Dear Colleagues!

Welcome to the August issue of our newsletter.

We are very pleased to provide you with over 60 open calls for proposals (some ending already in September!!) in more than 20 European countries (EU Member States & Associated Countries). Our news and development section includes recent and very interesting R&D news from the European Research Area, Canada and the United States.

EURAXESS Science Slam 2015: We are very excited about the first videos received! The deadline to apply being on 21 September, you have still 3 weeks to send us your great videos and become one of the finalists at our EURAXESS Science Slam 2015 North America contest which will be held in Chicago, USA on 19 October 2015. Please visit our website in order to know the rules and conditions to participate.

If you are not yet ready to submit your video, you can become a part of this wonderful evening as a participant and help us choose the BEST SLAMMER who will win a FREE round trip to Europe. The only thing you need to do is to register here.

Also included in this month’s issue: an exclusive interview with Snezana Krstic, Chair of the Marie Curie Alumni Association.

This month’s EU Insight brings you a recently published report from the European Parliament on higher education internationalisation strategies around the global, with a particular focus on Europe.

Enjoy reading the newsletter!

Your EURAXESS Links North America Team
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EU Insight –
Internationalisation of Higher Education in Europe

“The internationalisation of higher education has been influenced by the
globalisation of our economies and societies and the increased importance of
knowledge…it is driven by a dynamic and constantly evolving combination of
political, economic socio-cultural and academic rationales.” This statement
succinctly captures the tone of a recently published (end of July 2015) report by
the European Parliament’s Committee on Culture and Education entitled
Internationalisation of Higher Education, which comments on factors currently
influencing higher education globally, but in particular within Europe.

The report

Internationalisation of Higher Education is the end product of a large-scale
study focused on not only understanding, but more so, scrutinising
internationalisation strategies utilised within higher education systems around
the world. The study, commissioned by the European Parliament and
conducted by a consortium of Europe-based researchers,1 carried the specific
aim of addressing the different forms internationalisation strategies take on and,
more importantly, what such strategies should aim to achieve as a way of
helping different regions, nations and institutions within Europe meet new
education and societal demands. A secondary aim of the study primarily
focused on informing future EU policy.

Using a mixed-methodology of two quantitative surveys and a Delphi panel (a
qualitative forecasting method where experts are interviewed for their opinions
on future outcomes related to a specific subject/set of questions), the study
sought out to provide answers to the following questions:

1) How can 'internationalisation' be understood in the context of
higher education, and what strategies are being pursued globally
in this regard?

2) How far and by which means is the European Union and its
Member States responding to the challenges of
internationalisation?

3) What are the perspectives of future development, and which
recommendations can be made both for policy makers and higher
education institutions?

1 The consortium was comprised of researchers from the Centre for Higher Education
Internationalisation (CHEI, Milan), Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore (Milan),
International Association of Universities (IAU) and the European Association for
International Education (EIAE).
4) Should national governments and/or the European Union play a more active role in the development, supervision and coordination of national/European internationalization policies?

To further address these questions, researchers also examined 17 different national reports—10 from within Europe and 7 from without, to gain a sense of the various approaches and rationales guiding global higher education internationalisation strategies. Countries examined within Europe included Finland, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Spain and the UK. Such a focus intentionally looked beyond the “big three” of England, Germany, and France, which so often dominate internationalisation studies and discussions. Non-European countries examined by the study included Australia, Canada, Colombia, Japan, Malaysia, South Africa and the USA, with the intentional of introducing regional diversity into the assessment.

What is internationalisation in the context of higher education, anyway?

