Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the May edition of the EURAXESS Links Japan newsletter!

This month is rich in announcements, as we are launching our two flagship events for the second semester: the EURAXESS Science Slam Japan 2015 (October) and the European Researchers’ Day (December). We are calling for contributions to both of these events, so please check our ELJ activities section for more details!

We provide you with some very interesting pieces of news, too, in particular the latest Thompson Reuters survey of best-performing research institutions in Japan, available in our News & Developments section.

We also report on numerous opportunities this month for mobility or cooperation, with no less than 66 different schemes in this newsletter!

Finally, this month’s EU insight is on the recently published Innovation Union Scoreboard 2015.

Enjoy the reading!

Wishing you a successful month ahead,

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1 EU Insight – Innovation Union Scoreboard 2015

On 7 May 2015, the European Commission released its latest study on the state of innovation in the European Union. Like its predecessors, the Innovation Union Scoreboard 2015 (now in its 14th edition), provides a comparative assessment of the research and innovation performance of the 28 EU Member States and selected associated and neighbouring countries. The aim of the assessment is to help Member States identify and better understand areas of strength and/or weakness regarding innovation and to determine appropriate actions to facilitate their respective innovation performances.

The report

To determine the state of affairs concerning innovation across individual Member States, the report draws on a methodology used in previous editions. This methodology is based on a composite indicator, which is comprised of 25 different individual indicators. This composite indicator, known as the “Summary Innovation Index,” summarises a range of indicators which are broken down into three main types—Enablers, Firm activities and Outputs—and eight key dimensions. (*because of changes to some of the indicators used, a direct comparison with the results of the 2014 Scoreboard was not possible)

According to this year’s report, although stable, innovation in the EU is stalling, and in some cases, is in decline. The reasons for this finding are manifold, but key amongst them are lingering effects of the 2008 financial crisis. For many Member States, the financial crisis has had a major impact on private sector innovation, with many innovation firms going into decline, less patents applied for, investments in venture capital shrinking, and high-tech products importation and general product sales being down, to name just a few of the problems affecting this sector. In addition to this finding, this year’s Scoreboard also points out that the decline in innovation is present in 13 of 28 Members States. However, not all is bad news for Europe in relation to innovation. Even though 13 Member States demonstrate a poor or weakening performance in terms of innovation, the remaining 15 have, however, actually improved their performance. This is especially true for Malta, Latvia and Bulgaria. Also to come out the Innovation Scoreboard is the fact that while convergence in terms of innovation growth is occurring, it is happening too slowly.
Categories and Leaders

Using the performance indicators for innovation mentioned above, the Member States were divided into four classifications. These performance groups are broken down into the following types: innovation leaders, innovation followers, moderate innovators, and modest innovators. Ranked in the top group of innovation leaders are Sweden, Germany, Denmark and Finland. These countries are in turn followed by Austria, Belgium, France, Ireland, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Slovenia and the UK. Behind these two groups are Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia and Spain. While the last group, that of modest innovators, is made up of Bulgaria, Latvia and Romania. These rankings position the various EU Member States in terms of their innovation performance relevant to the EU average. Countries in the first category of innovation leaders are all well above the EU average, while those in the second innovation followers group are either above or close to the average. Those in the moderate innovators category are viewed as performing well below the EU average.

Of all the countries studied, Sweden performs the best innovatively. Furthermore, all the countries listed in the top group have remained stable from the previous year (2014), with only Cyprus and Estonia changing group membership (downward). Where change becomes most obvious is within the various groups themselves. For example, amongst the innovation leaders, Finland and Germany have exchanged places.

To further understand how EU Member States are performing, the Innovation Union Scoreboard 2015 also assessed other European and non-European countries. Among European countries, Switzerland is the top performer in...
general, outperforming all EU Member States combined. Whereas globally, South Korea and the United States rank as the best innovators.

To learn more about the Innovation Union Scoreboards and how the EU Member States have fared in the last decade, please follow this link: http://ec.europa.eu/growth/industry/innovation/facts-figures/scoreboards/index_en.htm.

Sources


2 EURAXESS Links Japan activities

2.1 EURAXESS Science Slam Japan 2015

Prime news this month: the EURAXESS Science Slam Japan returns for its third edition! In 2015, the live finals event will take place in Tokyo in October.

Young and less young researchers, PhD and Master students with a current research activity, any nationality, any discipline including social sciences and humanities: this science communication contest is for you!

During the live finals, slammers present their research in English in maximum 10 minutes. The most creative, entertaining and communicative presentation (or Slammer—you can decide which one you like best) will win a trip to Europe and a visit to the research institution of his/her choice!

To participate: very simple!

- Be creative and entertaining, and explain your research project in a 3-minute video that should be representative of your slam at the finals,
- Follow instructions on our webpage and send the file to us!

Share information with your colleagues and co-workers: the competition is on!!

Watch the EURAXESS Science Slam: Get Inspired video on our Youtube Chanel!
2.2 European Research(ers’) Day

This will be the very first edition of our event targeting the community of European researchers in Japan: the European Research(ers’) Day will give you an opportunity to showcase your research work, to discuss of your career experience and to get insights and tips to improve it, to network within the European diaspora (and beyond…) in Japan!

The event will take the form of a workshop across a full day, featuring:

- A short session on possibilities with Europe (funding/ cooperation/ mobility/ relocation),
- Presentation and poster sessions by European researchers on: their research work, their career and personal experience especially in Japan; and their future plans (in relation to Europe when relevant),
- One or several discussion panels/sessions on researcher careers and mobility / challenges in relocating to Europe,
- A networking reception.

The main part of the event will be the presentations given by the researchers themselves (you!!): 15 to 20 speakers and 5 to 10 posters, from a wide range of disciplines, profiles and countries within the EU-28.

To be eligible you must:

- Be a national from one of the EU-28 countries,
- Currently have an affiliation with a Japanese research institution, university, or have an R&D position at a company based in Japan,
- Be able to attend the event in early December 2015 in Tokyo (Delegation of the EU to Japan).

To apply, follow the instructions on our [webpage](http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess)! 

Share this with colleagues from Europe: the more which apply, the better the event will be for you!
2.3 EURAXESS Links Japan Tour 2015: Hokkaido University Event Report

On 25 May the third stage of our EURAXESS Links Japan Tour 2015 was held at Hokkaido University. The name of the seminar was “Research in Japan and Europe: International Cooperation, Funding Opportunity, Mobility”.

