Aims
To promote the mobility of young researchers between research institutions active in the field of food microbiology and hygiene. International Committee on Food Microbiology and Hygiene (ICFMH) Mobility Grants assist young scientists in pursuing research at a host laboratory.

Criteria for Eligibility
The grant is intended for young researchers who are less than 36 years old by the deadline of application and do not have a permanent position at their institution. Candidates must be involved in projects focused on food microbiology and hygiene and demonstrate strong motivation and passion for pursuing a career in these areas. Scientists from developing countries are encouraged to apply.

Duration, stipend and coverage
The ICFMH Mobility Grant is a short-term fellowship, which lasts up to three months. It covers travel and living expenses up to a maximum of 5,000 euros. The grant does not cover bench fees at the host institution. The ICFMH Mobility Grant does not provide health or accident insurance coverage. Grant holders are responsible for all issues relating to health insurance for themselves and any family members during their stay at the host institution and in the county in which the institution is located.

Application submission deadline
The online application system will be open on March 1ᵗʰ (http://www.icfmh.org/activities_mobilitygrants.php). The deadline for application is **March 31ˢᵗ, 2018**.

Application content
The application form shall be accompanied by the following documents, all written in English:
- Curriculum vitae
- Letter of motivation
- Letter of recommendation
- Letter of acceptance from host laboratory supervisor, explicitly accepting the terms and conditions of the Grant, including the signature and contact details (e-mail address, telephone number) of the Head of the Department.
- Research project proposal (title, state of the science, proposed experimental plan, potential impact and literature references (maximum of two A4 pages, single spaced with 2-cm margins, of which 1 page should be dedicated to the description of the proposed experimental plan)
- Expected deliverables (e.g., acquisition of a technique or a skill, publication …)
- Funds requested, with a tentative breakdown of anticipated expenses.

All documents described above should be combined in a unique pdf file (maximum of 3 MB).

Evaluation process
Applications will be evaluated by a committee consisting of three members of the ICFMH executive board, who will score proposed research projects based on the level of innovation, potential advancement and impact in the field of food microbiology and hygiene, calibre of candidate and the rigorousness of the experimental approach. Applicants will be informed of the disposition of their application in June 2018, by email message from the honorary secretary of ICFMH.

Reporting
At the end of the grant period, the grantee must prepare a report in collaboration with the host supervisor describing the activities carried out and the results obtained, and submit it to the secretary of ICFMH through the online application system. The report should be signed by the grantee and the supervisor, and is due within three months after completing the fellowship. The report shall be prepared using the available template. Note that an executive summary will be made public through the ICFMH website.

Payments, time schedule
Ninety percent (90%) of the grant will be payable immediately after the successful grantees have been informed. Ten percent (10%) of the grant will be retained and will be paid after delivery of a satisfactory final report. The grantee should complete the research visit funded by the ICFMH Mobility Grant by September 30 of the year following the assignment (i.e. 2019).

Acknowledgement
The ICFMH Mobility Grant support must be acknowledged in publications originating from the research performed under this fellowship.

For year 2018, a maximum of €15,000 will be been allocated by ICFMH for the Mobility Grant program.