendees. Alert the organisers or hotel staff if you notice a dangerous situation or someone in distress.
- Respect the rules and policies of the hotels and venues you are using.
- Delegates must be respectful of the person they share a twin bedroom with. They must ensure they are quiet, respect privacy and do not engage in antisocial behaviour when sharing a room.

Terms and Conditions

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Unacceptable behaviour:

For purposes of this Code of Conduct, harassment means unwelcome and offensive comments or behaviour directed to the participant's sex, race, colour, national origin, religion, sexual orientation or gender identity, disability, or other status protected under law. Harassment can include, for example, unwelcome attention, comments or jokes that focus on gender differences or sexual topics and that distract from the professional topics under discussion, unwelcome advances or requests for dates or sexual activities, and the use of language or images that demean or degrade persons of particular gender, racial, ethnic, religious or national identity.

Examples of unacceptable behaviour include, but are not limited to:

- Harassment and intimidation, including any verbal, written or physical conduct designed to threaten, intimidate, humiliate or coerce another participant will not be tolerated.
- Discrimination or other actions based on race, ethnicity, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, physical ability, nationality, age, socioeconomic status or belief.
- Personal attacks directed toward other Attendees.
- Stalking, following or unwelcome or surreptitious photography or recording.
- Sustained or disrespectful disruption of presentations or events.
- Post copyrighted content without permission from the owner

Reporting Violations of this Policy

If you have been (or notice that someone else has been) impacted by someone failing to adhere to this Code of Conduct or have additional concerns, please contact one of the SCER organisers onsite or by emailing SCSSsummerschool@gmail.com.

Retaliation for reporting harassment is a violation of this Code of Conduct, as is reporting an incident in bad faith.

In the event of an emergency situation, please contact local authorities immediately.

Consequences of Violating this Policy

Unacceptable behaviour at SCSS will not be tolerated by SCER. Anyone engaged in unacceptable behaviour may result in suspension of your attendance at SCSS or expulsion from SCSS without warning or refund. This may also result in prohibition from registering or attending future SCER events.

2025 Stage Two Acceptance of Place Form

European Summer School on Stem Cell Biology and Regenerative Medicine

First Name *

Last Name *

Email *

Mobile Phone Number *

Gender *

Position *

Institution *

Institution Address 1 *

Institution Address 2 *

Institution City *

Institution Postcode/ZIP *

Institution Country *

Dietary requirements *

If you have any allergies please specify "other" and give details in that field.

Special requirements *

These include disabilities, mobility issues etc

Visa *

*If you require a visa to visit Greece we can assist you with any letters confirming your attendance at the course. Please contact admin@stemcellsummerschool.org for assistance with this **by Friday 4th July** with details of what assistance/letters are required from Stem Cell Education and Research.*

COVID *

Please confirm you will remove yourself from the course if you test positive for COVID.

Travel insurance *

*All participants are required to have travel insurance. Travel insurance covers things like your travel costs in case you have to cancel, loss of baggage, refund of your delegate fee if you are unable to attend for any reason (ie if you cannot attend and your Institution wants to reclaim the costs of your delegate fee), insurance if you need emergency treatment whilst you are on the course (eg being flown off the island for emergency care). **See section 2.1 of the guidance notes for travel insurance requirements.***

Proof of travel insurance *

*Please upload your travel insurance certificate/document (ideally translated into english were possible). Please note **WE WILL NOT ACCEPT MEDICAL CERTIFICATES**. You will not be accepted on the course without proof of TRAVEL insurance.*

PLEASE ENSURE YOUR TRAVEL INSURANCE PROOF DOCUMENT IS UPLOADED IN ENGLISH. You can use google translate to translate your document into English if the original is in a different language.

Drag and drop files here or [browse files](#)

Badge details *

How would you like your name to appear on your name badge? We usually use First Name, Surname but some people have shortened/alternative first names that they prefer.

Poster title ***Poster Authors ***

Please list authors in the following format: surname first, followed by a comma and initials of given names (eg Nelder, J., Smith, A.)

Poster keywords *

Please specify between 3 and 5 keywords (eg organoids, gene therapy, haematopoiesis)

Poster Abstract *

Abstract should be approximately 100 to 150 words.

Poster references *

Please specify references in the following format: Author(s). Date. Article title. Journal title. Volume(issue). All posters should include some references.

Poster format ***Digital materials ***

Networking event *

Please indicate whether you wish to attend the networking event (which is likely to be lunch with the opportunity to swim for those who want to). Our networking event is always extremely highly rated by students and is a great opportunity to relax with faculty and students.

Which airport are you flying from? *

Arrival airline *

Which airline are you flying with to Greece?

Flight arrival date *

Arrival flight number *

eg BA2038

Arrival flight time *

Please specify **using the 24H clock** (eg 11am would be 11:00, 11pm would be 23:00)

Ferry arrival date *

Ferry company for arrival *

eg Hellenic Seaways, Alpha Lines,

Ferry arrival time on Spetses *

We need to know this so we can arrange to transport as much baggage as possible to the hotel from the port. Please specify **using the 24H clock** (eg 11am would be 11:00, 11pm would be 23:00)

Ferry departure date *

Ferry departure time *

We need to know this so we can arrange to transport as much baggage as possible from the hotel to the port. Please specify **using the 24H clock** (eg 11am would be 11:00, 11pm would be 23:00)

Ferry company for departure *

eg Hellenic Seaways, Alpha Lines,

**Departure flight number ***

eg BA7096

Departure flight time

So we can check you have enough time to get to the flight with the departure ferry you specify. Please specify **using the 24H clock** (eg 11am would be 11:00, 11pm would be 23:00)

Room sharing preference *

Please specify if there is anyone you would like to share a room with (eg a colleague or friend). Room sharing is arranged on a same-gender basis. Please note we cannot share the details of students who have been offered a place on the course for data protection reasons, but we will do our best to allocate rooms according to specified preferences.

Emergency contact name ***Emergency contact phone number *****Emergency contact email address *****Emergency contact english ***

Does your emergency contact speak english? Please insert Yes or No (and if no, what language does your emergency contact speak)

GDPR *

Data protection statement

Cancellation ***Do you agree to the SCSS terms and conditions? ***

The terms and conditions are available in the guidance notes on the summer school website. **If you do not agree to the terms and conditions then you will not be accepted to the course.**


Select ▼

Additional information *

If you have any additional requests/information that you need the organisers to be aware of please insert that here. If none please state "none"

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