On the Hokkaido University side, it featured presentations from Professor Mochizuki, Vice President; Ms Takagi, URA, Professors Endo, Kowalska and Klien, from various departments of the university. On the European side, it featured presentations from Dr Kucynski, EU Delegation to Japan; Dr Matsumoto, NCP Japan (Horizon 2020); and EURAXESS Links Japan.

Around 50 attendees were present to learn about the wide range of opportunities existing between Europe and Japan. The discussion panel and networking sessions also allowed time for interaction, not only between speakers and the audience but also within the audience. A significant number of European and third-countries researchers and students affiliated with Hokkaido University and other neighbouring institutions attended the event.

As always, thank you very much for attending these inter-disciplinary, international events!
2.4 Reminder: New Funding Guide available online!

We were extremely happy to present to more than 120 of you the new, 2015 version of the Funding Guide during its Launch Event in Tokyo, at the Delegation of the EU to Japan on 22 April.

It was a great moment for us, and we hope it was also special for you too.

You may soon check out the pictures and video of the event on our website!

And now, for all those who could not come to the event and would still like to access the document, we’ve made it available online through our website!

Please have a look at it, and share it with your colleagues!

A Japanese version should be available soon, too.
3 News & Developments

3.1 EU, Member States and Associated Countries

3.1.1 President Juncker discusses role of science in competitiveness

European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker hosted a working lunch for a group of eminent, internationally awarded scientists to discuss how to ensure Europe remains a centre of excellence for science, how to foster innovative ideas that are brought to market, and how to ensure that EU policy benefits from the best scientific advice.

President Juncker said: "The thirst for discovery is what has helped move society from the Stone Ages. The world has changed, but for our society to continue advancing and our economy to grow, we need the highest ambition in pursuing knowledge, breakthroughs, and innovations. For that to happen, a formidable brain alone doesn't always suffice. We need additional sources of finance and investment for research and innovation. The Investment Plan for Europe will play a fundamental role in achieving that. Investing in research is a priority for Europe. [...]"

The meeting was also an opportunity to discuss how to best institutionalise independent scientific advice in the European Commission.

Source: European Commission

3.1.2 EU Boost for Polar Science

A new initiative to enhance the integration of Europe’s scientific and operational capabilities in the Polar Regions has been funded by the EU Horizon 2020 programme.

The EUR 2 million five-year EU-PolarNet programme brings together 22 of Europe’s internationally-respected multi-disciplinary research institutions to develop and deliver an integrated European polar research programme that is supported by access to first-class operational polar infrastructures. EU-PolarNet will involve stakeholders from the outset to create a suite of research proposals, the scientific outcomes of which are directly relevant and beneficial to European society and its economy.

Source: ResearchinGermany
3.2 Japan

3.2.1 Outputs of the 5th thematic meeting of the Industrial Competitiveness Council

The meeting was held in April in Tokyo, with the reform of the status of national universities as one of the main topics. In particular, the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) revealed that it envisages sorting the national universities into three different categories:

- National universities that can promote education and research in a field that is unique and/or can contribute to the growth of the local region (regional type);

- National universities that can promote education and research, specialising in a field in which they are strong (specialised type);

- National universities that can compete with excellent universities abroad and can promote excellence in education and research (world-competitive type).

Prime Minister Abe commented: "In order to make Japan the most innovative country in the world, the role of universities is vital. Until now, national universities have been unclear in the setting of missions that build on the features of each university. It cannot be denied that management has been lacking some measure of autonomy. We will formulate the National University Management Strategy by this summer, and advance university self-reform based on a mission selected from three types. To that end, along with advancing the integrated reforms of subsidies for operating expenses and competitive capital, we will promote the acquisition of outside funds and the operation of assets."

Source: Prime Minister’s Cabinet (Japanese only)

3.2.2 Thompson Reuters’ 2015 ranking of leading research institutions

Thomson Reuters released the 2015 ranking of the leading Japanese research institutions and fields of scientific excellence in Japan, based on the number of highly cited papers. To do so, the study uses Thompson Reuters’ Highly Cited Papers (HCP) tool, which takes into account only papers receiving the most citations (top 1%) in each discipline. The time span of this study is 10 years, from 2004 to 2014. The ratio of Highly Cited Papers to normal papers is also featured in the study but does not count in the ranking.

As usual, the University of Tokyo is named as Japan’s top scientific research institution; the top three being completed by Kyoto University and Osaka University.

However, one can see that the overall performance of the universities is much lower than that of independent research institutions such as RIKEN or KEK; or when compared to papers issued from studies funded by the JST (non apparent in the ranking since its role is limited to research funding): 827 counts for a ratio of 2.5%.
Quite interestingly, some universities of a relatively modest size perform as well as some of the top three in terms of HCP ratio, such as Okayama University with 1.2%, while bigger national universities such as the Kyushu or Hokkaido universities perform rather poorly with a 0.8% and 0.6% ratio respectively (or private universities, such as Keio University, with 0.9%).

The nation’s top performing fields of research are chemistry, materials science, immunology, biology and biochemistry, physics, plant and animal science, and molecular biology and genetics.

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Source: [Thompson Reuters](https://www.thomsonreuters.com) (Japanese only)
3.2.3 Survey: as much as 40% of faculty staff non-tenured

The Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) survey of 11 major Japanese universities revealed that the number of non-tenured faculty members has increased by 4,000 between 2007 to 2013.

The number of non-tenured faculty members’ in relation to the total number is 27-39%. Not surprisingly, the number of tenured faculty members has decreased by 1,400 in the past 6 years.

The financial support for the tenured faculty members comes mostly from non-competitive funds provided to the universities by MEXT based mostly on the numbers of faculty and students, and for non-tenured members it comes from various competitive funds. Since the university reform that took place in 2004, the non-competitive government funds to the universities have been decreasing every year, while the amount provided by the competitive programmes has been increasing.

This has resulted in young faculty members being hired as “faculty members of specific missions” for a fixed term from the competitive funds rather than on tenured positions.

Source: NSF Tokyo Office Weekly Wire

3.2.4 Plans go global for the Linear Collider Collaboration

The Linear Collider Collaboration (LCC) is an organisation that coordinates research and development work that is being done for accelerators of the next generation, pushed by the scientific community consensus that the results from the Large Hadron Collider at CERN will have to be complemented by a collider that can study the discoveries in greater detail.