Upon reading the report one learns that the internationalisation of higher education, while a relatively new phenomenon in-and-of-itself, is “both broad and varied”, meaning that it lacks any sort of unified global form. And yet while broadly different, commonalities do exist across national approaches, primarily in the form of features like: visibility and reputation (combined with increased competitiveness); competition for talented students and scholars; a divide in strategy between short-term economic gains or long-term economic development and soft power, or a mixture of short and long-term objectives; increased strategic partnership development; more attention to employability and/or social engagement.3

Within Europe, the internationalisation of higher education is not new. The process stretches back at least 30 years, beginning with the ERASMUS programme and followed by the Marie Curie Fellowships. Yet, like many internationalisation strategies, these efforts have a heavy focus on short or long-term and many of the other features mentioned above. But what does this all actually mean in terms of next steps?

According to *Internationalisation of Higher Education*, a key next step for policy decision makers is to recognise that the end goal for post-secondary education in Europe cannot simply be internationalisation. Rather, emphasis must be shifted towards quality (in this case curriculum and learning outcomes for students and staff), and not be based on economic rationales. While still of value, mobility as a motor of internationalisation must also be rethought, in order to shift the nature of mobility opportunities from being only open to a selected elite, to being a component common to all higher educational experiences. As such, a new definition of internationalisation delivered by the report is to recognise it as “the intentional process of integrating an international, intercultural or global dimension into the purpose, functions and

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3 Ibid.
delivery of post-secondary education, in order to enhance the quality of education and research for all students and staff, and to make a meaningful contribution to society.”

For more information regarding the report’s findings, discover more on how the questions behind the study were answered, and to learn about additional policy recommendations, please click here.

2 Feature - Interview with Snezana Krstic, Chair of the Marie Curie Alumni Association

Snezana, tell us about your research background and interests

I am a chemical engineer, but my research background is quite multidisciplinary with a broad interest in issues at the intersection of science, policy, society and innovation. I was involved in research activities as an undergraduate, when I worked on an “intelligent” system for separation of multicomponent liquids, which was of particular importance for the oil, pharmaceutical and petrochemical industry. I continued with issues related to solid waste management and environmental management. My PhD was related to electro-deposited metal powders and particle modelling. Generally, alongside my research career several cross-cutting issues were always present, such as applied informatics and (mathematical) modelling which were also part of my teaching activities at the University of Belgrade, policy analysis and environmental subjects. Engagement in European research and higher education policies has also resulted in scientific and policy analysis contributions related to the internationalisation of higher education and the mobility of researchers. My recent research activities are related to responsible research and innovation and, more precisely, to research integrity, as well as to the multidisciplinary and policy aspects of societal challenges.

Marie Curie – now Marie Skłodowska-Curie under Horizon 2020 - is a prestigious European funding scheme. How did you learn about it?

Indeed, the Marie Curie Actions are well-known as one of the most prestigious schemes supporting mobility of researchers across and outside of Europe. These opportunities are widely promoted through conferences, the Internet and brochures. However, the strongest impression about the programme, its importance and real value I received was when I had the opportunity to meet Marie Curie fellows and alumni personally. I remember them as very successful scientists, engaged in many activities important for researchers, European policies and society. Therefore, I had the opportunity to learn many practical details about Marie Curie Actions and the benefits that it brings to researchers’ careers.

What are the most significant benefits you derive as a Marie Curie Fellow in terms of work and networking?
Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions have different types of programmes and provide mobility opportunities suitable for researchers with different career paths and professional experiences. One important benefit is that they (the Actions) provide excellent working conditions, with paid social security and pension contributions, and various opportunities for training and professional development.

My Marie Curie grant experience was undertaken in the CERN School of Computing, where I had the opportunity to learn from an outstanding team of professionals and to meet and cooperate with excellent researchers from different parts of the world. Particularly important for me was that I had the opportunity to gain knowledge beyond my scientific field which was particularly useful for my interdisciplinary and cross-disciplinary orientation and engagements.

In my view, establishment of the Marie Curie Alumni Association (MCAA) has provided additional possibilities to amplify benefits that MSCA bring in terms of networking and career development.

Are there any tips that you would like to give to prospective Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) candidates?

