Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the February edition of the EURAXESS Links Japan newsletter! This edition will provide you with the latest news, developments and funding opportunities in and between Europe and Japan; along with information on jobs and events of interest.

Due to the upcoming closure of the Japanese fiscal year in March, there are few new news and development this month, but a wealth of new schemes and a number of events, both in Japan and Europe!

We also have a number of events upcoming, with the second stage of our Japan Tour at the University of Tokyo on 4 March, and the continuation of the EURAXESS Share series, with an edition in Hakata, Kyushu on 15 April; many more to come soon!

Also, don’t forget our brief satisfaction survey, it is still open until 15 March 2015! Don’t miss this opportunity to help us improve our services!

This month’s EU insight will focus on the spreading and widening of participation to Horizon 2020’s programmes from low-performing EU countries through the ERA Chairs instrument.

Enjoy the reading!

Wishing you a successful month ahead,
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1 EU Insight – Spreading Excellence and Widening participation

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"To make European research the best in the world, we need to unlock the potential in all parts of Europe. With the new ERA chairs we are helping promising regions attract the best research talent and strengthen their standing as research excellence centres."

European Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation Carlos Moedas

Under Horizon 2020, the EU's research funding programme, a strong packet of measures with up to EUR 800 million in funding will be available for widening participation of low-research performing Member States. Such actions include special awards like the ERA Chairs instrument, Teaming or Twinning. These three instruments will be introduced in this EU Insight.

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1 This EU Insight is a compilation of the following two press releases from the European Commission:

Press Release ERA Chairs from February 13, 2015

Press Release Teaming from January 30, 2015

The information on the Twinning instrument was taken from the call text:

Twinning Call from the European Commission
Thirteen universities, technical institutes and private organisations in those parts of Europe that have not done as well as they could in research and innovation are to receive up to EUR 2.5 million each in EU funding to boost their research capacity through the appointment of "ERA Chairs", the European Commission announced on 13 February 2015.

Following the pilot call under FP7, this first Horizon 2020 call on ERA Chairs was launched on 11 December 2013 with a budget of EUR 33.6 million. The selected institutions have to award ERA Chairs to outstanding academics who have the capacity to raise standards and attract more high level staff as well as money from other sources, such as EU research funding or regional funds. The positions must be published and respect ERA guidelines (gender balance, fairness, transparency, etc.). **ERA Chair holders can come from anywhere in the world.**

On 30 January 2015, the EU announced new grants that will help bridge the research excellence gap between Member States and strengthen competitiveness and growth across Europe. The new **Teaming** instrument, under which these grants are awarded, will help improve research performance and increase investment in countries with lower research excellence rankings. With funding from Horizon 2020, 31 projects from such countries have now been selected to prepare operational plans for new Centres of Excellence by teaming up with high-calibre institutions from all over Europe.

Eligible Member states under Teaming include all those which joined the EU after 2004 plus Portugal and Luxembourg, as well as eight of the non-EU countries associated with Horizon 2020. Teaming will help them to start new collaborations, build new scientific networks and seize new market opportunities.

The first Teaming projects selected for funding will be led by research institutions or agencies as well as national or regional authorities. In phase 1 of this action, the projects will receive up to EUR 500,000 each (EUR 14.5 million in total) to prepare operational plans for new Centres of Excellence or for upgrading existing ones.

**Twinning** aims to significantly strengthen a defined field of research in a particular knowledge institution (a research-active university or a public research organisation or a private non-profit research organisation) by creating a link between this institution and at least two internationally-leading research institutions in other Member States. Twinning strategies can include short term staff exchanges; expert visits and short-term on-site or virtual training; workshops; conference attendance; organisation of joint summer school type activities; dissemination and outreach activities. Twinning activities will provide no support to infrastructure and equipment and no support for hiring new permanent research staff. The call for applications is still open until 7 May 2015.

*"Put simply, we want Horizon 2020 funds to benefit as wide a range of European universities and research institutes as possible. We are determined to see that no part of Europe is left behind in research and innovation. Teaming now helps to achieve this by creating partnerships between those at the top and those with the most potential. Horizon 2020 rewards excellence and, most importantly, the pursuit of excellence."

European Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation Carlos Moedas
2 EURAXESS Links Japan activities

2.1 EURAXESS Share Kyushu 2015

The next edition of our Share networking event series will take place on 15 April in Hakata, Kyushu. This event is focused on providing you an opportunity to connect with colleagues working in the same region and with similar interests in international cooperation or mobility opportunities to Europe.

EURAXESS Share Kyushu 2015

Kyushu’s networking and information platform for researchers and stakeholders interested in Japan-Europe opportunities

Learn about research opportunities in Europe, Japan and between the two
EURAXESS Links Japan, the EU Delegation to Japan as well as EU-J Kyushu will provide you with a short overview of the research landscape and collaboration possibilities between Japan and Europe.

Get insights from researchers mobile between Europe and Japan
Learn from the experience of two researchers who have been active in both Europe and Japan. Discuss the positive aspects of mobility, get insights on working conditions in different environments and tips to obtain grants!

Make new contacts in the international research community!
Free event open to PhD students, Post-docs, young and senior researchers, research administrators from all fields!

Bring your colleagues!
Drinks and food on the house!

EURAXESS Share Kyushu 2015 Schedule:
+ 17:00 Registration Desk Open
+ 17:30 Opening Address
+ 17:35 EU-J Kyushu’s activities | Prof Madiko HACHIYA, EU-J Kyushu, Kyushu University
+ 17:40 EURAXESS and European Programmes for Mobility and Research Cooperation
  | Dr Matthieu PUY, EURAXESS Links Japan, Dr Tom KUCZYNKI, Delegation of the EU to Japan
+ 18:00 Feedback session 1: Sharing experiences abroad: International mobility of Japanese researchers
  | Prof Eri KASAGI, Kyushu University
+ 18:10 Feedback session 2: South, North and East: my experience in Italy, the UK and Japan
  | Dr Marco VESCHINNI SCARZAMILIA, Kagoshima University
+ 18:20 Networking session | You all!

This event is open to every researcher, without limitations on nationality, discipline (social sciences and humanities included), or level (from PhD students to senior researchers, professors or even administrators!).

Looking forward to meeting you there!

Further information, registration: sharekyushu2015.splashthat.com

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2.2 EURAXESS Links Japan Tour 2015: KEK stage report

In order to reach researchers while saving them the trouble of coming to a remote venue, EURAXESS Links Japan promotes mobility and research cooperation directly at your location.. This is the EURAXESS Links Japan Tour!

The first stage of our 2015 Tour took place in Tsukuba, at the headquarters of the accelerator organisation KEK. Many KEK researchers, as well as researchers and administrators from the whole Tsukuba area came to learn and gain insights into EU programmes for research cooperation and mobility, EURAXESS services in Japan; and to get feedback from internationally mobile researchers.

A great interest was shown to each of the presentations, with numerous questions from the audience during Q&A and discussions going on well after the end of the networking session.

Please take a look at the event pictures below, and contact us if you’d wish to have a similar seminar at your university of research institution!
2.3 EURAXESS Links Japan Tour 2015: University of Tokyo stage

On 4 March, beginning 1PM at the University of Tokyo, the second stage of our 2015 Tour will take place!

This edition will focus on mobility and cooperation opportunities for Japanese researchers, and will feature a discussion panel including renowned researchers from the University of Tokyo who will present the institution's specific actions and policies in terms of international collaboration. The seminar will be in Japanese (mainly) and English without translation.

We hope to see you in numbers at this event!

2.4 EURAXESS Links Satisfaction Survey 2014

Dear EURAXESS Links community members!

EURAXESS Links would like to hear from you on how we can further improve our services to keep you updated about research mobility opportunities.

We would appreciate you taking the time to please take our brief user survey, which is designed to help us better understand what you need. The survey should take between 3-5 minutes to complete.


Thank you very much for your feedback!