The LCC, that promotes the construction of the International Linear Collider (ILC) in Iwate prefecture, organised a symposium at the University of Tokyo on 22 April, where experts exchanged their opinions on the significance of the ILC.

At the symposium, the LCC and international experts announced the release of the "Tokyo Statement" and promised to focus efforts in facilitating negotiations between national governments in addressing the challenges –
building of an international framework to share costs and technologies.

The statement pointed out that the ILC "requires the establishment of an international framework for sharing the cost and expertise among countries" and promised to "facilitate discussions between governments and funding authorities to achieve this goal as soon as possible".

The construction of the linear collider is estimated to cost JPY 1 trillion (EUR 7.5 billion) including labour costs. How to share this burden with the international community is seemingly the biggest challenge. The Kitakami mountains in Iwate and Miyagi prefecture were selected as the most fitting candidate site by expert organisations.

Source: Kahoku Online News, Iwate Web News (Japanese only)

### 3.3 Cooperation EU - Japan

#### 3.3.1 Commissioner Moedas at the EU-Japan Business Round Table

On 27 April 2015 Mr Carlos Moedas, Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation, participated in the 17th EU-Japan Business Round Table in Brussels.

Commissioner Moedas emphasised the strong potential for strengthened EU-Japan cooperation in industry, research and innovation. He underlined that Japan is a key strategic partner for Europe in science and technology and that the EU and Japan through joint efforts can address the challenges that both are facing - including an ageing population, energy security, access to critical raw materials, and climate change.

The successfully launched coordinated calls with Japan were brought up, which also involve industry. Japanese-affiliated companies based in Europe are very active in the framework programme, but there is still space for increasing the number of Japanese companies participating in Horizon 2020 projects.

Source: International Research #56

#### 3.3.2 3rd EU-Japan Joint Committee on Science and Technology Cooperation

On 18 May, the 3rd EU-Japan Joint Committee on Science and Technology Cooperation was held in Brussels. The meeting was co-chaired by Mr Robert-Jan Smits, Director-General for Research and Innovation and Mr
The meeting assessed progress achieved since the last Joint S&T Committee meeting in Tokyo in June 2013, and adopted a joint vision for the new EU-Japan strategic partnership in Research and Innovation, which articulates actions in the following areas:

- the deepening of strategic cooperation by frequent consultation at multiple levels;

- thematic approach for promoting activities in key strategic areas: substantial collaboration, not least through coordinated calls, in key strategic areas of ICT, Aeronautics and Materials including Critical Raw Materials, and a mutual interest in increasing cooperation in areas such as health/medical research, environment, energy and high-energy physics;

- frameworks that facilitate collaboration: the establishment of mechanisms for the joint funding of research and innovation projects (with Japan’s S&T Agency in the first instance), and measures to enhance mobility of researchers such as the soon to be signed ERC-JSPS cooperation arrangement and the opportunities offered by the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions;

- close consultation and possible collaboration on STI policies in areas such as Open Science; and

- the important role of support activities and public engagement to give further visibility to the cooperation.

The joint vision of the new strategic partnership in R&I is expected to be endorsed by the EU-Japan Summit on 29 May.

Source: International Research #56

3.3.3 EU-Japan Symposium: “Electrical Technologies for the Aviation of the Future”

On 26-27 March, SUNJET-II, a support action under Horizon 2020 led by Airbus Innovation Group, aimed at enhancing the relations between the EU
and Japan in research activities related to aviation, held a symposium on electrical technologies for the aviation of the future

The event was supported by METI and hosted by the EU Delegation. Over the two days, selected speakers from government, industry and research institutions of Japan and Europe presented, to an audience of 150 the common needs and challenges in developing such technologies: system level applications and requirements, advanced batteries, fuel cells, superconductivity and public funding. Several participants are now preparing proposals for the currently open call in aeronautics (on cabin systems, composite structures, heat exchangers and flight control).

During the symposium Mr Pablo Perez-Illana (Aviation Unit – DG RTD) introduced Horizon 2020 in the context of aviation and presented projects in aeronautics in FP7, H2020 and Cleansky.

On 27 March, the Delegation held the formal kick-off meeting of the SUNJET-II project. The project will build on existing collaboration from SUNJET-I, which resulted in 3 FP7 projects: JEDI-ACE (de-icing), SHEFAE (heat exchangers) and HIKARI (high-speed transport). SUNJET-II will develop consolidated roadmaps in the fields of airframes, engines, systems and equipment, make recommendations for future EU-Japan calls, and promote communication, networking and exchanges between European and Japanese aeronautics stakeholders.

Source: International Research #56
4 Grants & Fellowships

4.1 European Union

4.1.1 Open calls under 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 investment that this money will attract.

Access all 30 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.

4.1.2 JEUPISTE project support actions for H2020

The JEUPISTE project aims at promoting EU-Japan cooperation in Science, Technology and Innovation through support to policy dialogues, deployment of bilateral information services, organisation of networking events focusing on specific technologies and/or societal challenges, operation of help desk services (in cooperation with NCP Japan) and contribution to the development of human resources for collaborative projects.

The JEUPISTE project can help if you need advice or information regarding Horizon 2020 and Europe-Japan cooperation.

Further information: JEUPISTE

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).

Through various streams, MSCAs support researcher mobility at different stages of their career:

- International Training Network (ITN) for PhD studies (for Japanese candidates mostly through application via the EURAXESS Jobs database - “more filters" tab, →"Marie Curie“ link),

- Individual Fellowships (IF) for postdoctoral fellowships or research stays (without age limit),

- Research and Innovation Staff Exchange (RISE) for short research stays.

Open and upcoming MSCA calls:

Individual Fellowships (closing 10 September)

COFUND (closing 2 October)

4.1.4 Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions (MSCA) blog with FAQ

Net4Mobility is managing a blog with Frequently Asked Questions on MSCA actions (IF, ITN, COFUND, RISE). Net4Mobility is the Marie Sklodowska Curie Actions National Contact Point project with the objective to increase the knowledge among the NCPs.

This blog can also be useful to individual mobile researchers, especially the IF (Individual Fellowships) section.

Access the blog here

4.1.5 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 and forthcoming ERC calls:

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

**ERC Proof of Concept** (deadline 1 October)

### 4.1.6 Erasmus+ Joint Master Degrees and Joint Doctorates

Erasmus+ Joint master degrees (JMD) and Joint Doctorates (JD) are offered by international consortia 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 enrol.

