

## EURAXESS Links Japan

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome the first edition of the EURAXESS Links Japan Newsletter for 2014.

This newsletter looks at the latest developments and funding opportunities in and between Europe and Japan.

We have been busy updating the next version of our [funding guide](#), so news coverage is less than usual this month. We began this revision exercise in December and are hoping to complete it over the next few weeks. If you are aware of any calls or funding schemes that require inclusion please contact us at this [address](#). We are looking for anything related to mobility, exchange or collaboration between Europe and Japan, for doctoral students upwards, inclusive of all fields of research and scientific endeavour.

Where we do provide some news is in outlining the results of the European Research Council Consolidator Grants. These are for researchers with between 7-12 years experience. We congratulate all the awardees, and indeed some of these will also be well known to many EURAXESS Links Japan readers or meeting attendees.

We also look at a recent study of career support and mentoring for young researchers. This largely echoes the points raised last point, but it is nice to realise some of the universalities of these issues.

As usual there are a wealth of new calls from Europe and Japan, jobs, as well as a large number of event announcements. In particular the following jobs deserve particular note:

- North America Regional Representative for EURAXESS Links  
Re-advertisement of the Senior ICT Policy Officer at the EU Delegation here in Tokyo

Last but not least, you still have time to share your view on EURAXESS Links. Our [survey](#) is still online and help us improve our service for you in the future! It will take you only 3 minutes to answer the 5 questions.



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# 1 EU Insight – Open Access: status quo and EU initiatives in Horizon 2020

*From the project managers, DLR*

One of the key principles to be implemented in the European Research Area is “[to guarantee access to and uptake of knowledge by all](#)” – or the so-called “open access” (OA). Open access refers to the practice of providing on-line access to scientific information that is free of charge to the end-user.

## The EU’s open access initiatives

The European Commission has long possessed the view that as all research and innovation builds on earlier achievements, an efficient system for broad dissemination of and access to research data and publications can accelerate scientific progress. Máire Geoghegan-Quinn, European Commissioner for Research, Innovation and Science stresses that “[w]e need to ensure that scientists have access to the best and latest results of research.” That is why new publications based on EU-funded research will be freely available to all. In addition, as part of a pilot open access to some of the scientific data resulting from Horizon 2020, the new EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, will also be opened up.

## Open Access to EU-funded scientific research

The European Commission (EC) aims to optimise the impact of publicly-funded scientific research, both at European level (under the EU Research Framework Programmes FP7 and Horizon 2020) and at Member State level. This is essential for Europe’s ability to enhance its economic performance and improve the capacity to compete through knowledge. Open access to results of publicly-funded research could facilitate the dissemination process to the benefit of researchers, innovative industry and citizens. It can also boost the visibility of European research, and in particular offer small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) access to the latest research for utilisation.

Therefore, the Commission’s strategy is to develop and implement open access to research results from projects funded under FP7 and Horizon 2020 (H2020).

### Open access

requirements are based on a balanced support to both 'Green open access' (immediate or delayed open access that is provided through self-archiving) and 'Gold open access' (immediate open access that is provided by a publisher).

The **Pilot** involves the following **key areas** of Horizon 2020:

- (1) Future and Emerging Technologies,
- (2) Research infrastructures – part e-Infrastructures,
- (3) Leadership in enabling and industrial technologies – Information and Communication Technologies,
- (4) Societal Challenge: Secure, Clean and Efficient Energy – part Smart cities and communities,
- (5) Societal Challenge: Climate Action, Environment, Resource Efficiency and Raw materials – with the exception of topics in the area of raw materials,
- (6) Societal Challenge: Europe in a changing world – inclusive, innovative and reflective Societies, and
- (7) Science with and for Society.



### Pilot on Open Research Data in Horizon 2020

A novelty in H2020 is the 'Pilot on Open Research Data in Horizon 2020'. Launched on December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013, researchers in projects participating in the pilot are asked to make the underlying data needed to validate the results presented in scientific publications and other scientific information available for use by other researchers, innovative industries and citizens. For 2014-2015, topic areas participating in the Open Research Data Pilot will receive funding of around €3 billion.

### The EC's guidelines on open access

Two sets of guidelines were published in December going hand-in-hand with the launch of the above-mentioned pilot and open access initiatives under H2020:

- 1) The "[Guidelines on Open Access to Scientific Publications and Research Data in Horizon 2020](#)" provide context and explanation for the rules on open access applicable to beneficiaries in projects funded or co-funded under Horizon 2020.
- 2) The "[Guidelines on Data Management in Horizon 2020](#)" published by the EC are addressed to applicants and beneficiaries of projects under the Framework Programme. These guidelines are intended to give them indications on how they can comply with their responsibilities regarding research data quality, sharing and security.