My tip is to trust in their achievements and talents and apply for the grant, even if they are at the very beginning of their research careers or coming from far and small countries which might not be recognised as having strong support for science. Another tip is for scientists to consult the MSCA website, identify programmes suitable for their career stage or career path and find relevant host institutions. It is important to understand that the MSCA grants offers excellent opportunities to cooperate with and gain research experience also in non-academic sectors (industry, business sector). Finally, a tip which may be particularly useful for early stage researchers is to regularly follow MSCA open positions announced on the EURAXESS website and directly apply. This option may be easier for prospective candidates who find it difficult to identify suitable host institutions before their application.

You also hold the MCAA chair position. Could you tell our readers more about the association and its objectives?

The Marie Curie Alumni Association (MCAA) is an international non-profit organisation based in Brussels gathering together researchers who have benefited or are still benefiting from the European Commission’s prestigious Marie Skłodowska-Curie research programmes. The association was established in November 2013, when we held the first General Assembly. Although we are supported by EU funding, we have a truly international character with members in all parts of the world. We also have established many regional chapters around the world. Membership is free of charge and open to all fellows and alumni, regardless of the type of MSCA grant received, length of mobility periods, nationality, scientific discipline or current occupation.

Our objectives are oriented toward developing, promoting and harnessing the outstanding potential of our community. We encourage networking, cooperation and mutual understanding amongst our members from different countries,
sectors of the economy and scientific disciplines, providing additional possibilities for career development and professional growth. Our objective is also to foster global relationships within the global research and innovation community, with particular attention paid to our Marie Curie experience. We aim to highlight accomplishments and excellence of our members by supporting existing and creating new opportunities for dissemination of their outputs. Besides, we have more operational goals and some of them are related to promoting the values of the Association.

Why did you decide to promote your experience as MSCA fellow?

 MSCA programmes bring many benefits to their fellows and we believe that our experience can be very valuable for young or experienced researchers who look for funding instruments with attractive employment conditions to support their careers and mobility, both internationally as well as between different sectors. This experience can be also useful for prospective host institutions, in academic or industrial settings, for the policy sector, national authorities or international community beyond Europe which may have limited knowledge about European programmes. Finally, it represents the contribution to the society from science.

Tell us more about the local chapters in EURAXESS Links regions (ASEAN - encompassing Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam, Brazil, China, India, Japan and North America)?

The MCAA allows its members to establish chapters on their own initiative and according to their own motivation to cooperate with other members from the region and contribute to the aims of the association. For this purpose, we open official calls and depending on the quality of the proposed working programmes, we also financially support their activities within the limits of our budget. Currently we have chapters in India, the USA (California), and ASEAN (it should be noted that our ASEAN does not correspond exactly to the EURAXESS Links ASEAN). Besides, we have an informal group of China fellows which in the future may decide to establish an official China chapter. I believe that members from other mentioned countries could be also motivated to establish their chapters in the near future.

What would you say to local Marie Skłodowska Curie fellows, past and present, to encourage them to join the MCAA association?

MCAA offers many benefits to its members – opportunities for professional development, networking and cooperation, information on employment opportunities, financial support - which we call Micro-grants - for career development purposes of individual members. We also provide our members possibilities to promote their work and achievements, among fellows and also to large and respected audiences at events organised by ourselves or other organisations, including the European Commission. We work to establish partnerships with various organisations, businesses and other bodies for the benefit of our members. Finally, belonging to a vibrant community of researchers recognised for their outstanding accomplishments and openness
for new ideas and cooperation is, in my view, a great reason to join the community.

If a Marie Curie (Marie Skłodowska-Curie) fellow in any of these countries would like to join MCAA, where should she or he start from?

They should visit our website (www.mariecurealumni.eu), find Sign-up button at the right upper corner and complete the registration form.

What are your plans to the future?

Growth and development in all directions – creating more opportunities for MCAA members, establishing partnerships and fostering fruitful connections with various organisations and the business sector, and actively contributing to important activities in European, international and local settings.