JDs are doctoral-level training and research programmes and offer fellowships covering up to three years of doctoral activities. **29 consortia are proposing JDs in various fields.**

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

Joint Master Degrees: further information [here](#), list of the consortia [here](#)

Joint Doctorates: further information and list of consortia [here](#)

### 4.1.7 Come to Europe! EURAXESS ERC, MSCA and Erasmus+ brochure

A new EURAXESS brochure: “**Come to Europe!**” presenting a few bullet points on the three main European opportunities for researcher mobility (ERC, MSCA and Erasmus+) is available online on our website.

Please check it out and share with your colleagues!

### 4.1.8 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

http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess
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

4.1.9 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: 14 August (Long-Term), rolling basis (Short-Term)

Further information here

4.1.10 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.

Besides providing information on funding opportunities for incoming international and European researchers, staff at the EURAXESS Service Centres offer individual assistance on all aspects of researcher mobility.
4.2 EU Member States and Associated Countries

4.2.1 Global

4.2.1.1 IIASA Postdoctoral Fellowships

The International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA), based in Austria, conducts policy-oriented research into problems of a global nature using an interdisciplinary approach: Energy and Climate Change, Food and Water, Poverty and Equity.

It provides full funding for a number of postdoctoral researchers each year. Scholars conduct their own research on topics closely related to IIASA's research agenda. The fellowships, of a 2 year duration, cover a monthly allowance, relocation expenses and some travel costs.

Candidates of any nationality holding a PhD degree with less than 5 years of postdoctoral experience may apply.

Next application round opens 1 June

Further information here

4.2.1.2 Fellowships at NATO Defence College, Italy

The NATO Defense College offers each year fellowships in the field of defence & security policy research to NATO and its partners. The objective is to promote research and political consulting in areas of particular interest to NATO through short research stays.

Out of the five openings, one is dedicated to nationals from the “Partners Across the Globe” countries, of which Japan is a member.

Candidates will be selected on the basis of their academic qualifications, quality of research proposal, professional experience and publication record. Candidates must have a good working knowledge of English or French.

Successful candidates will be awarded EUR 16,000 to cover all their travel and accommodation expenses during the four month research stay. The Fellow will be located at the NATO Defense College, in Rome, Italy.

Deadline: 1 September

Further information here

4.2.1.3 Canon Foundation Europe: European and Japanese Fellowships

The Canon Foundation in Europe grants up to 15 Fellowships per year to highly qualified European and Japanese researchers in all fields.

Candidates are required to have obtained at least a Master’s degree within the previous ten years.

The European Fellowship holders pursue a period of research in Japan whereas the Japanese Fellows do their research at host institutions in Europe. The Fellowships are awarded for periods of three months to one year.
Canon Fellows have to choose their host institutes and hosts abroad.

**Deadline:** 15 September
Further information [here](#)

### 4.2.1.4 EUI Fernand Braudel Senior Fellowships

Fernand Braudel Senior Fellowships provide a framework for established academics in law and social sciences, with an international reputation to pursue their research at the European University Institute (EUI).

Fellowships cover monthly stipend for **three to ten months research stays** in one of the EUI's four Departments.

**Established academics of any nationality,** with a good command of English and of any other language relevant to their research project may apply.

Two calls per year (varying between Departments).

**Next deadline:** 30 September (Depts. of Economics, History and Civilisation, Political and Social Sciences)
Further information [here](#)

### 4.2.1.5 ERCIM Alain Bensoussan Fellowship Programme

The European Research Consortium for Informatics and Mathematics (ERCIM) aims to foster collaborative work within the European research community, and features several leading European research institutes as members.

ERCIM offers **fellowships for PhD holders** from all over the world who have completed their PhD no longer than **8 years prior to the application deadline**. Successful applicants will receive a fellowship for a **12 month stay** at one of the institutes which are part of the ERCIM network. Topics cover most disciplines in Computer Science, Information Technology and Applied Mathematics.

Two calls per year

**Next deadline:** 30 September
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 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](#).

### 4.2.2.3 Franz Werfel Grant and Richard Plaschka Scholarship

The Franz Werfel Grant addresses itself to young university teachers whose work focuses on Austrian Literature.

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.

Both programmes, provided by [OeAD](#), offers material support for up to 18 months, but through follow-up support also guarantees sustainability.

Candidates of any nationality, and at least of a postgraduate level, with a background in Austrian literature may apply.

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

Two calls per year.

**Next deadline: 15 September**

Further information [here](#).

### 4.2.2.4 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 September**

Further information [here](#).

### 4.2.2.1 Marietta Blau Grant for PhD students

The **Marietta Blau Grant** offers financial support for **outgoing research stays** as part of a doctoral programme, in **any discipline**.

The programme is exclusively intended for people who do not receive any public funds for their doctoral studies apart from the Austrian study grant. **Applicants must be enrolled at an Austrian educational** or research institution. Duration of the stays can vary between **6 and 12 months** during which a **monthly allowance is awarded** (travel costs are not covered).

Two calls per year.

**Next deadline: 1 September**

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 run 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.

Rolling call with several deadlines per year.

**Next deadline: 30 June**

Further information [here](#).

#### 4.2.3.2 FWO outgoing travel grants

This **FWO** grant supports **research stays abroad** of a **5 weeks to 12 months duration**. The grant **covers the travel expenses** and a fixed daily allowance.

**Postdoctoral candidates** can be of **any nationality**. Other **candidates** must be **citizens of an EU Member State** or Switzerland, have obtained their degree in an EU Member State or Switzerland, or have been affiliated in the past to a

http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess
Flemish university for more than one year. All applicants must currently be affiliated with a Flemish university or research institution.

Applications continuously reviewed.

Further information here

4.2.4 Denmark

4.2.4.1 International Network Programme

The Danish Agency for Science, Technology and Innovation has launched its 7th International Network Programme.

This programme is open to researchers working at Danish institutions wishing to engage in network activities with cooperation partners in selected countries - and Japan - and welcomes applications for the following activities:

- Scientific workshops and conferences with participation of researchers, scientists, research experts and PhD-students from Denmark and from one or more of the selected countries.

- Short research stays in order to identify potential for new collaborative projects and partnerships.

Deadline: 25 August

Further information here

4.2.5 Estonia

4.2.5.1 Kristjan Jaak Scholarships

The Kristjan Jaak Scholarship programme supports incoming and outgoing mobility, both short and long-term, for master's 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 June (Foreign Visits: short term)

Further information here

4.2.5.2 Archimedes Foundation’s short-term visits for doctoral students

The programme brought by the Archimedes Foundation supports the short-term study and research activities of visiting PhD students in Estonian universities. The scheme is aimed at making Estonian universities and doctoral studies more international.