### Measuring the status quo of open access on European and world level

In August 2013, three [reports](#) were published as part of a study conducted for the European Commission (EC) to develop a set of indicators for measuring open access in the European Research Area (ERA) countries, as well as Brazil, Canada, Japan, and the US. The reports came to several interesting conclusions. First of all, compared to [open access repositories](#) of theses and scientific articles, institutional repositories that support the archiving of *scientific datasets* remain marginal.

Second of all, in regard to [the availability of open access scholarly publications](#), the tipping point for OA (more than 50% of the papers available for free) has been reached in several countries according to the authors. Of the countries in question Brazil leads with 63%, followed by the US with the proportion of open access peer-reviewed papers being 56% while Canada is about to reach the tipping point (currently at around 49%). The ERA has roughly the same proportion of OA articles as that observed at the world level (43% for 2008-2011, a figure which is not recalibrated for precision and recall), though there are noticeable differences among the countries with the Netherlands, Portugal, Lithuania, Estonia, Denmark, Malta, Ireland, and Belgium having already reached the tipping point.

And third of all, the authors argue that most national governments have not proposed or implemented direct [legislation on OA](#) (the major exceptions being the US and Brazil who also lead in regard to OA availability) and instead, OA is often addressed through less formal means, such as the production of guidelines for research funding agencies. The development of an OA culture among researchers can be fostered – the authors conclude – by institutions,



funding bodies, and governments through initiatives that enable or provide incentive for the OA dissemination of peer-reviewed publications.

The European Commission sees the implementation of open access is a major challenge given the uneven state of advancement of Member State policies in this area. Therefore, the EC encourages national initiatives at Member State level and contributes to their co-ordination within the ERA. Continuing the engagement with stakeholders and encouraging a culture of sharing scientific publications and, with due respect to the rights of all concerned, research data are major concerns over the course of [Horizon 2020](#).

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A list of relevant EU-funded projects can be accessed [here](#).



## 2 News & Developments



### ERC Consolidator Grant Results

The European Research Council announced the results of their Consolidator Grants on 14 January. Consolidator grants are for researchers of any nationality with over 7 and up to 12 years of experience since completion of their PhD.

Under the announcement, 312 top scientists were awarded such grants, totaling nearly €575 million. Each grant is worth up to €2.75 million each, with an average of €1.84 million per recipient.

Demand for the grants was high, with over 3600 submissions, an increase of 46% on last year. By fields, the distributions were as follows:

	Applications	Accepted
Life Sciences	1203	114
Physical Sciences and Engineering	1668	139
Social Sciences and Humanities	802	59
<b>Total</b>	<b>3673</b>	<b>312 (8.5%)</b>

The greatest number of recipients will perform their research in the UK (62), followed by Germany (43), France (42), and the Netherlands (29).

In terms of the international profile of the recipients, there are 2 grantees from Japan. Both of these Japanese scholars came from “abroad” before they were awarded their ERC grants. Further research is necessary to determine if they applied directly from Japan.

Forthcoming ERC Calls

The following calls are currently open by the ERC:

ERC Starting Grant – Deadline: 25 March 2014

[ERC Consolidator Grant](#) – Deadline: 20 May 2014

Further information:

ERC, (2014), [Indicative Statistics](#)

ERC, (2014), [Press Release](#),

ERC, (2014), [Information on the Consolidator Grant Scheme](#)



## New Study of Young Scientists and their Support Environment

A new study was published in January looking at the careers of young scientists in various countries around the world. The report was published by the Global Young Academy ([GYA](#)) an organization that comprises early career scientists and reviews a variety of different topics. It was launched in 2010 and gets most of its funding from scientific foundations and funding organisations, many of which are from Germany.



### 'The Global State of Young Scientists' Project Report and Recommendations

This current report is concerned with undertaking a preliminary assessment of the challenges facing young researchers around the world in the context of the best strategies to best support early career researchers. This includes things such as:

- Support Structure
- Academic Profession
- Gender issues
- Cultural differences

Given the seeming topicality of this issue, and its clear links with the discussion from [last month](#) which reviewed the presentation by Barend van der Meulen from the Rathenau Instituut, it seemed worthwhile to have a look at these other findings.

### Who are these young Scientists?

Firstly, they define a young scientist as “a postgraduate or early career researcher of any discipline actively pursuing a research career, usually without being fully established, yet. She/ he will have received a PhD or an equivalent doctoral qualification up to 10 years ago and is usually between 30 and 40 years old”.