Your EURAXESS Links Team
3 News & Developments

3.1 EU, Member States and Associated Countries

3.1.1 Public consultation: have your say on the achievements of FP7

The European Commission has launched a public consultation on the achievements of FP7, the EU's 7th Framework Programme for research and innovation worth EUR 53 billion of funding for the period 2007-2013. The results of the consultation will feed into the ex-post evaluation of FP7 carried out by an independent external High Level Expert Group.

The evaluation is an important instrument for assessing the achievements and wider impact of FP7. In addition the aim is to improve both the implementation of Horizon 2020, the current EU's funding programme for research and innovation, and the design of future framework programmes. The consultation collects views on the overall management of FP7, the impact of the simplification measures, and the achievements of the supported activities. Individuals, groups or organisations who have had a direct experience with FP7 or just wish to give their opinion are invited to contribute until 22 May 2015.

The consultation as well as background information can be found on the Research & Innovation consultations site as well as the European Commission website Your voice in Europe.

Source: Horizon Magazine

3.1.2 Bringing research to the market: ERC funds 59 innovative projects

A simple blood test to diagnose breast cancer, a forensic device to trace the origin of tropical timber, and artificial veins inspired by marine sponges; these are some of the inventions to be developed by 59 outstanding researchers selected in the latest round of 'Proof of Concept' Grants from the European Research Council (ERC).

Worth up to EUR 150,000 per grant, 'Proof of Concept' funding helps ERC grant holders to bridge the gap between their existing frontier research and its commercial applications. This top-up funding will enable the scientists to cover costs of technical validation, create a startup to explore business opportunities, or establish intellectual property rights, for example.

Source: ERC
3.1.3 New Vice Presidents and members of the ERC Scientific Council

Professors Sierd Cloetingh and Mart Saarma have been appointed new Vice Presidents of the European Research Council. This news was coupled with the European Commission's appointment today of three new members of the Scientific Council. Sierd Cloetingh, who also serves as a President of Academia Europaea, is a Dutch professor of Earth Sciences and Tectonics at Utrecht University. He will be in charge of supervision of the ERC activities in the domain of Physical Science and Engineering. Mart Saarma, an Estonian national, is a professor and a director of the Centre of Excellence in Molecular and Integrated Neuroscience Research at the University of Helsinki. He will take over the Life Sciences domain.

Source: ERC

3.1.4 First "Teaming" grants to boost research excellence across Europe

The EU just announced 31 new grants that will help bridge the research excellence gap between Member States and strengthen competitiveness and growth across Europe. Funded by Horizon 2020, these 'Teaming' projects will prepare operational plans for new Centres of Excellence by teaming up high-calibre institutions from all over Europe.

The new Teaming instrument, under which these grants are awarded, is intended to help improve research performance and increase investment in countries with lower research excellence rankings.

Under Horizon 2020, the EU's research funding programme, a strong package of measures with up to EUR 800 million in funding, will be available for measures to widen participation of low-research performing Member States. Such actions include Teaming, Twinning (institutional networking that includes support on staff exchanges, expert advice and assistance), and the new ERA Chairs instrument which are currently being managed by the Research Executive Agency (REA).

Source: REA

3.1.5 The EU is recruiting researchers

The JRC has just launched a call to recruit on fixed-term contracts. As the Commission's in-house science service, the Joint Research Centre provides the science for EU policy making, providing a unique opportunity to make your work count. Successful candidates will work in one of the JRC sites, located in Germany, Belgium, Italy, Spain and the Netherlands.

The selection is open to applicants from the EU Member States or from one of the countries associated with the Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme.
Eligible fields are: Biology, Chemistry, Natural Sciences, Life Sciences, Biochemistry, Oceanography/Marine Sciences, Nanotechnology, Nanobiotechnology, Veterinary, Engineering, Mathematics, Physics, Computer Sciences, Statistics, Material Sciences, Economics, Political Sciences, Social Sciences, Educational Sciences, Psychology, Geography, Environmental Sciences, Agricultural Sciences, Agricultural Engineering, Meteorology, Ecology, Forestry, Geology, Hydrological Sciences, Medical Sciences, Pharmacy, Nutritional Sciences.

Source: JRC

3.2 Japan

3.2.1 WPIs rank third as “top 1% papers” publishers and some get funding extensions

Japan established the World Premier International Research Center Initiative (WPI) programme in 2007 to fund “world-class research institutions” with about JPY 1.3 billion each (about EUR 10 million) per year for 10 years, with the option to extend funding for an additional 5 years. The 8th year evaluation that took place in fall 2014, and which was made public by MEXT in February, concluded that the five WPI institutions launched in 2007 at Tohoku, Tokyo, Kyoto, Osaka Universities and the National Institute of Materials Science demonstrated world premier status and are eligible to receive grants to complete their 10-year term in 2016. The four other WPIs, created after 2010, are yet to be evaluated.

Of particular interest in the MEXT evaluation report is the performance of the WPIs in publishing top content. The report shows that the percentage of “top 1%” papers (those receiving the most citations) published by the nine research centres is on average 4.6%. This among the world best figures and third only to Rockefeller University and MIT.

The report underlines the fact that promoting internationalisation, interdisciplinary thinking and
Structural reforming was key to achieving this result. MEXT notes that on average, 40% of the staff of the five WPIs launched in 2007 is composed of foreign researchers.

Measures for implementation of merit-based salaries, cross-appointments with national or international institutions for researchers and the use of English language on a daily basis, among others, are also thought to be efficient tools to improve the research output of these institutions; by contrast with the situation in traditional Japanese universities or research institutions.

Among the WPIs, the Kavli Institute for the Physics and Mathematics of the Universe, the WPI established at the University of Tokyo, was evaluated with an especially top-ranking and was granted a 5-year extension through 2021.

Source: MEXT

3.2.2 New Record in Industries’ Investment in University Research

The result of a survey conducted by MEXT of 1,073 Japanese research institutions and published in late January shows that Japanese industries’ investment in Japanese universities’ research in JFY 2013 was JPY 69.5 billion (EUR 515 million), a record and an increase from JPY 6.7 billion (EUR 49 million) in the previous year. The investment includes cooperative research, contract research, clinical trial research and the costs associated with the use of patent rights. For example, the universities received JPY 39 billion (EUR 289 million) from industries in pursuing industry-university cooperative research.

The number of industry-university cooperative research projects implemented in 2013 was 17,881, an increase of almost a thousand from the previous year. The universities’ patent right-based income in 2013 was JPY 2.2 billion (EUR 16 million), an increase of 3% from the previous year.

Source: MEXT (Japanese), NSF’s Weekly Wire

3.3 Cooperation EU - Japan

3.3.1 UK universities sign agreement with NICT on cyber security research

On 9 February, three UK Cyber Security Academic Centres of Excellence signed Memoranda of Understanding with NICT’s Network Security Laboratory.

Imperial College London, Queen’s University Belfast and Lancaster University are among eleven such Centres in the UK. The NICT is the sole Japanese national laboratory dedicated to ICT research – the Network Security Laboratory is highly regarded for its excellence in researching cyber security technology.
Representatives of Imperial College London, Queen’s University Belfast and Lancaster University visited Japan for the signing ceremony and participated in a workshop to **discuss the framework and themes for research collaboration**.

Source: [British Embassy Tokyo](http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess)
4 Grants & Fellowships

4.1 European Union

4.1.1 Guide to Horizon 2020

Horizon 2020 is the largest EU research and innovation programme ever. Almost EUR 80 billion in funding is available over seven years (2014 to 2020), in addition to the private and national public investment that this money will attract. This new guide explains the Horizon 2020 programme in greater detail.

Download it for free [here](#).

4.1.2 Open calls under Horizon 2020

Access all 69 open calls on the [Horizon 2020 Participant Portal](#).