Candidates of any nationality but Estonian, engaged in doctoral studies in any field and affiliated with an institution outside of Estonia can apply for visits
of a duration of 1 to 10 months. The scheme covers a monthly stipend for the whole stay duration as well as a travel allowance.

Deadlines vary for each host institution (Estonian universities and Higher Educations institutions)

Further information here

4.2.6 Finland

4.2.6.1 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 by 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.

Applications accepted on a rolling basis

Further information here

4.2.7 France

4.2.7.1 Pays de la Loire: Connect Talent Call for Projects

With the international call for projects “Connect Talent”, the academic and economic actors of the Pays-de-la-Loire region wish to support “breakthrough projects”.

Individual mobility projects from highly talented scientists and researchers of any nationality, as well as institutional research projects or infrastructure projects can be accepted within this call.

Successful applicants will see their projects funded by the Region for a duration of 3 to 5 years. There is no maximum funding amount, successful projects being selected only on the basis of their quality, added value and feasibility.

Call open until beginning of 2016

Next deadline: 30 September

Further information here
4.2.7.1 Ifremer 2015-2016 post-doctoral grants

Ifremer offers post-doctoral positions to young French or foreign scientists who have completed their PhD and are motivated by development and innovation in various fields of Marine Sciences: technology and ecotechnology, aquaculture, fisheries, environment, risks analysis, physics of oceans, etc.

Postdoctoral positions are contracted for a duration of 12 months, possibly renewable for 6 months, starting in November 2015. Candidates who already performed post-doctoral research at Ifremer are excluded.

Consult the list of available subjects here.

Deadline: 10 September 2015

Further information here

4.2.7.1 Institut Pasteur Roux-Cantarini Posdoctoral 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.

Two calls per year.

Next deadline: 10 September

Further information here

4.2.8 Germany

4.2.8.1 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)

4.2.8.2 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

4.2.8.3 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, Aeronautics and Energy. Application deadline varies according to the call.

List of open calls here

Further information here

4.2.8.4 Green Talents Award 2015

The German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) holds annually the prestigious "Green Talents - International Forum for High Potentials in Sustainable Development" to promote the international exchange of ideas regarding green solutions.

Candidates of any nationality except German and currently living outside of Germany may apply. Participants have to be enrolled in a Master's
programme or have already achieved a Master or PhD degree in a relevant field.

The award honours 25 young researchers each year, giving them the opportunity to perform a first visit to Germany of two week duration, followed by a research stay of up to 3 months.

Deadline: 2 June

Further information here

4.2.8.1 Alexander von Humboldt Foundation Sofja Kovalevskaja Award

The Sofja Kovalevskaja Award allows you to spend five years building up a working group on an innovative research project of your own choice at a research institution in Germany.

Researchers from all disciplines may apply directly to the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation which may grant up to eight Awards annually. The award is valued at up to EUR 1.65 million.

Eligible candidates are top-rank foreign junior researchers who completed their doctorate within the last six years, and have published work in prestigious international journals or publishing houses.

Deadline: 1 September 2014

Further information here

4.2.8.1 PhD Programmes at the International Max Planck Research Schools

The Max Planck Institutes and German universities jointly run the International Max Planck Research Schools (IMPRS). There are 60 IMPRS covering all disciplines: 26 in the Chemistry, Physics and Technology Section, 23 in the Biology and Medicine Section, and 11 in the Human and Social Sciences Section.

The PhD programmes are open to applicants from any country holding a Master's degree in a relevant field. Proof of English proficiency is a plus, but is not mandatory.

Deadlines vary from a school to another: September - November

Further information here

4.2.9 Ireland

4.2.9.1 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 in total.

Applications accepted on a rolling basis.

Further information here

4.2.9.2 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

4.2.9.3 SFI’s Industry Fellowship Programme 2015

The purpose of the Industry Fellowship programme is to facilitate the bi-directional movement of academic and industry researchers. Fellowships can be awarded to academic researchers wishing to spend time in industry worldwide and to individuals from industry anywhere in the world wishing to spend time in an Irish Research Body.

Applicants must hold a PhD degree and show excellent academic record (publications in particular).

Fellowships can be for between 1 and 12 months in duration if full time or for up to 24 months if part time. The maximum Industry Fellowship amount is EUR 120,000 for direct costs.

Two calls per year.

Next deadline: 3 June

Further information here
4.2.9.4 Irish Research Council Enterprise Partnership Scheme Postdoctoral Fellowship

The Irish Research Council Enterprise Partnership Scheme Postdoctoral Fellowship encourages links with an Enterprise Partner to award co-funded two year Postdoctoral Fellowships to highly promising researchers in Ireland. By working closely with an Enterprise Partner, researchers benefit from an enhanced research experience as well as having the opportunity to learn key transferable skills relevant to career/professional development.

Candidates of any nationality, holding a PhD in any field for less than five years can apply to this scheme. They have to find a host institution in Ireland. The fellowship covers salary and advantages for a duration of 24 months, starting 1 February 2016.

Deadline: 17 June

Further information here

4.2.10 Italy

4.2.10.1 Scuola Normale Superiore PhD courses

The Scuola Normale Superiore (SNS) offers fully-funded PhD programmes in a variety of fields including humanities, social sciences, natural sciences and engineering.

Students of any nationality who hold or expect to obtain their master’s degree by October 2015 may apply for the PhD courses.

Successful applicants will receive full financial support (tuition fees, monthly allowance) for the whole duration of the course: 3 years (4 years in the neuro-science and biophysical fields). Successful applicants are expected to start working at one of the institutes of the SNS by November 2015.

Two calls per year.

Next deadline: 31 August

Further information here

4.2.11 Luxembourg

4.2.11.1 INTER Mobility Programme: Call for Proposals

The aim of the INTER Mobility Programme, funded by FNR, is to promote scientific exchange between research groups of the Luxembourg public research institutions and research groups abroad in order to foster innovative, internationally competitive research.

Specifically, the programme aims to support post-docs and senior researchers working in Luxembourg to visit the foreign leading research institutions in the field, or the visit of established foreign senior researchers in Luxembourg public research institutions.
No thematic or geographic limitations. Funds salary, travel and mobility costs for stays of a duration of 6 weeks to 12 months.