For their research method, they used qualitative, semi-structured interviews (45 of such), and a quantitative online survey (with 650 responses). Respondents came from a range of different research fields spanning the natural sciences, the social sciences and the humanities. Respondents came from Germany, the USA, Canada, South Africa, Brazil, Japan and a host of other countries (see p.24).





On average, respondents were between 33 and 34 years when completing the survey in the summer and autumn of 2013. Most of them had received their PhD within the past 6 years between 2007 and 2013. 42% stated that they were married, 41% of the respondents said they were single, and 14% were in a relationship outside wedlock. In addition, 31% of the participants reported to have children. There was an even split between male and female respondents.

## Findings

The findings overall seem very similar to those from van der Meulen's talk last month. The report authors find that there is a need for more mentoring and support structures that account for the professional and personal advancement of young scholars. Accompanying this there is a need for aligning young scientists' skills with the responsibilities and diversified tasks on the next level and helping them to acquire knowledge, techniques and procedures that help them to be globally competitive and participate meaningfully. There is also a need for greater transparency in the assessment process, and a need for an improvement in working conditions.

Unsurprisingly satisfaction with these different points tends to vary by region, as shown from the following two tables. When comparing career obstacles with regard to support and stability issues, Europe stands out in contrast to the rest of the world. In particular, job insecurity is encountered as a career obstacle by 83% of the respondents from Europe. This is clearly related to differences in the science and higher education systems both within Europe and compared with the rest of the world. Whereas in most parts of the world, permanent or tenure track positions are also available to early career researchers, many systems in Europe, e.g. the German higher education system, mainly offer fixed-term contracts to the postdoctoral and early career researchers, reserving permanent job opportunities for a small fraction of scholars at the professorial level.



Table 14 – Obstacles encountered per region (proportions)

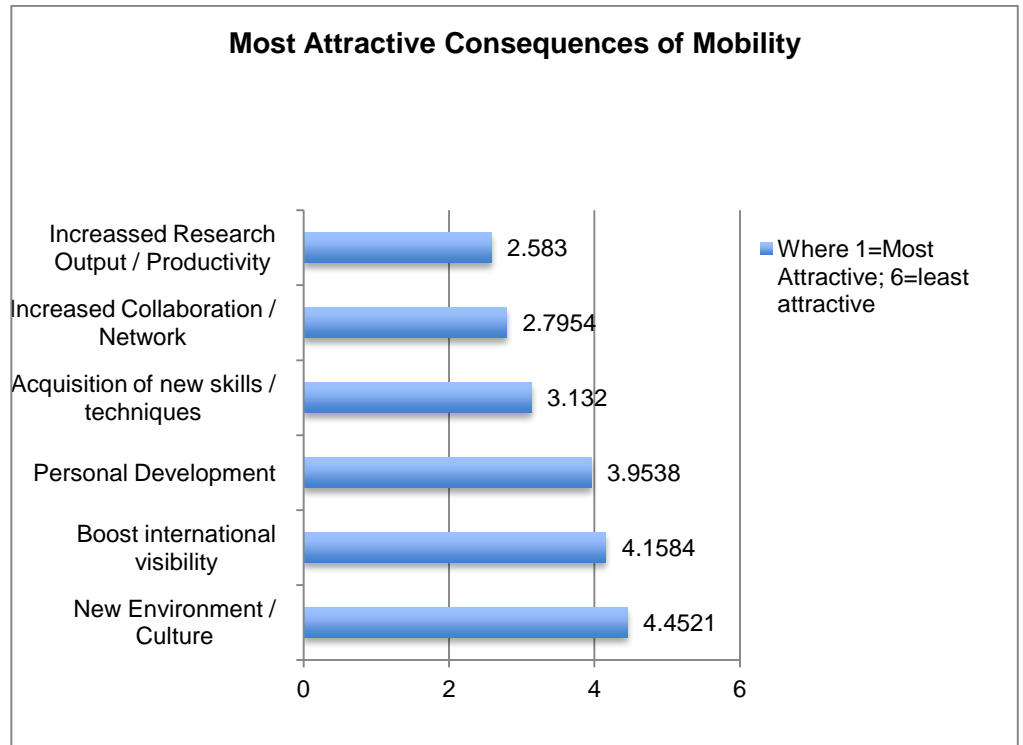
Regions	Statistics	Lack of mentoring	Lack of support from superiors	Job insecurity	Political instability or war
Africa	Mean	45.31%	45.31%	31.25%	9.38%
	Nb obs.	64	64	64	64
Asia	Mean	40.00%	45.00%	15.00%	13.00%
	Nb obs.	100	100	100	100
Europe	Mean	52.78%	58.33%	83.33%	2.78%
	Nb obs.	72	72	72	72
MENA	Mean	26.92%	36.54%	30.77%	30.77%
	Nb obs.	52	52	52	52
Americas <sup>a</sup>	Mean	29.63%	40.74%	44.44%	11.11%
	Nb obs.	27	27	27	27

Note: <sup>a</sup> Americas refer to The Americas: South, North and Central.