Please note that the calls are allocated to the three pillars of Horizon 2020:

- **Excellent Science**: Around EUR 3 billion, including EUR 1.7 billion for grants from the European Research Council for top scientists, and EUR 800 million for Marie Skłodowska-Curie fellowships for younger researchers.

- **Industrial Leadership**: EUR 1.8 billion to support Europe’s industrial leadership in areas like ICT, nanotechnologies, advanced manufacturing, robotics, biotechnologies and space.

- **Societal Challenges**: EUR 2.8 billion for innovative projects addressing Horizon 2020’s seven societal challenges, broadly thematised as: health; agriculture, maritime and bioeconomy; energy; transport; climate action, environment, resource efficiency and raw materials; reflective societies; and security.

To find out more about EU funding opportunities for your research or innovation project please visit the [European Commission’s Participant Portal](#) where all calls are published.

International researchers are also invited to join the [database of independent experts](#) for European research and innovation. Distinguished specialists are strongly encouraged to join the database of independent experts, through which they can participate in the evaluation of project proposals and monitoring of actions, submitted under Horizon 2020.

4.1.3 Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions:

The Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions ([MSCA](#)) support research training and career development focused on innovation skills. The programme funds worldwide and cross-sector mobility that implements excellent research in any field (a "bottom-up" approach).

The [flyer and pocket guide](#) to MSCA are available [here](#) and [here](#).
A web-streamed training focusing on the IF (Individual Fellowships) and Cofund calls has also been released here.

Open and upcoming MSCA calls:  **RISE** (closing 28 April)

**Individual Fellowships** (open 12 March)

**COFUND** (open 14 April)

### 4.1.4 European Research Council grants

The European Research Council’s **(ERC)** mission is to encourage the highest quality of research in Europe and to support investigator-driven frontier research across all fields, on the basis of scientific excellence through competitive funding.

Being 'bottom-up' in nature, the **ERC approach allows researchers to identify new opportunities and directions** in any field of research, rather than being led by priorities set by politicians. It is a **highly competitive funding scheme** (10% success rate on average for Starting and Consolidator grants, 14% for Advanced grants).

**Researchers from anywhere in the world can apply** for a European Research Council (ERC) grant to come to Europe and conduct research (for at least 50% of their working time). Currently, over 300 ERC grantees out of nearly 4,000 are non-Europeans. Research teams set up by ERC grantees are highly international – an estimated 20% of team members are non-Europeans.

**Open Calls:**  
**ERC Consolidator Grant** (deadline 12 March)

**ERC Proof of Concept** (deadline 28 May)

**ERC Advanced Grant** (deadline 2 June)

### 4.1.5 Erasmus+ Joint Master Degrees

**Erasmus+ Joint master degrees** (JMD) are offered by an international consortium of higher education institutions. A JMD corresponds to a high-level integrated international study programme of 60, 90 or 120 ECTS (corresponding to one or two years of studies).

Students at **Master's level can apply for these degrees** which take place in at least two of the Programme countries represented in the consortium. **121 different consortia are proposing JMDs.** Between approximately 13 and 20 student scholarship holders and 4 invited scholars/guest lecturers can take part in each programme annually. In addition to the student scholarship holders, self-funded students can enroll.

**Deadlines: various** (depending on each consortium’s rules for application)

Further information [here](#), list of the consortia and JMDs [here](#)
4.1.6 COST 2015 Call for proposals in Science and Technology

COST is an intergovernmental framework for European Cooperation in Science and Technology, supporting the coordination of nationally-funded research. It aims at reducing the fragmentation in European research investments and opening the European Research Area (ERA) to cooperation worldwide. It anticipates and complements the activities of the EU Framework Programmes.

Participation in COST actions is open to International Partner Countries, among which is Japan, on the basis of ascertained mutual benefit.

Successful proposals receive on average EUR 130,000 in financial support per year for a four-year period (in the case of Japan, a matching fund must be countered by any received fund).

Application deadline: 24 March

Further information here

4.1.7 ERS/EU RESPIRE 2 Postdoctoral Research Fellowships

The European Respiratory Society (ERS) coordinates the RESPIRE 2 Fellowships, established to enable promising researchers in carrying out advanced research projects (24 months). The Fellowships are open to all nationalities, but need to be undertaken in a European country within a certified RESPIRE 2 Host Centre.

This programme targets experienced investigators, clinicians & respiratory professionals with a PhD or at least 4 years’ full-time research experience. Applicants are also required to have at least one first author publication in an international peer-reviewed journal at the time of application.

Deadline: 31 July

Further information here

4.1.8 EMBO Fellowships

The European Molecular Biology Organisation (EMBO) brings together more than 1,500 leading researchers from 27 Member states and promotes excellence in the life sciences.

Young scientists actively seek EMBO Long-Term Fellowships for postdoctoral research to fund their internationally mobile careers. Hundreds of scientists also benefit each year from EMBO Short-Term Fellowships, returning to their home laboratories with new skills as well as contacts for future collaborations.

EMBO Long-Term Fellowships are awarded for a period of up to two years and support postdoctoral research visits to laboratories throughout Europe. International exchange is a key feature in the application process.
Short-Term Fellowships fund research visits of up to three months to laboratories in Europe. The aim is to facilitate valuable collaborations with research groups applying techniques that are unavailable in the applicant's home laboratory.

Deadlines: 15 April (ERS-EMBO Short-Term), 14 August (Long-Term), rolling basis (Short-Term)

Further information here

4.1.9 National EURAXESS Portals

The latest information on open calls for national grants and fellowships in the 40 member countries of the EURAXESS network can be accessed on the respective national EURAXESS portals:

Austria, Belgium, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Faroe Islands, Finland, France, Macedonia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, UK.

4.2 EU Member States and Associated Countries

4.2.1 Global

4.2.1.1 HFSP Frontier Research Grants

The Human Frontier Science Program (HFSP) supports novel, innovative and interdisciplinary basic research focused on the complex mechanisms of living organisms. A clear emphasis is placed on novel international collaborations that bring biologists together with scientists from other fields to focus on problems at the frontier of the life sciences.

Guidelines for 2016 Program Grants and Young Investigator Grants applications are now available. Applications have to be made via the HFSP extranet website, which will be operational from mid-January 2015. Successful projects may receive up to USD 450,000 (EUR 350,000) per year.

The Principal Applicant representing the international team must be located in one of the member countries, but participants can be located in any country.

Application deadline: 19 March 2015

Further information here

4.2.1.2 International Doctoral Programme in Economics

The International Doctoral Programme in Economics is a four-year program offered by Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Italy, and University of Strasbourg, France.
Students will be offered **one year of intensive course work** by an international Faculty, and will then proceed to supervised research work, yielding an original dissertation to be discussed in a final, public examination. Moreover, the **Programme is part of a European network** involving and supporting inter-European exchanges of research students and faculty.

Applicants of **any nationality holding a master’s degree** or equivalent are welcome to apply.

**Deadline: 7 May**

Further information [here](#)

### 4.2.2 Austria

#### 4.2.2.1 Lise Meitner Programme for Scientists from Abroad

This programme targets **highly qualified scientists of any discipline** who can contribute to the scientific development of an Austrian research institution by working at it. It funds **12 or 24 months postdocs** with an annual personal allowance between EUR 62,500 and EUR 68,700.

Requirements: completed doctoral studies, record of international scientific publications, invitation from an Austrian research institution and co-application with an Austrian researcher. No age limit.

**Applications continuously reviewed.**

Further information [here](#)

#### 4.2.2.2 DART – Doctoral Programme in Accounting, Reporting, and Taxation

The **Doctoral programme in Accounting, Reporting, and Taxation** DART is a PhD level education programme proposed by Graz University and Vienna University, Austria.

The programme offers a stimulating learning and research environment plus financial support to **outstanding students from around the world**. Applicants must have a record of academic excellence, a **master degree in a relevant field as well as proof of English proficiency** (TOEFL or IELTS degree).