Two calls per year.

Next deadline: 30 June

Further information here

4.2.12 Netherlands

4.2.12.1 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

4.2.12.1 Lorentz Centre Workshop Proposal

The Lorentz Centre is an international centre that was set up to organise interactive workshops within the natural sciences. One special aspect is the possibility to obtain a room to organise workshops between natural scientists and those in the humanities and social sciences.

Three review sessions per year.

Next proposal review: 15 September

Further information here

4.2.12.1 Rubicon Programme

Rubicon aims to encourage talented researchers at Dutch universities and research institutes run by KNAW and the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO) to dedicate themselves to a career in postdoctoral research.

Applicants holding a PhD can apply for a period of up to two years at an excellent research institution outside the Netherlands. The minimum duration is twelve months. The eligible costs are salary including fringe benefits, travel costs and a limited amount of research costs.

Several calls per year.

Next deadline: September

Further information here
4.2.13 Norway

4.2.13.1 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: 9 September

Further information here

4.2.13.2 UTFORSK Partnership Programme

The UTFORSK Partnership Programme is a new Norwegian instrument for strengthening the linkage between higher education and research in international collaboration, and to increase cooperation between Norway and Brazil, China, India, Japan, Russia and South Africa.

This scheme aims to promote international partnerships at the institutional level through the provision of funds to support student or staff mobility, intensive courses, joint teaching and supervisions, study programmes or degrees.

Accredited Norwegian higher education institutions must apply together with one or more partner institution in the eligible countries. Each project may apply for up to NOK 800,000 (approx. EUR 97,000) for a two year period.

Call to be announced soon

Further information here

4.2.14 Poland

4.2.14.1 IDEAS For Poland

The objective of this programme 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 programme 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
4.2.14.2 Thesaurus Poloniae

The Thesaurus Poloniae is a fellowship programme of the Ministry of Culture and National Heritage of the Republic of Poland, implemented by the International Cultural Centre in Kraków.

The programme is addressed to overseas individual researchers who carry out research on culture, history and the multicultural heritage of Poland and Central Europe.

The Senior Programme is addressed to university professors and senior lecturers/PhD holders, and Junior Programme addressed to PhD candidates.

Each round of the programme lasts three months, during which time the fellow stays and works in Kraków and receives a monthly allowance.

Two calls per year.

Next deadline: 15 July

Further information here

4.2.15 Spain

4.2.15.1 AMAROUT-II Europe Programme

AMAROUT-II is a Marie Curie Action (PEOPLE-COFUND). It is a fellowship programme designed to support transnational mobility of senior researchers.

Both "experienced" and "very experienced" researchers from any country can apply for AMAROUT-II fellowships at any of the seven IMDEA Institutes participating in the program (Energy, Food, Materials, Nanoscience, Networks, Software, and Water).

Permanent call for applications until 30 September

Further information here

4.2.15.2 Ikerbasque Research Professors Call 2015

The Basque Foundation for Science (Ikerbasque) has launched its annual call for attracting senior researchers to the Research Institutions in the Basque Country.

This call offers permanent contract positions for experienced researchers within any of the Basque Research Institutions (Universities, Basque Excellence Research Centres, Cooperative Research Centres, Biomedical institutions and Technology Corporations, etc.). Researchers from any country, with a solid research track, senior level and international research experience may apply.

Deadline: 10 September 2015

Further information here
4.2.15.3 M+Visión Advanced Fellowship 2015

The M+Visión Advanced Fellowship in Translational Biomedical Imaging is an innovative fellowship co-funded by the Regional Ministry for Education of Comunidad de Madrid and the MIT; aimed at combining academic and market-oriented research.

In 2015, 7 Incoming Fellowships covering monthly stipend, travel and research costs for 1 year, potentially prolonged with a 24-month contract if the host institution hires the researcher.

Candidates of any nationality, with a PhD or at least 4 years of full-time equivalent research experience; some experience in biomedical imaging and with fluent English are eligible.

Deadline: 15 June

Further information here

4.2.16 Switzerland

4.2.16.1 SNSF International Exploratory Workshops

The Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) International Exploratory Workshops are aimed at researchers in Switzerland who wish to organise workshops with participants from abroad. The workshops are an opportunity for researchers from different backgrounds to meet, share new insights and increase their knowledge in a field.

The grant comprises travel, room and board costs for up to ten participants from abroad. The workshops may last from two to five days.

Applicants must be affiliated with a Swiss university or research institute and hold a PhD degree.

Several calls per year.

Next deadlines: 3 June, 7 October

Further information here

4.2.17 Sweden

4.2.17.1 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

**4.2.17.2 VINNMER Marie Curie Incoming and Outgoing**

The purpose of this VINNOVA call is to support experienced researcher careers through mobility and international collaborations.

Through the **Incoming scheme**, experienced researchers of **all nationalities can apply for international mobility to Sweden** with project times of 1-3 years and get up to 50% of their salary costs as well as additional relevant costs relating to mobility covered.

Through the **Outgoing scheme**, experienced researchers of **all nationalities currently affiliated with industry or research institutes in Sweden** with at least four years of research experience can apply for **research stays abroad of 1-3 years**, where at least 50% of the time is spent outside Sweden, or **of 3 months**, where all of the time is spent outside Sweden. In both cases up to **50% of their salary costs** as well as additional relevant costs relating to mobility covered.

**Deadline: 16 September**

Further information here

**4.2.18 Turkey**

**TÜBİTAK "2221" - Fellowships for Visiting Scientists and Scientists on Sabbatical Leave**

Three types of visits are granted within this programme: **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

**4.2.18.1 “2215” - Graduate Scholarship Programme for International Students**

The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK) grants scholarships for international students of any country seeking to pursue a graduate degree in Turkey. The scholarship covers fields of Natural Sciences, Engineering and Technological Sciences, Medical Sciences, Agricultural Sciences, Social Sciences and Humanities.

Scholarships may cover monthly stipends and tuition fees for Master and PhD courses with a **maximum duration of 2 years for the Master’s and 4 years for the PhD program**.

**Deadline: September**

Further information here
4.2.19 United Kingdom

4.2.19.1 Royal Society’s International Exchanges Scheme

This Royal Society scheme is for researchers in the UK who want to stimulate new collaborations with leading scientists overseas through either a one-off visit or bilateral travel.

It covers all areas of the life and physical sciences, including engineering, but excluding clinical medicine.