Table 15 – Obstacles encountered per region (proportions)

Regions	Statistics	Lack of training opportunities to develop professional skills	Lack of resources: personnel, equipment, etc.	Lack of funding opportunities / research grants	Limitation of academic freedom
Africa	Mean	39.06%	51.56%	70.31%	15.63%
	Nb obs.	64	64	64	64
Asia	Mean	39.00%	64.00%	62.00%	23.00%
	Nb obs.	100	100	100	100
Europe	Mean	27.78%	51.39%	54.17%	8.33%
	Nb obs.	72	72	72	72
MENA	Mean	55.77%	61.54%	71.15%	25.00%
	Nb obs.	52	52	52	52
Americas	Mean	29.63%	40.74%	66.67%	22.22%
	Nb obs.	27	27	27	27

They also look at young scholars that experience some form of international mobility. Here the results tend to reinforce those of other studies. Working in another country for 2 to 4 years during a postdoc is considered to be beneficial and a well-regarded path of an academic for most of the interviewed scholars. Reasons for mobility are mostly to work in a specific field or with a specific researcher. Problems while working abroad can be cultural differences and language, but also the insecurity of the benefits of mobility for career advancement.



The full report is available from the

Global Young Academy, (2014), [The Global State of Young Scientists](#)

### 2.3 HORIZON 2020 new participant portal

On this new portal you can find and secure funding for research & innovation projects under Horizon 2020. In particular the call search tool has several filtering options to help you select funding opportunities that are most relevant to your activities.

Further information: [Here](#)



## 3 Grants & Fellowships

### European Union: Forthcoming Marie Skłodowska-Curie Calls

The Marie Skłodowska-Curie Programme has some changes under the forthcoming Horizon 2020 programme. According to a draft work programme the Initial Training Network is now called an Innovative Training Network. The International Research Staff Exchange Scheme (IRSES) is now called the Research and Innovation Staff Exchange Scheme (RISE).

Forthcoming calls include the following:

- Innovative Training Networks (ITN) – this scheme aims to train a new generation of creative, entrepreneurial and innovative early stage researchers. The scheme supports joint research training and / or doctoral programmes implemented by partnerships of universities. The specific call were published on 11 December. Deadline: 9 April
- Research and Innovation Staff Exchange Scheme - The RISE scheme will promote international and inter-sector collaboration through research and innovation staff exchanges. Specific details in the call were published on 11 December. The deadline will be 24 April 2014.

Further information: [European Commission](#)

### European Research Council

The European Research Council have the following open calls:

- [ERC Starting Grant](#): 25 March
- [ERC Consolidator Grant](#): 25 May

Further information: [European Research Council](#)

### Horizon 2020 Calls

See our [December newsletter](#) for a list of the relevant calls with Japan.

See also the [JEUPISTE](#) website, where further information and links can be found.



### European Commission: Joint Research Centre

The European Commission's Joint Research Centre is currently advertising the following vacancies:

- 1 senior researcher position (Severe Accident Management and Emergency Plan and Response)
- 2 trainee positions

Deadlines: Various

More information: [JRC](#)

### 2014 Erasmus Mundus Call for Proposals: EACEA/18/13

This call was launched on 22 November 2013 and will support partnerships with third-country higher education institutions (including scholarships). Strand 2 covers cooperation with industrialised countries.

Deadline: March 3 2014.

Further information: [EACEA](#)

### Belgium: PhD Fellowship

Fellowships for those with Belgian, EU, EU Economic Area or Swiss nationality. Provides funding for PhD studies at a Flemish university.

Deadline: 1 February

Further Information: [FWO](#)

### Belgium: Pegasus Short Marie Curie Postdoctoral Fellowships

FWO provides short term (1 year) funding to research at postdoctoral level program in the fields of: biological sciences, humanities, social sciences, medical sciences and the exact and applied sciences.

Currently short fellowships for one year at Flemish universities exist. The next calls are as follows.

Forthcoming Deadlines: 1 February and 1 May

Further information: [FWO](#)



## Czech Republic: Scholarships for the Academic Year 2014/2015 from The Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport of the Czech Republic

The Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport of the Czech Republic annually offers scholarships to foreign nationals, pursuant to bilateral intergovernmental or departmental agreements concluded with a number of countries. Scholarships are awarded to applicants nominated by the competent authorities from a list of eligible countries (including Japan).