**Deadline: 31 March 2015**

Further information [here](#)
4.2.2.3 ISTFELLOW Postdoctoral Fellowships

ISTFELLOW is a programme open to applicants from all over the world who are interested in spending the postdoctoral stage of their scientific research career at the Institute of Science and Technology Austria (IST Austria). Core research areas are physics, chemistry, and mathematics, but this programme gives preference to scientists who have a strong interest in cross-disciplinary approaches.

The ISTFELLOW programme funds approximately 40 fellows per year for a two year stay, which may be extended under favourable conditions.

Next deadline: 15 March 2015

Further information here

4.2.2.4 Erwin Schrödinger Fellowships

The purpose of the Erwin Schrödinger Fellowships is to allow young scientists doing research in Austria to perform work stays at leading foreign research institutions.

Young and highly qualified scientists of any discipline and nationality currently affiliated with an Austrian research institution may apply for research stays abroad of 10 to 24 months in length (without return phase) or a stay of 16 to 36 months in length (including return phase of 6 to 12 months). The applicants must find and obtain an invitation from host institutions both abroad and in Austria (in case they apply to the fellowship scheme including a return phase).

Applications accepted continuously

Further information here

4.2.2.5 Ernst Mach Grants

The Ernst Mach Grants programme is financed by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Science, Research and Economy. It invites students and young researchers from foreign universities to come to Austria for a research stay.

Two types of grants are proposed:

- The Ernst Mach Grant Worldwide is open to PhD students and postdoctorates active abroad. Duration of the stay is limited to a maximum of 9 months.

- The Ernst Mach Grant for studying at an Austrian University of Applied Sciences is open to graduates and undergraduates who are studying at a university outside Europe and who are participating in a master’s program or have successfully completed at least four semesters of their studies for a bachelor’s degree. The duration of stay with this grant is 4 to 10 months.

Deadline: 1 March 2015

Further information here
4.2.2.6 Franz Werfel Grant and Richard Plaschka Scholarship

The Franz Werfel Grant addresses itself to young university teachers whose work focuses on Austrian Literature. The grant programme, which was initiated in 1992, is open to applicants from all over the world.

The Richard Plaschka Scholarship is for foreign university lecturers of history whose main academic focus is Austrian history. Grant recipients should focus on eastern and south-eastern European area history with an emphasis on cross-border collaboration.

Recipients of Werfel grants and Plaschka Scholarships can work as visiting researchers at university departments and carry out specialist studies in libraries, archives or at research institutions.

Both of these grant schemes offer material support for up to 18 months.

Two calls per year.

Next deadline: 1 March 2015

Further information here (Franz Werfel Grant) and here (Richard Plaschka Scholarship)

4.2.2.7 CeMM PhD Programme

CeMM is an international, independent and interdisciplinary Research Center for Molecular Medicine of the Austrian Academy of Sciences.

CeMM are offering scholarships within their 2015 PhD programme, which will focus on two thematic areas: infection and cancer. The scholarships provide a monthly stipend and cover tuition fees during the four years of the programme for foreign students of any nationality; as well as a move-in allowance including 6 months of free accommodation to facilitate incoming mobility.

Candidates should have a master’s degree in a relevant field and good command of English.

Deadline: 9 March

Further information here

4.2.3 Belgium

4.2.3.1 BEWARE Fellowships

The BEWARE Fellowships promote the mobility of foreign researchers to Belgium, the only condition being to have spent less than 12 months over the last three years in Belgium.

BEWARE FELLOWSHIPS Industry will grant 57 mandates over 5 years, in order to enable SMEs or accredited research centres to benefit from the expertise of highly qualified foreign researchers (or Belgian expatriates).
BEWARE FELLOWSHIPS Academia focuses on technology transfer. These fellowships also runs over five years and will fund a total of 80 mandates for foreign researchers to perform a research stay in a French-speaking university, in partnership with a Walloon company. Each mandate has a duration of 18 to 36 months, of which 25% must be spent in the company.

Deadline: May 2015

Further information here

4.2.4 Czech Republic

4.2.4.1 Scholarships for Academic Year 2015/2016

The Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport of the Czech Republic (MSMT) annually offers scholarships to foreign nationals from a number of countries, including Japan.

These scholarships are designed for university students or Ph.D. candidates in any field of study (exceptionally also for university researchers and teachers) who wish to conduct a study or research stay at one of the Czech Republic’s public institutions of higher education. The usual length of a stay ranges from 2 to 10 months.

Prospective applicants are advised to contact the selected host university directly and request a letter of invitation from the appropriate department. Application dossiers must be submitted to the MSMT by the competent authorities (usually government agencies) of eligible countries.

Deadline: 31 March

Further information here

4.2.5 Denmark

4.2.5.1 Danish Council for Independent Research Call for Proposals

The Danish Council for Independent Research (DFF) supports independent research based on the researchers’ own ideas, within and across all the main fields of science. It supports specific and time-limited research activities aiming to strengthen and develop the internationalisation of Danish research. The Council therefore welcomes applications that involve international activities.

DFF calls for proposals in various programmes, including mobility grants (MOBILEX), funding schemes (Sapere Aude and Research Project), fellowships (Individual Postdoctoral), etc. Most of these programmes are open to applications from Danish as well as foreign researchers.

Two application rounds per year.

Next deadline: 23-29 April 2015
4.2.6 Estonia

4.2.6.1 Estophilus Scholarships

The Estonian Institute offers scholarships to foreign researchers (holders of a doctoral degree, master or doctoral students) in order to perform research stays in Estonia to write a research paper on an Estonia-related topic.

The scholarship covers subsistence expenses, tuition fees and costs directly connected with the research for a period ranging from 5 to 10 months.

Knowledge of Estonian is an advantage but not a requirement.

Two calls per year.

Next deadline: 1 March

Further information here

4.2.6.2 Kristjan Jaak Scholarships

The Kristjan Jaak Scholarship programme supports incoming and outgoing mobility, both short and long-term, for master and doctoral students as well as for teaching staff.

Scholarships are divided into four categories with varying deadlines.

Estonian language proficiency is required to apply for a scholarship.

Next deadlines: 1 March (Doctoral Study Abroad)

1 May (Short and Long-term Studies Abroad)

1 March (Foreign Visits: short term)

Further information here

4.2.7 Finland

4.2.7.1 CIMO Fellowships

The CIMO Fellowships programme is open to young doctoral level students and to researchers from all countries and from all academic fields. Master’s level studies or postdoctoral studies/research are not supported in the programme. The primary target group in the CIMO Fellowship programme are doctoral level students who will be doing their doctorate (or double doctorate) at a Finnish university.

There are no annual application deadlines in the CIMO Fellowship programme. However, please note that applications should be submitted at least 5 months before the intended scholarship period. The scholarship period may vary from 3 to 12 months with a monthly allowance of EUR 1,500 to cover living expenses in Finland.
4.2.8 France

4.2.8.1 Institut Pasteur Roux-Cantarini postdoctoral fellowships

The Institut Pasteur offers postdoctoral fellowships through the Pasteur Roux-Cantarini programmes to give young scientists of any nationality the opportunity to perform a first or a second postdoctoral training in a laboratory of the Institut Pasteur.

Applicants must have defended their PhD thesis less than four years before they take up their fellowship. The fellowships are awarded for a period of up to two years.

Candidates must contact, before applying, the head of the Institut Pasteur laboratory in which they would like to perform their work.

Deadline: 12 March

Further information here

4.2.8.2 EFEO Field Scholarships

The École française d’Extrême-Orient (EFEO) awards scholarships to research students for periods of research in an EFEO or ECAF Centre in Asia (two in Kyoto, Japan).

These scholarships grant successful candidates a monthly stipend varying between EUR 700 and EUR 1,360 for a duration of 1 to 6 months. For 2015, scholarships may take place between June and December.

The applicants must propose directly to EFEO a research project in humanities or social sciences applied to the history and civilizations of Asia and in line with the working theme of the selected Centre. Good command of the language(s) required to successfully complete the field research project is required.