Both the UK and overseas applicants must have a PhD degree and hold a position (fixed or tenured) at a university. Successful projects may be awarded up to GBP 3,000 (EUR 2,150) for one-off travel projects lasting up to 3 months, or up to GBP 6,000 (EUR 4,300) for multiple visits to be completed within 1 year.

Deadline: 1 June

Further information here

4.2.19.1 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. 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: 30 September

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

4.2.19.1 STFC Ernest Rutherford Fellowships

The Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC) proposes these fellowships to enable early career researchers without a permanent position to establish an independent research programme. They encourage talented researchers in UK universities to remain in the country and at the same time attract outstanding overseas researchers to the UK.
Applications must fall within the remit of the STFC core Science Programme (astronomy, solar and planetary science, particle physics, particle astrophysics, cosmology, nuclear physics).

Applicants, of any nationality, must have a PhD and a minimum of two years postdoctoral experience.

Twelve funding supports of a five year duration are granted each year.

Deadline: 24 September

Further information here

4.3 Japan

4.3.1 JSPS Fellowships Programmes for Research in Japan

The Japanese Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) carries out programmes which provide overseas researchers who have an excellent record of research achievements with an opportunity to conduct postdoctoral studies, collaborative research, and short research stays in Japan.

Researchers from all countries with diplomatic relations with Japan and of any field of study are eligible.

Applications must be submitted by the inviting researchers who wish to host foreign researchers in Japan, either directly through JSPS (see here) or through an overseas nominating authority (France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway and Sweden: see list here). Various fellowship categories are provided:

- Standard postdoctoral fellowships are of a duration of 1 to 2 years.
- Short-term postdoctoral fellowships are of a duration of 1 to 12 months.
- Pathway postdoctoral fellowships are for 1-2 years and should be followed by a sustainable implantation of the researcher in Japan.
- Invitation fellowships are for research stays of a duration of 2-10 months (Long-term), 14-60 days (Short-term), 7-30 days (Short-term S).

Approximately 320 postdoctoral fellowships and 290 invitation fellowships should be awarded for JFY2016 through two to four calls.

Next application rounds:

- Postdoctoral fellowships: 31 August - 4 September (Standard and “Pathway to University Positions in Japan”)
  5-9 October (Short-term)
- Invitation fellowships: 31 August - 4 September
  (Long-term, Short-term and Short-term S)
4.3.2 Monbukagakusho Scholarships for Research Students 2016

The Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) offers scholarships to international students who wish to study in graduate courses at Japanese universities either as a (non-degree) student or a regular student seeking a degree under the Monbukagakusho Scholarship Program 2016.

Foreign applicants of any nationality (within the list of countries holding diplomatic relations with Japan), born after April 1981 and meeting the relevant academic background conditions are eligible.

Candidates for Master's or Doctorate courses can apply for fellowships covering travel expenses and monthly stipend for an 18-month period (if arrival in Japan in October 2016), 24-month period (arrival in April 2016), or for the whole duration of their course.

Applications can only be accepted through Japanese embassies in the country of origin.

Deadlines: various, usually April - June (contact the Japanese embassy or consulate in your country of origin)

Further information here

4.3.3 JSPS London Call for the Pre/Post-doctoral Fellowship for Foreign Researchers (Short Term)

This programme provides the opportunity for short-term visits for pre-doctoral and post-doctoral UK researchers and researchers from Europe and North America based in the UK to conduct cooperative research with leading research groups at Japanese universities and institutions.

Researchers from all fields of sciences including humanities and social sciences are eligible to apply. Awards will cover visits of 1 to 12 months starting between November 2015 and March 2016.

Applications have to be made through the JSPS London Office.

Deadline: 1 June

Further information here

4.3.4 JAXA International Top Young Fellowship 2015 Call

The Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) opened its 2015 call for fellowships (ITYF 2015).
Applicants (of any nationality) must have a Doctoral degree in natural sciences or engineering, with less than 8 years of postdoctoral experience. They should present a research project of three years and if possible identify their supervisor within Jaxa’s Institute of Space and Astronautical Science.

Successful applicants will be enrolled at JAXA under very competitive conditions for a period of 3 years, with a possibility to extend to 5 years. The fellowship also covers some research and travel expenses; and can be cumulated with Japanese competitive programmes such as the JSPS ones.

A few openings each year.

Deadline: 19 June

Further information here

4.3.5 JAMSTEC Postdoctoral Fellow Programme 2016

The Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology (JAMSTEC) established an international postdoctoral fellowship programme in Oceanography and Earth Sciences to help young researchers develop their scientific excellence.

Applicants of any nationality, holding a PhD in a relevant field and with less than 5 years of experience are eligible to apply.

5 fellowships will be awarded this year; of a duration of 1 year (renewable twice), and they cover the researchers’ annual salary.

Deadline: 21 July

Further information here

4.3.6 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 programme-specific full-time faculty members (with full salary benefits) for a period of 5 years maximum. Up to 20 applicants selected per year.

Call to be announced soon.

Further information here

4.3.7 MIF Research Fellowships Call for Applications

The Matsumae International Foundation (MIF) is a nongovernmental organisation that 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 a 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 Pfizer Health Research Foundation International Collaborative Research Grant

The Pfizer Health Research Foundation provides three forms of funding in Japan to promote health research as a way of improving the quality of life of individuals.

The international collaborative research grant is the funding scheme allowing collaboration with partners outside of Japan (type “A”). Applicants must be based in Japan, and their research project proposal must involve the participation of at least one researcher based in another country.

This grant covers project related costs of up to a maximum of JPY 3 million (EUR 23,000) over a period of 12 months from December 2015 to November 2016. Up to 8 projects may be awarded this year.

Deadline: 30 June

Further information [here](#) (Japanese only)

### 4.3.9 Sir Martin Wood Prize call for nominations

The Sir Martin Wood Prize, named after the founder of Oxford Instruments, was established in 1998 with the objective of giving recognition to young scientists in Japan. The Prize is sponsored by the British company Oxford Instruments plc.

The Sir Martin Wood Prize is awarded annually to a scientist, younger than 40, who has achieved remarkable results in condensed matter science at a university or research institute in Japan.

Nominations have to come from recognised researchers in that field.

Deadline: 1 August

Further information [here](#) (Japanese only)
5 Jobs

5.1 EURAXESS Jobs

There are currently 8938 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!

Researchers can post their CVs for free here. Do not hesitate to do it and increase your visibility.