Thank you for your time!

You are welcome! It was a great pleasure to cooperate with the EURAXESS Links team and I am particularly glad that had opportunity to visit recently Brazil and meet the Brazilian research community.

About the Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions (MSCA)

The Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions are European grants offered to researchers at all career stages and encourage transnational, intersectoral and interdisciplinary mobility.

The expected impact of the MSCA in Horizon 2020 includes the support of ~65,000 researchers, including 25,000 PhD candidates, ~200,000 scientific publications in high impact peer-reviewed journals, and ~1,500 patent applications.
The different funding schemes within the MSCA are shown in Figure 2:

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**MSCA - What’s in it for North American researchers?**

1. **Innovative Training Networks (ITN)** is the main European doctoral training programme, putting a special emphasis on the non-academic sector participation and the innovation dimension.

   **North American research institutions:** This action is meant primarily for organizations such as universities, research centres or companies, that propose a research training network. North American organizations can join the consortia to submit a proposal (annual calls).

   **North American researchers:** can apply to the PhD positions created by these networks, including Industrial Doctorate and Joint Doctorate. They are advertised on the Euraxess Job portal.

2. **Individual Fellowships (IF)** are for experienced researchers to undertake their own research project at a host organisation in another country, thus gaining new skills through advanced training and possibly intersectoral mobility.

   **Researchers based in North America** can apply for a European fellowship, choosing to apply either for a re-integration grant or a scientific grant.

   **Researchers based in Europe** can apply for a global fellowship to carry out research in a third country as Canada and the USA and return to Europe. They can also apply to a European fellowship for mobility within the EU or associated countries.

   Calls are annual and advertised on the Horizon 2020 Participant Portal.

3. **Research and Innovation Staff Exchange (RISE)** enables international and intersectoral collaboration, based on short-term staff exchanges between

A MSCA IF [call is currently open](https://ec.europa.eu/euraxess/portal/en/call/2289) and will close on 10 September 2015.
organisations worldwide. The RISE programme is the successor programme of the previous IRSES programme.

**North American research institutions** can join a consortia as partner, but can't receive direct funding from the European Commission for the secondment of their researchers.

4. **Co-Funding of regional, national and international programmes (COFUND)** calls are open to European research institutions and is thus not relevant for North American research organisation. It results in many high-quality fellowships or doctoral programs which include transnational mobility and are advertised on the Euraxess portal.

**North American researchers** can apply directly to COFUND positions advertised on the [EURAXESS job portal](https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/).

Sources: EURAXESS Links Network newsletter, Issue 5, April 2014; [Come to Europe brochure](https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/); [Marie Sklodowska Curie Actions (MSCA) – European Commission's website](https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/progr/).
EURAXESS LINKS NORTH AMERICA

3 EURAXESS Links North America Activities

3.1 Slam your way to Europe with the EURAXESS Science Slam 2015!

**WHAT**: contest giving researchers based in North America the chance to **use their creativity and communication skills** to showcase their research projects to their peers and the wider public in a relaxed and joyful atmosphere.

**WHO**: researchers (all levels starting from M.A./M.Sc. candidates) of **all nationalities and research fields** from the public and private sector currently based in North America (Canada or USA)

**WHEN**: submission **until September 21, 2015**. Live finals on the **19th of October 2015**.

**HOW to join the competition**:

1. **Be creative** and develop an original idea to present your research project to the world: Tap dancing, singing, oldschool presentation, scientific equipment – everything is allowed.

2. **Make a 3-minute max. video** of the presentation to be held in the LIVE finals with your camera phone (or equivalent). Make sure the presentation is in English.

3. **Upload your video on the web and** post a link to our Facebook site, Twitter or our LinkedIn group. Participants can also send the link via email directly to northamerica@euraxess.net or upload it to the DropItToMe platform.

**FINALS**: The 5 best candidates will be invited* by EURAXESS to the **LIVE finals** held during the Neuroscience Conference in Chicago, IL, USA in October 2015.