Deadline: 31 March

Further information here

4.2.8.3 EHESS Foundation France-Japon Fellowship Programmes

The Foundation France-Japon of EHESS is presently calling for applications to its Senior and Junior levels researchers fellowship programmes in the framework of its newly established Centre for French-Japanese Advanced Studies in Paris (CEAFJP).

Researchers of any nationality may apply to these fellowships, which cover research stays of 3 to 12 months in Paris, along five separate themes:
- Public innovation policies in Japan (link)
- Uses of the car between provided services and property in Japan, Korea and Europe (link)
- Innovative technologies for a sustainable mobility (link)
- Dietary habits and their sanitary and environmental impacts (link)

Postdoctoral fellowships of a 9 to 12 month duration are also proposed through the “Research in Paris” scheme.

Deadline: 10 March (Postdoctoral); 31 March (research fellowships)

Further information here

Applications to be submitted by email: ffi@ehess.fr

4.2.9 Germany

4.2.9.1 Humboldt Research Fellowships for Postdoctoral and Experienced Researchers

The Humboldt Foundation promotes academic cooperation between excellent scientists and scholars from abroad and Germany. It funds research fellowships for excellent young and experienced researchers of any nationality and any discipline to come for long stays in Germany.

The Fellowships for Postdoctoral Researchers scheme are for researchers with no more than 4 years of experience after their PhD who wish to carry out a research stay in Germany for a period of 6 to 24 months.

The Fellowships for Experienced Researchers scheme are for researchers with between 5 and 12 years of experience after their PhD who wish to have a research stay in Germany for a period of 6 to 18 months.

Successful applicants must have, outside of an outstanding research record, a good command of English.

Applications reviewed on a rolling basis

Further information here (Postdoctoral) and here (Experienced Researchers)

4.2.9.2 Emmy Noether Programme

The Emmy Noether Programme provides early career foreign researchers (or German researchers working abroad) with the opportunity to rapidly qualify for a leading position in research by leading an independent junior research group and assuming relevant teaching duties in Germany.

Early career researchers from all disciplines and nationalities may apply.

Applicants must have at least 2 years of postdoctoral experience, but no more than 4 years of experience after completion of their PhD degree. Foreign
applicants are expected to continue their scientific career in Germany following completion of the funding period of 5 or 6 years.

Applications reviewed continuously.

Further information here.

4.2.9.3 DLR-DAAD Research Fellowships in the fields of Space, Aeronautics, Energy and Transportation Research

DLR – DAAD Research Fellowships is a new programme implemented by the German Aerospace Center (DLR) and the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD).

This special programme is intended for highly-qualified foreign doctoral and postdoctoral students, as well as senior scientists. Proof of English proficiency is necessary, while knowledge of German is a plus.

DLR-DAAD Fellowships are defined and awarded on an individual basis. Each fellowship announcement will indicate the specific qualification requirements and terms of the visit. There are currently fellowship offers available in Space and Energy. Application deadline varies according to the call.

List of open calls here.

Further information here.

4.2.9.4 Anneliese Maier Research Award

The Anneliese Maier Research Award rewards foreign researchers in the fields of the humanities and social sciences whose scientific achievements have been internationally recognised.

Applications for the award may only be submitted through nominations by established academics in Germany. 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.

The Humboldt Foundation grants each year up to eight Awards, each with an individual value of EUR 250,000.

Deadline: 30 April

Further information here.

4.2.10 Hungary

4.2.10.1 MTA Postdoctoral Research Programme

The Hungarian Academy of Sciences (MTA) invites scientists to apply to its Postdoctoral Research Programme. Under this programme, fellowships are awarded to national and foreign researchers to support both incoming mobility and relocation.
The fellowships are allocated to MTA research centres or universities. Researchers from any discipline and nationality, with a PhD obtained after 1 January 2010 may apply.

Approximately 50 post-doctoral fellowships of a 24-month duration, starting on 1 September 2015, will be provided by MTA.

Deadline: 4 March

Further information here

4.2.11 Ireland

4.2.11.1 President of Ireland Young Researcher Award

The President of Ireland Young Researcher Award is Science Foundation Ireland’s (SFI) most prestigious award to recruit and retain early career researchers to carry out their research in Ireland.

The award recognises outstanding engineers and scientists of any nationality who, early in their careers, have already demonstrated exceptional potential for leadership at the frontiers of knowledge. Awardees will be selected on the basis of exceptional accomplishments in science and engineering in all areas covered by SFI’s legal remit in order to perform their research project in Ireland.

Applicants should have received their last degree less than eight years ago and have completed at least 36 months of postdoctoral research activity. All applications must be submitted by an eligible Irish Research Body.

Research projects may last up to five years and receive up to EUR 1 million total.

Applications accepted on a rolling basis.

Further information here

4.2.11.2 SFI’s Research Professorship Programme

The purpose of the Research Professorship Programme is to recruit global research talent to Ireland to build the national research base. The ambitions of the appointed SFI Research Professor will be consistent with the strategic plans of the host research body.

Submission of proposals will be by invitation only following an expression of interest phase during which SFI will work closely with the research body. Funding of up to EUR 5 million (does not cover the professor’s salary) will be provided to each successful applicant for a five-year programme of work.

Applications accepted on a rolling basis.

Further information here
4.2.12 Israel

4.2.12.1 Call for SCHOLARSHIP nominations 2014: Dan David Prize

The Dan David Prize awards scholarships to registered doctoral and postdoctoral researchers doing research in selected fields. For the year 2015, the selected fields are: historians and their sources (humanities), information revolution (ICTs) and bioinformatics.

The Dan David Prize laureates annually donate twenty scholarships of USD 15,000 (EUR 12,000) each to outstanding doctoral and postdoctoral students (ten scholarships to students at universities throughout the world and ten scholarships at Tel Aviv University).

The Dan David Prize and scholarships are granted solely according to merit.

Deadline: 10 March 2015

Further information here

4.2.13 Latvia

4.2.13.1 Latvian scholarships for study stays

The Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Latvia welcomes applications for bachelor, master and PhD study stays from foreign students of a number of European countries as well as from Japanese students.

Scholarships for bachelor and master studies are granted for a time period of up to 10 months; for PhD students up to 11 months, with the exception of master students engaging in a course of Latvian culture or history, who can be granted a scholarship for up to two academic years.

The amount of the scholarship is EUR 500 per month for bachelor and master students; EUR 670 for PhD students.

Deadline: 1 May

Further information here

4.2.14 Lithuania

Lithuanian Research Council Postdoctoral Fellowships

Researchers from Lithuania and abroad who have been awarded a PhD degree no more than three years ago can apply for the Lithuanian Research Council Postdoctoral Fellowships. Any higher education institution, research institute, research centre or other research establishment and enterprise in Lithuania can act as a host institution.

Next call planned for Q1 2015.

Further information here
4.2.15 Luxembourg

4.2.15.1 FNR’s PhD and Postdoctoral Grants

The Fonds National de la Recherche (FNR)'s AFR Grant Scheme (Aides à la Formation- Recherche) provides funding for research training projects in Luxembourg, up to 4 years for PhDs and up to 2 years for postdocs.

The AFR scheme has two strands:
- AFR PhD provides funding for doctoral candidates,
- AFR Public Private Partnerships provides funding for postdoctoral candidates collaborating with an accredited company based in Luxembourg.

The AFR programme has no thematic limitations and is open to all researchers, regardless of their nationality. In the selection process, the interest of the project in the context of Luxembourg R&D will nevertheless be evaluated.

Candidates for a doctoral grant must have obtained their master degree; those for a postdoctoral grant must have obtained their PhD less than 8 years ago.

Deadline: 17 March

Further information here (PhD) and here (Postdoctoral)

4.2.16 Netherlands

4.2.16.1 NWO’s Visitor’s Travel Grant

The aim of this grant, provided by the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO), is to facilitate cooperation between Dutch and foreign researchers.