Deadline: 31 March in most cases

Further Information: [MSMT](#)

## Finland: FiDiPro Call Forthcoming in September

This programme is for Finnish researchers to invite top researchers to spend time in Finland for 2-5 years. FiDiPro provides competitive grants to projects recruiting highly merited scientists, who are able to commit to long-term cooperation with a Finnish university or research institute. All disciplines.

Deadline: 28 February

Further information: [FiDiPro](#)

## France: National Institute of Agricultural Research (INRA) – Experienced Junior Researchers

51 positions are available in fields relevant to agricultural research. There are 6 vacancies for experienced research scientists (at least 4 years of post-PhD experience); and 45 research director positions (at least 8 years experience).

There are four junior positions that are also being advertised.

Further information: [INRA](#) (senior) [INRA](#) (junior)

## France: National Center for Space Studies: Doctoral Grants

Every year, CNES grants hundreds of research allowances in science fields for engineers (orbital systems, space transport systems) and sciences using space assets (Universe science, Earth science, Microgravity science) to young French and foreign scientists interested in space activities.

The call for applications is open from January to March every year.



Further information: [CNES](#)

### Greece - Onassis Foundation Fellowships for foreigners

The Alexander S. Onassis Public Benefit Foundation has announced the 20th annual Programme of Research Grants and Educational Scholarships starting on October 1st 2014, which is addressed to non-Greeks, University Professors of all levels (Ph.D. holders), postdoctoral researchers (Ph.D. holders), artists, post-graduate students and Ph.D candidates.

Grants for up to 6 months (professors, assistant professors and post-docs) or 10 months (PhD and post-graduate students) are given to come and pursue research/studies in Greece.

Deadline for application is 31 January, 2014

Further details available on the [Onassis Foundation website](#)

### Human Frontier Science Program Research Grants

The HFSP supports novel, innovative and interdisciplinary basic research focused on the complex mechanisms of living organisms; topics range from molecular and cellular approaches to systems and cognitive neuroscience and the interactions between organisms. A clear emphasis is placed on novel collaborations that bring biologists together with scientists from fields such as physics, mathematics, chemistry, computer science and engineering to focus on problems at the frontier of the life sciences.

Guidelines for 2015 Program and Young Investigator applications are now available.

Deadline of registration is March 20th, 2014. The submission deadline is March 27th, 2014.

Further information: [HFSP](#)

### Ireland: SFI Investigators Programme Thematic Priorities

The thematic priorities for the SFI Investigators Programme have been announced. The call will open in the first quarter of 2014.

Further information: [SFI](#)

### Germany: Anneliese Maier Research Award

The Humboldt Foundation will accept nominations for the above award. It is for researchers from abroad working in the fields of social sciences and humanities. The award is valued at €250,000.



Award winners are expected to spend a period of up to five years cooperating on a long-term research project with the nominator and / or specialist colleagues at a research institution in Germany.

Deadline for nominations: 30 April

Further information: [Humboldt Foundation](#)

### Germany: Leibniz-DAAD Research Fellowships

Fellowships for highly qualified, international postdoctoral researchers to work at a Leibniz Institute of their choice in Germany.

There are 81 such institutes across Germany, covering social sciences, economics, life sciences, mathematics, and duration of 12 months.

Deadline: 7 March

Further information: [DAAD](#)

### Japan: RIKEN BSI Summer School

The Brain Science Institute at RIKEN are to announce the application information for the summer program this month. The Summer Program is designed to encourage and further the education of young neuroscientists and emerging researchers as they enter the international neuroscience community. Around 45 international students are typically accepted each year for the Summer Program, which is highly competitive, with only one out of six or seven applicants being selected.

Internship course dates: 11 June – 6 August

Lecture course: 15-22 July

Further information: [RIKEN BSI](#)

### Japan: JSPS Invitation Fellowship Program for Research in Japan (Short Term/Short Term S)

The JSPS have published information on their homepage regarding the Invitation Fellowship Program for Research in Japan. The program allows researchers employed at designated Japanese research institutions and laboratories to invite fellow researchers from other countries to Japan for short periods of time to participate in discussions, attend seminars, give lectures, or perform similar duties at their institutions. Now Categories of Short





Term and Short Term S are open. This is the second call this year under the scheme.

Deadline: 9 May 2014.

Further information: [JSPS](#)

### Japan: JSPS Bilateral Programs

The Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) opened applications for their bilateral programs on 11 November. Bilateral programs support joint research projects, seminars between Japanese researchers and those residing in countries with a diplomatic agreement with Japan.