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

5.2.1 Principal and Assistant Researcher Positions at IST (Portugal)

The Instituto Superior Técnico (IST, Portugal) is recruiting a Principal Researcher and an Assistant Researcher (1 position for each category) in Chemical and Radiopharmaceutical Sciences, within its Department of Engineering and Nuclear Sciences.

Candidates must hold a PhD degree in a relevant scientific field with 4 to 10 years of postdoctoral experience (Assistant) or more than 10 years experience (Principal Researcher).

Selected candidates will be hired for a 3 year trial period, aiming at a tenured position afterwards.

Application deadline: 16 June

Further information [here](#) and [here](#)

5.2.2 ERC Postdoctoral Position at the Institute of Physics, Czech Republic

A position, funded by the ERC Consolidator project EXMAG, is open at the Institute of Physics in Prague. The project is focused on numerical investigation of ordering phenomena in Hubbard-type models and/or real materials.

Applicants should have a PhD in physics or quantum chemistry. They are expected to have experience either with many-body simulations of lattice or quantum impurity models.

The initial appointment is for one year with a possible extension of up to four years.

Application deadline: 20 June

Further information: EURAXESS Jobs

5.2.3 MSCA Industrial Doctorate Position at OTE Academy, Greece

OTE ACADEMY offers one PhD position in the context of the H2020 Innovative Training Network project 5Gwireless, focused on Wireless Technologies 5G Ultra-Dense Cellular Networks.

Candidates of any nationality with an MSc in electrical engineering or related fields, are eligible to apply.

The duration of the PhD contract is 3 years (fully funded). Within the duration of the project, the candidate will perform a secondment of up-to 6 months at the Technical University of Dresden (Germany).
Application deadline: 31 July
Further information: EURAXESS Jobs

5.2.4 Other jobs in Europe
Find a wealth of career links on our EURAXESS Links Japan web portal!

5.3 Jobs in Japan

5.3.1 JREC-IN
The Japanese job portal for researchers JREC-IN is currently advertising 2195 positions in Japanese, and 262 positions in English.
All positions can be viewed at the JREC-IN portal in English or in Japanese.

5.3.2 Faculty position at WPI Kavli IPMU (University of Tokyo)
The Kavli IPMU invites applicants for a faculty position in theoretical particle physics, with focus on its formal areas such as quantum field theory, quantum gravity, string theory, and their interfaces with mathematics.

Junior candidates will be considered for a tenure-track assistant professor, while exceptionally qualified candidates will be considered for a tenured associate or full professor position. The successful candidate is expected to create a strong synergy between mathematics and theoretical physics to pursue our goal.

Deadline: 17 July
Further information here
5.3.3 Postdoctoral Positions at WPI MANA (NIMS)

The WPI MANA recruits two postdoctoral researchers on the theme of synthesis and analysis of nanoscale materials properties using the transmission electron microscopy and atomic force microscopy.

Applicants should have a Ph.D. degree in materials science or related fields, and preferably have in-situ TEM skills.

The contracts, of a duration of one year, should start on 1 October 2015 at the latest.

Application procedure open until filled.

Further information here.

5.3.4 Still open positions (see previous newsletters)

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

- Tenure-track positions at i2CNER

  Further information here.

5.3.5 Other jobs in Japan

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Useful links

Some links to useful sources of general information and careers information are provided below.
6 Events

6.1 Events in Europe

6.1.1 Live stream | University-industry collaboration: creating research talent

The British Council Japan is organising a session entitled “University-Industry Collaboration: Creating Future Talent” at Going Global 2015. Going Global is an annual conference to discuss key concepts and challenges in International Higher Education.

An increasing trend is for university and industry partners to co-design programmes to give students and researchers opportunities to experience work outside academia. The mechanisms, challenges and future directions of University-Industry collaborations for researcher development will be discussed at Going Global 2015.

Live-streamed session: 1 June 15:15 - 16:30 UK time, 23:15~ Japan time

Further information and webpage here

6.1.2 France - Japan Joint Forum "Innovation and the challenges of the world in transition"

Organised by the University of Strasbourg (France) and JSPS, this forum will present and discuss the situation and future needs for innovation in today’s society. This will be done under several thematic sessions such as: human resources, university-industry collaboration or health care. Speakers from European and Japanese universities will participate in this forum.

Date and place: 19-20 June, Strasbourg, France

Further information and registration (until 20 May) here

6.1.3 A new start for Europe: Opening up to an ERA of Innovation

In the presence of Commissioner Moedas, this conference will bring together some 500 participants from key research and innovation organisations to discuss EU policies on three interconnected topics: Open Science, the European Research Area and Innovation.

The conference will cover a broad range of issues including:

- the results and outcome of the ‘Science 2.0: Science in Transition’ consultation
- the ERA Roadmap
- open labour market for researchers
• building up an innovation ecosystem
• future markets

Date and place: 22-23 June, Brussels, Belgium

ERA survey available here
Further information here

### 6.1.4 Other events in Europe

Non-exhaustive list of scientific or research-related events in Europe.

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### 6.2 Events in Japan

#### 6.2.1 Tokyo Tech Inspiring Lecture Series:
Communication and Information Technologies

This second edition of the *Tokyo Tech Inspiring Lecture* series will focus on ICTSs. In the frame of the *International Year of Light*, it will particularly underline the subject of light and its applications to communication technologies. Reknowned Japanese, Swedish and Danish professors will present their latest research projects and discuss future developments.
6.2.2 NISTEP Symposium: Toward a society providing encouraging career paths for PhDs

The National Institute of Science and Technology Policy (NISTEP) performs STI policy research focusing on how to better integrate science to society. In this frame, NISTEP started to build a national database of skilled PhD holders and regularly performs surveys in order to draft better measures. This symposium will present the state of PhD holders’ careers in Japan and discuss ways to improve them.

Date and time: 1 June, 14:00 - 18:00
Venue: MEXT, Tokyo
Language: Japanese only
Registration required here
Further information here (Japanese only)

6.2.3 Go Global Todai Student Exchange Fair 2015

The University of Tokyo organises this two-day fair on its Komaba Campus, with first day presentation sessions on studying abroad, in particular featuring interventions from former exchange students in the UK or Serbia for example; while the second day features a fair aspect with participation from many European institutions such as Campus France, the British Council, DAAD (Germany), the Switzerland Embassy to Japan, etc.

Date: 4-5 June
Venue: Tokyo University Komaba Campus
Further information here

6.2.4 Other events in Japan

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