Researchers with a tenured position at one of the Dutch universities, KNAW institutes, NWO institutes, NKI, MPI Nijmegen, researchers from the Dubble Beamline at the ESRF in Grenoble, NCB Naturalis, and the Advanced Research Centre for NanoLithography (ARCNL) can apply for a visitor’s grant. With this grant, highly qualified senior researchers from abroad who hold a PhD can stay in the Netherlands for a maximum of four months.

Applications reviewed continuously

Further information here

4.2.16.2 NWO Internationalisation in the Humanities Grants

The NWO Internationalisation in the Humanities grant is intended to facilitate collaboration between Dutch and foreign humanities research groups. The grant funds the initiation of an international research network, the organisation of scientific meetings and/or the exchange of researchers.
Senior researchers affiliated with a Dutch university or research institute can apply for a maximum of EUR 50,000 (at least 25% of the total budget must be contributed by minimum two international partners).

Deadline: 2 March

Further information here

4.2.17 Norway

**RCN's Personal Visiting Researcher Grant**

The Research Council of Norway (RCN) funds this grant, the objective of which is to help strengthen Norwegian research groups by offering visiting foreign researchers (postdoctorate level or higher) the opportunity to perform research in Norway. The grant may cover stays for visiting researchers from one to 12 months. The applicant must be from a Norwegian research institution.

Next deadlines: 15 April; 27 May

Further information here

4.2.18 Poland

**IDEAS FOR POLAND**

The objective of this program is to encourage young, brilliant researchers from around the world to choose Poland as the place to carry out research projects successfully funded by the ERC Starting Grant scheme. The program is designed for people whose previous scientific record demonstrates that they are highly independent as researchers, and warrants that they will conduct world-class quality research.

Subsidies can be granted directly after winning an ERC grant and during the project. The maximum subsidised period is 3 years.

Applications accepted on a rolling basis

Further information here

4.2.19 Spain

**4.2.19.1 Ikerbasque Research Fellowships 2015**

The Basque Foundation for Science Ikerbasque has launched a new call offering 15 fellowships for postdoctoral researchers within any of the Basque Research Institutions. These Fellowships, of a duration of 5 years, are intended to offer young promising researchers a track towards a PI role and independent research.
The applicants must have their completed PhD between 1 January 2005 and 31 December 2012, and should not have lived, worked or studied in Spain for more than 12 months out of the three years immediately prior to the time of application.

**Deadline: 15 April**

Further information [here](#)

### 4.2.20 Sweden

**VINNOVA: VINNMER Marie Curie Incoming Fellowship**

The purpose of this call funded by [VINNOVA](#) is to support experienced researcher careers through mobility and international collaborations.

VINNMER Marie Curie Incoming Fellowships fund the incoming mobility of experienced researchers in possession of a doctorate or at least four years’ full-time equivalent research experience.

The researcher should be from outside of Sweden at the time of the application and spend at least 67% of the project duration in Sweden.

The grant is intended to fund half the salary of the researcher (project leader) for the duration of the project (one to three years). It also covers additional relevant and justifiable costs relating to mobility.

Several calls are opened throughout the year. About 20 successful applicants will be selected each year.

**Next deadline: 17 March 2015**

Further information [here](#)

### 4.2.20.1 COFAS 2 Outgoing and Incoming Postdoctoral Fellowships Call for Applications

The [International Postdoc Fellowship Programme COFAS 2](#) has been created by the Swedish Research Council for Health, Working life and Welfare (FORTE) to increase international mobility and collaboration.

The Programme consists of two types of grants: [Forte Outgoing International Postdoc fellowships (FOIP)](#) and [Forte Incoming International Postdoc fellowships (FIIP)](#).

Candidates of any nationality and field, with a PhD degree obtained during the last five years, can apply for this programme; which may fund up to 24 months of research stay abroad (FOIP) or in Sweden (FIIP).

**Deadline: 3 March**

Further information [here](#)
4.2.20.2 STINT Initiation Grants

STINT offers Initiation Grants for the implementation of short-term projects targeting the building of new and strategically interesting international relationships.

Candidates shall be active at a university in Sweden and have defended their doctorates. The principal collaborating party shall be outside the EU/EFTA area. The proposed activities within the project shall be completed within twelve months from closing date of the call and the applied amount shall not exceed SEK 150,000 (EUR 15,750).

Applications accepted on a rolling basis.

Further information here

4.2.21 Turkey

4.2.21.1 TÜBİTAK “2216” - Research Fellowship Programme for International Researchers

TÜBİTAK grants fellowships for international highly qualified PhD students and young postdoctoral researchers to pursue their research in Turkey in the fields of Natural Sciences, Engineering and Technological Sciences, Medical Sciences, Agricultural Sciences, Social Sciences and Humanities.

Application is open to candidates of any nationality, enrolled in a PhD programme abroad or having obtained their PhD abroad, and aged less than 35 years. Successful candidates may receive a monthly stipend of TRY 2,250 (EUR 830), travel costs and part of the research costs of the successful candidate for a maximum duration of 12 months.

Two application rounds per year.

Next application round: 16 March - 20 April

Further information here

4.2.21.2 TÜBİTAK “2221” - Fellowships for Visiting Scientists and Scientists on Sabbatical Leave

Three types of visits are granted within this program: Short-term (up to 1 month), Long-term (up to 12 months) and Sabbatical Leave (from 3 months to 12 months). All types of grants cover monthly stipend and travel costs.

Applications accepted on a rolling basis

Further information here
4.2.22 United Kingdom

4.2.22.1 Daiwa Foundation Awards/Small Grants

The Daiwa Anglo-Japanese Foundation is a UK charity enabling British and Japanese students and academics to further their education through exchanges and other bilateral initiatives.

Daiwa Foundation Awards can cover projects in most academic, professional, arts, cultural and educational fields in the context of an institutional relationship. Awards seek to encourage the development and sustainability of UK-Japan partnerships. Any project which involves a significant level of collaboration between British and Japanese partners can be considered.

This award’s amount can vary from £7,000 to £15,000 (EUR 8,700 to EUR 18,800).

Daiwa Foundation Small Grants can cover all fields of activity, including educational and grassroots exchanges, research travel, the organisation of conferences, exhibitions, etc. New initiatives are especially encouraged.

This program grants usually between £3,000 to £7,000 (EUR 3,750 to EUR 8,700) per project.

Two calls per year: spring and autumn.

Next deadline: 31 March 2015

Further information here (Awards) and here (Small Grants)

4.3 Japan

4.3.1 JSPS Invitation Fellowships Programmes for Research in Japan

The JSPS carries out programs that provide overseas researchers who have an excellent record of research achievements with an opportunity to conduct collaborative research, discussions, and opinion exchanges with researchers in Japan. These programmes are intended to help advance the overseas researchers’ research activities, while promoting science and internationalization in Japan.

This program is designed to enable Japanese researchers to invite their foreign colleagues to Japan to participate in cooperative work. Researchers from all countries with diplomatic relations with Japan and of any field of study are eligible.

Applications must be submitted to JSPS by the inviting researchers who wish to host foreign researchers in Japan, through an overseas nominating authority. A list of nominating authorities in partner countries: France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway and Sweden (for Europe) are listed here.
Various fellowship categories are provided: three for postdoctoral fellowships and three for invitation fellowships (researchers). Approximately 320 postdoctoral fellowships and 290 invitation fellowships should be awarded for 2015 through two to four calls (see here for the different categories).

Next application rounds:
- 6-10 April (Short-term postdoctoral)
- 28 April - 8 May (Standard postdoctoral)
- 28 April - 8 May (Short-term invitations)

(See here for a list of the future calls)

Further information here

4.3.2 JSPS Postdoctoral Fellowships for Foreign Researchers (Long Term)

JSPS is calling for applications to its Postdoctoral Fellowship for Foreign Researchers (Long Term) scheme. This scheme provides the opportunity for researchers based outside of Japan to conduct collaborative research activities with leading research groups at Japanese universities and research institutions for visits of between 12 to 24 months.