Deadline: 7 February

Further information: [JSPS](#)

### Luxembourg: Attract 2014

The ATTRACT programme by the National Research Fund (FNR) aims to support the Luxembourgish research institutions attract outstanding young researchers with high potential to Luxembourg.

The programme is designed for researchers not yet established in Luxembourg; it offers them the opportunity to set up an independent research team within a public-sector research institution in Luxembourg that is willing to host them.

Deadline: 3 February 2014

Further information: [FNR](#)

### Luxembourg: PhD and Postdoctoral Grants

The Fonds National de la Recherche Luxembourg have announced the opening of their postdoctoral fellowship and PhD grants.

Deadline: 11 March 2014 (postdoc).

Deadline: 20 March 2014 (PhD)

Further information: [FNR](#)

### Netherlands: Internationalisation in the Humanities

This programme is to facilitate the international cooperation between Dutch research groups and their foreign colleagues, stimulate the formation of international networks within the



humanities and encourage humanities applications to international agencies.

Senior researchers with an appointment at a Dutch university or a research institute recognised by NWO can apply.

Deadline: 3 March 2014

Further information: [NOW](#)

### Netherlands: VICI Programme (Senior Researchers)

This programme is for senior researchers to build their own research group in the Netherlands. A maximum of 1,500,000 euro is awarded. The scheme is directed at providing encouragement for individual researchers and gives talented, creative researchers the opportunity to conduct their own research programme independently and promote talented researchers to enter and remain committed to the scientific profession.

Pre-proposals should be submitted by end of March 2014.

Further information: [NWO](#)

### Sweden: European Institute of Japanese Studies in Stockholm (PhD fellowships)

The European Institute of Japanese Studies (EIJS) at Stockholm School of Economics is now recruiting a Ph.D. candidate for the Doctoral Program in Asian Economy and Business. Deadline: 1 February

Further information: Marie Soderberg ([Marie.Soderberg@hhs.se](mailto:Marie.Soderberg@hhs.se))

### Sweden: Forte Fellowships

The Swedish Research Council for Health, Working Life and Welfare have opened the call for their Forte Fellowships. The purpose of the fellowships is to give researchers within Forte's areas of responsibility the possibility to spend time at a foreign research institution. The applicant must be connected to a Swedish research institution.

Deadline: 13 February

Further information: [Forte](#)



### Sweden: Forte Visiting Researchers

The Swedish Research Council for Health, Working Life and Welfare will support visiting researchers to Sweden in their areas of competency.

Deadline: 13 February

Further information: [Forte](#)

### Switzerland: SNSF: Ambizione, Ambizione-PROSPER, Ambizione-SCORE

With Ambizione, Ambizione-PROSPER, Ambizione-SCORE, the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) would like to promote junior researchers in all disciplines. This funding scheme is aimed at young researchers who would like to conduct, manage and lead an independently planned project at a Swiss university.

Ambizione is aimed at qualified researchers from Switzerland who are spending a stay abroad or have returned after a stay abroad, e.g. within a fellowship for advanced researchers.

Researchers will be funded for a maximum of three years with a salary (research associate level) and research funds. Research funds may also be used to employ support personnel. Candidates with sufficient experience may apply for the appointment of a PhD student under specific conditions if good reasons can be given.

Next deadline: 14 February 2014

Further information: [SNSF](#)

### Switzerland: Advanced Postdoc Mobility

Advanced Postdoc.Mobility fellowships of the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) are awarded to advanced postdocs who wish to conduct or extend a research stay abroad. The fellowships are granted for 12 to 36 months. A return phase of 3 to 12 months at a research institution in Switzerland is possible.

Next deadline: 1 February

Further information: [SNSF](#)

### Turkey: Global Researcher Programme

This is a scheme by TÜBİTAK to support research stays in Turkey for more than one

month, and less than 36 months. Deadline: first week of March

Further information: [TÜBİTAK](#)



## UK: British Academy International Partnership and Mobility Scheme

This scheme aims to support the development of partnerships between the UK and other areas of the world where research excellence would be strengthened by new, innovative initiatives and links. In this round opened to three-year and one-year partnerships between UK scholars and scholars in Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, the Middle East, South Asia, East Asia and South-East Asia.

Applicants must be of postdoctoral or equivalent status. Research must be in the field of the humanities or social sciences.

The 2014 round will open for applications from 6 November 2013 with a deadline of 5 February 2014.