Eligible applicants should be citizens of the EU and need to have finished their PhD at a EU university or research institution at the time of applying to start their fellowship in Japan or have obtained their PhD after 2 April 2009. Fellowships must be started between 1 April to 30 November 2015. Eligible research fields are limited to natural sciences.

Applications for this fellowship should be submitted to each countries’ nominating authorities: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden and the UK are partners (a complete list of nominating authorities available here).

Deadlines: February - April (may vary upon nominating authority’s policy; e.g. 16 February for UK))

Further information here

4.3.3 JSPS Summer Programme 2015: Call for Applications in the UK, France, Germany and Sweden

The JSPS Summer Programme is offered to young pre- and postdoctoral researchers from the US, the UK, France, Germany, Canada and Sweden.

Held over a two-month period in the summer, it provides participants with an orientation in the Japanese language, culture, and an opportunity to do cooperative research at a Japanese university or research institute.
Applications are to be submitted through nominating authorities in each country participating in the programme. Applicants should be either nationals from a country participating in the programme or affiliated with a university or a research institution of a country participating to the programme.

The fellowship covers return international airfare, maintenance allowance, research support allowance (JPY 158,500 - EUR 1,100) and overseas insurance policy.

The stays have to take place between 9 June and 19 August.

**Deadlines:** 6 March 2015 (Sweden)

Further information: [here](#) (France), [here](#) (UK), [here](#) (Germany) and [here](#) (Sweden)

### 4.3.4 RIKEN Special Postdoctoral Researchers Programme 2015

From FY 2015, this RIKEN programme will be merged with that of the Foreign Postdoctoral Researchers Programme. The intent of this programme is to invite outstanding foreign scientists to contribute to the advancement of RIKEN’s research, and to lay the foundations for a globalised RIKEN.

Foreign Postdoctoral Researchers are expected to make full use of RIKEN’s research environment and to apply their innovative ideas to the research currently being conducted at RIKEN (in the fields of physics, chemistry, biology, medical science, and engineering).

Applicants must be non-Japanese and have a PhD in the natural sciences awarded on or after 1 January 2010. Successful applicants may start their one-year contract, renewable twice maximum, between April 2016 and March 2017. Contract includes competitive salary, travel costs and research budget up to JPY 1 million (EUR) per year (2013 figures).

Around 40 openings in 2015.

**Call to be opened in March**

Further information [here](#)

### 4.3.5 Kyoto University Hakubi Researchers Call for Application 2015

Kyoto University’s Hakubi Project to Foster and Support Young Researchers seeks to employ promising young researchers as associate professors and to support their research activities on themes of their own.

Researchers of any nationality and any discipline, with a doctoral degree, may apply. Selected applicants will be appointed as program-specific full-time faculty members (with full salary benefits) for a period of 5 years maximum.

Up to 20 applicants selected per year.
4.3.6 CIAS International Visiting Scholars Program 2015

The Center for Integrated Area Studies (CIAS), Kyoto University, welcomes applications from overseas researchers for its International Visiting Scholars Programme for the period April 2016 – March 2017.

The purpose of the programme is to provide scholars currently living outside Japan with the opportunity to perform a three-month research stay at CIAS. Applicants must submit project proposals of interest for the CIAS (list of CIAS research themes).

This programme will cover travel costs and a monthly living allowance of the successful applicants.

**Deadline: 15 May**

Further information [here](#)

4.3.7 MIF Research Fellowships Call for Applications

The Matsumae International Foundation (MIF) is a nongovernmental organisation which invites foreign researchers for short research stays in Japan to foster international cooperation and help Japan globalise its research landscape in the field of natural sciences, engineering and medicine.

Researchers of any nationality but Japanese, and holding a PhD degree may apply for a 3 to 6 months research stay to be performed during JFY2016. Approximately 20 fellowships comprising monthly stipend, travel and move-in allowance will be awarded this year.

Applicants must find a host institution in Japan prior to submitting their proposal to the Foundation.

**Deadline: 31 August**

Further information [here](#)

4.3.8 Honda Prize call for nominations

The Honda Foundation was established in 1977 to promote eco-technology to address challenges for human society and the natural environment. Call for nominations are now open for the annual Honda Prize for scientists and engineers who have made outstanding contributions in any field related to global sustainability, innovation, fundamental research to create a paradigm shift or frontiers in life sciences. This includes health and well-being as well as contributions to tackling issues like climate change or energy efficiency.
The amount of the award (one per year) is JPY 10 million (EUR 75,000).

**Deadline: 15 March**

Further information [here](#)
5 Jobs

5.1 EURAXESS Jobs

There are currently 10601 jobs and fellowships advertised on the EURAXESS Jobs webpage. They can be viewed by country, level of seniority, field of research or via free text searches. Please note that these jobs also include doctoral fellowships.

All the positions can be viewed at the EURAXESS Jobs page.

You can also advertise for jobs and fellowships at your organisation, free of charge, on the EURAXESS Links Japan website!

Research organisations (public and private) can upload their job vacancies located in Japan.
5.2 Jobs in Europe

5.2.1 CAMGSD Postdoctoral Positions

The Center for Mathematical Analysis, Geometry, and Dynamical Systems (CAMGSD) at the University of Lisbon in Portugal invites applications for 2 postdoctoral positions for research in Mathematics.

Positions are for one year, with possibility of renewal for a second year; to start between 1 September 2015 and 1 January 2016.

Applicants must hold a Ph.D. in Mathematics, obtained preferably after 31 December 2012.

Deadline: 20 March

Further information here

5.2.2 European Research Career Sites:

- Find A Postdoc: http://www.findapostdoc.com/
- Find scholarships in Europe: http://www.scholarshipportal.eu/
- Find PhDs in Europe: http://www.phdportal.eu/
- Career.edu: http://www.career.edu/index.php
- Academic Jobs EU: http://www.academicjobseu.com
- Euro Science Jobs: http://www.eurosciencejobs.com/
- Careers with the European Union: European Personnel Selection Office
- Careers with the European Union (EPSO), non-permanent positions
- EuroBrussels: http://www.eurobrussels.com/
- European Southern Observatory (ESO) recruitment portal
- CERN job portal
- Joint Research Centre external staff recruitment portal

5.2.3 Jobs and Call Portals in Member States and Associated Countries:

- Austrian Database for Scholarships and Research Grants: http://www.grants.at/home/EN/
- Cyprus’ Research Promotion Foundation Database:
- Danish Ministry of Higher Education and Science Funding Guide:
  http://ufm.dk/en/research-and-innovation/funding-programmes-for-
  research-and-innovation/guide-to-funding
- Estonian Research Portal:
- Estonian Scholarships and International Degrees Portal:
  http://www.studyinestonia.ee/scholarships
  studyinestonia.ee/universities-estonia-degree-programmes-english
- France PhD portal:
  http://www.phdinfance.net/
- CNRS external examination portal:
- CEA PhD and Postdoctorate offers portal:
  http://www-instn.cea.fr/-By-Scientific-domain-.html
- DAAD's Research in Germany Portal:
- DAAD Research Fellowships and Grants Portal:
  https://www.daad.de/deutschland/stipendium/datenbank/en/21148-
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- Max Planck Society's job portal:
  http://www.mpg.de/jobboard
- Helmoltz Association's job portal:
  http://www.helmholtz.de/en/working_at_helmholtz/job_vacancies/
- Irish Research Council Funding Portal:
  http://www.research.ie/funding-opportunities
- Italian National Research Council vacancies:
  http://www.eitictlabs.eu/nc/about-us/vacancies/
- BBSRC vacancies (UK):
  http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/organisation/vacancies.aspx
- Science and Technology Facilities Council vacancies (UK):
  http://www.topcareer.jobs/
5.3 Jobs in Japan

5.3.1 JREC-IN

The Japanese job portal for researchers JREC-IN is currently advertising 1671 positions in Japanese, and 190 positions in English.