Further information: [British Academy](#)

## UK: Daiwa Foundation Small Grants

Grants to individuals and institutions in the UK and Japan in all areas of the visual and performing arts, the humanities, the social sciences, science and engineering, mathematics, business studies, and education, including schools and universities, and grass roots and professional groups. Grants of £3,000-£7,000 are available to individuals, societies, associations or other bodies in the UK or Japan to promote and support interaction between the two countries.

Deadline: 31 March

Further information: [DAJF](#)

## UK: Leverhulme Visiting Professorships

These professorships are awarded to UK institutions that wish to invite an eminent researcher from overseas to enhance the knowledge and skills of academic staff or the student body within the host institution. The scheme covers maintenance, travel expenses and research costs. Visiting Professorships last between three and twelve months.

Deadline: 8 May 2014.

Further information: [Leverhulme Trust](#)



## United Nations University- UNU-IAS Fellowship Programme

The United Nations University Institute for Advanced Study (UNU-IAS) based in Japan, offers PhD and postdoctoral fellowships to provide young scholars and policymakers, especially from the developing world, with a multidisciplinary context within which to pursue advanced research and training that are of professional interest to the successful applicant and of direct relevance to the research agenda of their selected UNU-IAS or UNU-ISP programme.

Deadline: 15 March

Further Information: [UNU-IAS](#)

## 4 Jobs

### Senior ICT Policy Officer, EU Delegation, Tokyo

The Delegation of the European Union to Japan has a vacancy for a 'Senior Information and Communication Technology (ICT) policy officer' FG-I Local Agent, in its Science and Technology (S&T) Section. This vacancy is republished.

Deadline: 12 February

Further information: [EU Delegation](#)

### Regional Representative: EURAXESS Links North America

DLR Project Management Agency (PT-DLR) is looking for a EURAXESS Links Regional Representative in Washington, D.C., USA. The incumbent shall support European researchers living in North America (USA and Canada) and non-European researchers in North America who are interested in an academic career in Europe with information and advice on issues related to EU research cooperation. For this position professional language skills in English, a university degree at the MA/MSc-level of at least four years' duration and proof of at least three years of relevant professional experience in the field of project management of which at least one in EU affairs are prerequisite.

Further information: [EURAXESS Jobs](#)



## Jobs in Europe: EURAXESS Jobs

There are currently 5,253 jobs advertised on the EURAXESS Jobs webpage. These include,

- 44 positions working on European Research Council projects
- 330 Marie Curie Fellowships and positions

They can be viewed by country, level of seniority, field or research or via free text searches. Please also note that these jobs include doctoral fellowships.

All the positions can be viewed at the [EURAXESS Jobs page](#).

## Louis Frieberg Post-doctoral Fellowships

The Louis Frieberg Center for East Asian Studies at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem offers post doctoral fellowships for the year 2014-2015.

[eacenter@mssc.huji.ac.il](mailto:eacenter@mssc.huji.ac.il)

Deadline: 30 April 2014

## Postgraduate Studentships in Asian Studies at the University of Sheffield

The School of East Asian Studies (SEAS) at The University of Sheffield would like to invite applications for postgraduate scholarships for 2014/15 entry starting from 1 October 2014.

Deadline: 3 February

Further information: [SEAS](#)

## AIST jobs

The National Institute of Advanced Science and Technology (AIST) in Japan have various vacancies across their relevant research fields.

Deadline: 16 April

Further information: [AIST](#)

## Jobs in Japan: JREC-IN

The Japanese job website, JREC-IN are currently advertising 2,100 positions in Japanese, and 197 positions in English.



All the positions can be viewed at the [JREC-IN website](#).

## JAIST

Various openings at the Japan Advanced Institute for Science and Technology. In the following fields:

- technology management
- software science
- service science
- chemistry
- others

See [JAIST](#) for further details and deadlines.

## JAMSTEC

There are a number of openings at the Japan Agency for Marine Earth Science and Technology (JAMSTEC) at junior and more senior levels.

Deadlines: Various

Further information: [JAMSTEC](#)

## Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology

Various openings in administration, technical support and research. See [OIST](#)

## RIKEN Jobs

RIKEN have numerous openings at their various centres. Including:

- Research Scientist
- Postdoctoral Researchers
- Administrative Assistants

Check the [RIKEN homepage](#) for the full listing.

## Positions at WPI centres:

- Advanced Institute for Materials Science (AIMR) – Tohoku University

Tohoku University Recruitment of Researchers for ERATO Isobe Degenerate  $\pi$ -Integration Project – deadline: 31/03/2014

Further information: [AIMR](#)

- Institute for Integrated Cell-Material Sciences (iCeMS) – Kyoto University



Various positions, including at technical assistant and research assistant levels. See: [iCeMS](#)

- International Institute for Carbon-Neutral Energy Research (I<sup>2</sup>CNER) – Kyushu University  
Postdoctoral research associates – deadline: 31 January.  
Further information [I<sup>2</sup>CNER](#)
- **Earth-Life Science Institute (Tokyo Institute of Technology)**  
Various positions are advertised. Deadline: until filled. See [ELSI](#) for details

## 5 Events

EIJS Academy Seminar: "Costs and Problems of Japanese Energy Policy"

29 January 2014.

Further information: [EIJS](#)

DIJ Social Science Study Group:

Gender socialization at primary school in contemporary Japan  
January 29, 2014.

TT Japan 2014: Trends in Nano Technology.

29-31, January 2014 in Tokyo.

Further information: [TNT Japan](#)

I<sup>2</sup>CNER Symposia 2014

30 Jan - 5 Feb, 2014

Further information: [I<sup>2</sup>CNER](#)

Tenth NAJS Conference on the Study of Contemporary Japanese Society





Deadline for abstracts: January 31, 2014 (Fri).

Further information: [NAJS 2014](#)

### Public Symposium "Future with immunity research"

1st February 2014 in Tokyo.

Further information: [Akira Research](#)

### 1st. Kansai Nanoscience and Nanotechnology International Symposium

3-4, February 2014.

Further information: [Osaka University](#)

### Symposium for "Cyber Security; Strategic Cooperation between Europe and Japan for Control Systems Security" at EUIJ

4 Feb in Osaka, 5 Feb in Tokyo, and 7 Feb in Fukuoka.

Registration and Further information:

Further information: [NECA](#)

### The 13th Sansouken-Sangiren Joint Meeting on LS-BT

18-19, February 2014.

Further information: [AIST](#)

### 16th Japan/OECD Seminar

9 February 2014 in Sendai.

Further information: [MEXT](#)

### Primitive forms and related subjects

Feb 10-14, 2014.

Further information: [IPMU](#)



The Second Global Collaboration Symposium on Human  
Survivability: ~Messages to the Future Global Leaders  
from the Frontrunners~

19 Feb 2014 in Kyoto.

Further information: [Kyoto University](#)

10th Yoshimasa Hirata Memorial Lecture & ITbM-IGER  
Nagya Symposium on Transformative Synthesis

18 Feb 2014 in Nagoya.

Further information: [Nagoya University](#)

Blue Earth Symposium 2014

19, 20 February 2014.

Further information: [Jamstec](#)

6th Japan-Germany Environment Forum

24-25, February 2014.

Further information: [German Embassy](#)

DIJ Social Science Study Group:

New approaches to elderly care and senior citizens engagement

Findings from fieldwork in Japans metropolitan area / Workers  
Collectives as Care providers – The case of Kanagawa

February 19, 2014.

MANA/ICYS Reunion Workshop 2014

3-4, March 2014.

Further information: [NIMS-MANA](#)

MANA International Symposium 2014: NANO  
REVOLUTION FOR THE FUTURE

March 5th to 7th, 2014 in Tsukuba.

Further information: [NIMS](#)



## Structural Materials: The Link between Materials and Mechanics

3-5, March 2014.

[NIMS](#)

## Kobe University International Symposium and KU Alumni Meeting in Europe. What's global leadership in EU?

9 March 2014, 13:00-16:30

Venue: Boulevard du Triomphe 173 Triomflaan, Bruxelles 1160 Brussel

More information:

Further information: [Kobe University](#)

## Kavli IPMU-FMSP Workshop "Supersymmetry in Physics and Mathematics"

10-20, March 2014.

Further information: [IPMU](#)

## CDB Symposium 2014: Regeneration of Organs: Programming and Self-Organization.

10-12, March 2014.

Further information: [RIKEN](#)

## Lecture from Professor Arthur Kleinman at Harvard Univ. "The Transformation of Sensibility and Subjectivity in the Twenty-First Century: Will the Human Survive?"

16 March 2014 in Kyoto.

Further information: [Kyoto University](#)

## 2nd International Symposium from ELSI

24-26 March 2014 at Hitotsubashi Hall.

Further information: [ELSI](#)



Kavli IPMU Focus week Workshop on Hyper-accretion

07-11 April 2014

Further information: [IPMU](#)

The 7th International Symposium on Isotopomers 2014  
(ISI 2014)

1-4, July 2014.

Further information: [Tokyo Tech](#)

"4th International Conference on Metal Organic  
Frameworks and Open Framework Compounds"

Sep 28 - Oct 1, 2014.

Further information: [ICEMS](#)

### About EURAXESS Links

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