All positions can be viewed at the JREC-IN portal in English or in Japanese.

5.3.2 Postdoctoral Researcher in Biology, Hokkaido University

Hokkaido University has a postdoctoral opening in a collaborative research project with Stanford University. The project is focused on molecular radiation biology, radioprotection of normal tissue and radiosensitization of tumors. A PhD degree as well as research experience in cell culture, animal models and molecular biology are required.

Deadline: 28 February

Further information here

5.3.3 Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology
Tenure-track positions

Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology (TUAT) invites applications for ten tenure-track positions at the rank of Associate Professor. The appointees will be provided with an independent laboratory and startup budget with fewer duties on the administration and lecture side. After a first appointment of a duration of five years, possibility (upon favourable evaluation) to be promoted to a tenured position is offered.

Deadline: 20 March

Further information here

5.3.4 Professor and Associate Professor positions in Ocean Sciences

Tokyo University of Marine Science and Technology, a national university of Japan, is preparing the establishment of a new faculty dedicated to ocean sciences, seafloor resources and ocean energy, scheduled to open in April 2017. The university therefore invites applications for faculty members in the various areas. The first contract duration is for two years, with the possibility to upgrade to tenured positions after the new faculty is established.

Further information here
5.3.5 Still open positions (see previous newsletters)

- Research Associate and Research Support Staff openings at WPI-iCeMS (Kyoto University)
  Further information here and here

- Research Scientist and Postdoctoral Researcher positions at RIKEN
  Further information here

5.3.6 Careers at Japanese Research Institutes

Each of the main Japanese research institutes have an active recruitment policy for international researchers, and thus offer numerous positions (usually "on-project") advertised in English in the following links.

For better insight into the full recruitment campaigns, please check the Japanese version of their website.

5.3.6.1 Applied Sciences:

- **AIST:**
  http://www.aist.go.jp/aist_e/humanres/

- **JAEA:**

- **JAIST:**
  http://www.jaist.ac.jp/english/information/index.html#employment.html

- **JAXA:**
  http://global.jaxa.jp/about/employ/index.html

- **NICT:**

- **NII** (Japanese only):
  http://www.nii.ac.jp/about/recruit/

- **NIFS**:

5.3.6.2 Life Sciences and Clinical Research:

- **Kanagawa Cancer Center** (Japanese only):
  http://kcch.kanagawa-pho.jp/medical/recruit.html
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ψ  NARO (Japanese only):
http://www.naro.affrc.go.jp/acquisition/index.html

ψ  NIBB:
http://www.nibb.ac.jp/en/about/recruit/

ψ  NIRS:

ψ  OIST:
http://www.oist.jp/careers

5.3.6.3 Mathematics and Fundamental Sciences:

ψ  ISM:
http://www.ism.ac.jp/jobs/index_e.html

ψ  Kamioka Observatory:
http://www-sk.icrr.u-tokyo.ac.jp/index-e.html

ψ  KEK:

5.3.6.4 Natural Sciences:

ψ  IMS (Japanese only):
http://www.ims.ac.jp/recruit/

ψ  JAMSTEC:
http://www.jamstec.go.jp/e/about/recruit/

ψ  NAOJ:

ψ  NIES:
http://www.nies.go.jp/osirase/saiyo/index-e.html

ψ  NIMS:
http://www.nims.go.jp/eng/employment/

ψ  RIKEN:
5.3.6.5 Social Sciences and Humanities:

- GRIPS:  
  http://www.grips.ac.jp/en/job_openings/
- IRCJS:  
- NINJAL:  
  http://www.ninjal.ac.jp/english/newsyears/2014/

5.3.7 Careers at Japanese Universities

Each of the main Japanese universities are very proactive in the recruitment of international staff. These universities often offer a number of positions (postdoctoral, project-based, tenure-track) advertised in English through the following links.

For better insight into the full recruitment campaigns, please check the Japanese version of their website.

- Hokkaido University:  
  https://www.oia.hokudai.ac.jp/about/jobs-at-hokkaido-university/
- Keio University:  
  http://www.keio.ac.jp/en/jobs/
- Kyoto University:  
  http://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/profile/acceptance/other
- Kyushu University:  
  http://www.isc.kyushu-u.ac.jp/g30/employment.html
- Nagoya University:  
  http://en.nagoya-u.ac.jp/employment/index.html
- Osaka University:  
- Tohoku University (Japanese only):  
  http://www.tohoku.ac.jp/japanese/2014/cate_recruit/
- Tokyo Institute of Technology:  
- Tokyo University:  
  http://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/news/jobs01/
5.3.8 Careers at Japanese WPIs

The World Premier International Research Centre Initiative (WPI) was launched in 2007 by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) to build research centres which boast a very high research standard and outstanding research environment.

These centres are given a high degree of autonomy, allowing them to innovate compared to conventional modes of research operation and administration in Japan.

Each centre advertises for various temporary and permanent positions.

- **AIMR**: http://www.wpi-aimr.tohoku.ac.jp/en/about/staff/
- **ELSI**: http://www.elsi.jp/en/about/recruitment/
- **I2CNER**: http://i2cner.kyushu-u.ac.jp/en/recruit/recruit.php
- **iCeMS**: http://www.icems.kyoto-u.ac.jp/e/career/
- **IIIS**: http://wpi-iiis.tsukuba.ac.jp/position/
- **ItbM**: http://www.itbm.nagoya-u.ac.jp/en/career/
- **IPMU**: http://www.ipmu.jp/job-opportunities
6 Events

6.1 Events in Europe

6.1.1 EU Science: Global Challenges, Global Collaboration

The biennial conference on “EU Science: Global Challenges, Global Collaboration” brings together scientists, high-level government officials, policy-makers and industry representatives from six continents, to explore the role of science and research collaboration in addressing global challenges.

This edition will advance policy options for science to address global societal challenges as well as support the global research networks needed to facilitate collaborative science.

Date and place: 2-6 March, Brussels

Further information here

6.1.2 Other events in Europe

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6.2 Events in Japan

6.2.1 ImPACT Kick-off Forum

This event organised by the JST will present the Impulsing Paradigm Change through Disruptive Technologies (ImPACT) project, initiated by the CSTI. Through the participation of each programme’s PM and discussion sessions open to the public, the Forum will draft and propose solutions to new societal challenges through disruptive innovation initiatives.

Date and time: 24 March, 13:30 - 17:30
Venue: Maru Bldg 7F, Chiyoda, Tokyo
Language: Japanese
Further information here (Japanese only)

6.2.2 AIST AMRI/Fraunhofer ISC Workshop

This workshop will survey and discuss possible synergies of AIST-AMRI and Fraunhofer ISC materials and technologies for printed electronics, photonics, sensors and display technology and more specifically, of nanoparticles and nano scaled hybrid polymers.

Date: 16 March
Venue: AIST Tokyo Waterfront ANNEX, Tokyo
Language: English
Further information here

6.2.3 German-Japanese Symposium on Technological and Educational Resources for the Decommissioning of Nuclear Facilities

International exchange and cooperation is essential to keep up the high standard of nuclear know-how. This symposium will address these challenges and various R&D related aspects of decommissioning. Ongoing decommissioning projects and technologies for dismantling, decontamination as well as strategies in the area of waste management and final disposal will be presented.

Date: 21 April
Venue: Osaka Knowledge Capital
Language: English/Japanese (with simultaneous translation)
Further information here
6.2.4 World Health Summit Regional Meeting Kyoto

The World Health Summit (WHS) Regional Meeting will be held in Kyoto next April, focusing on global health issues such as, “Challenges in a Rapidly Aging Society”, "Preparedness & Resilience to Disaster", and "Fostering the Future Leadership”.

Date: 13-14 April

Venue: Kyoto International Conference Center

Language: English (with Japanese interpretation)

Further information here

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