*Expenses covered:
Economy return flights (1 ticket per person) and hotel accommodation (up to 2 nights) to the finals will be booked and paid for by EURAXESS Links North America for the finalists based outside Chicago.

http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess
They will present a topic related to their research to an audience of non-experts. The slam will be given in English in maximum 10 minutes and can be supported by video and audio material, Powerpoint slides and any other kind of media available, as well as by scientific equipment.

The performances of the participants will be judged by the audience and the jury comprised of a team of science communicators, research scientists and/or administrators from North America and the two EURAXESS Links North America Representatives.

The FIRST PRIZE is a free round-trip to Europe in June 2016. While in Europe, the winner gets to:

1. Participate in an exclusive science communication training.
2. Meet European Commission’s policy officers involved in research and innovation at the headquarters in Brussels, Belgium.
3. Meet with experts at a research organisation of your choice within the European Union (EURAXESS Links will support this trip by covering travel and accommodation costs).

Check the updated terms and conditions and make sure to send your application before 21 September 2015.

For more details, visit us at scienceslamnorthamerica.euraxess.org!

3.2 EURAXESS Links North America at the ERA-Can+ Information Sessions and the 2nd Tri-lateral Symposium on Arctic and Marine Research Infrastructure in Canada, 21-25 September 2015

Join EURAXESS Links North America and the ERA-Can+ project at 3 information sessions explaining the funding and collaboration opportunities in Europe with a special focus on Horizon 2020, Marie Sklodowska-Curie Actions, European Research Council Grants and the EURAXESS – Researchers in Motion initiative offering jobs and practical assistance with relocation for the researchers and their family members. The first session will take place at the Western University in London, ON (21 September), the second at the York University in Toronto, ON (22 September) and the third at the Dalhousie University in Halifax, NS (23 September). The 2nd Tri-lateral Symposium on Arctic and Marine Research Infrastructure will take place in Halifax, NS co-organized by the European Commission on 24-25 September.

Register HERE.
4 News & Developments

4.1 EU, Member States and Associated Countries

4.1.1 ERC announces its 2016 budget and grant competitions

The European Commission has adopted the ERC Work Programme 2016. The programme, established by the ERC Scientific Council, foresees €1.67 billion for grants to top researchers from anywhere in the world who are ready to come or to stay in Europe to pursue their breakthrough ideas. Within the new series of competitions, the ERC has opened the first one, the call for Starting Grants 2016, with a budget of €485 million and deadline of 17 November 2015. This scheme is open to researchers with 2 to 7 years of experience since completion of PhD and a promising scientific track record.

Full article: European Research Council

4.1.2 10 European companies named ‘tech pioneers’

The World Economic Forum (WEF) has recognised 10 European companies among a class of 49 companies deemed pioneers in technology.

As in previous years, US start-ups dominate, producing 35 pioneers in the fields of IT, life sciences, and energy. There are four winners from the UK, two from the Netherlands and Israel, and single recipients from Canada, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Sweden, Taiwan and China.

To be selected as a Technology Pioneer, a company must develop a major technology or innovation with the potential for long-term impact on business and society. In addition, it must demonstrate vision and leadership, and show all the signs of being a long-standing market leader – and its technology must be proven, according to the Forum.

Full article: Science | Business

4.1.3 50 groundbreaking scientists who are changing the way we see the world

Business Insider UK compiled a list of 50 scientists from across the globe who are changing the world for the better. Katrin Amunts, working at Jülich Research Centre (DE) has been nominated for her work on the "BigBrain", which aims to create a 3D atlas of the human brain and should lead to unprecedented insights into the construction and organization of the brain and how it drives our behavior. She is co-leader of the Strategic Human Brain Data subproject

Full article: European Commission

See also: Human Brain Project

4.1.4 JRC annual conference to focus on building a resilient Europe

The JRC’s annual conference will take place in Brussels, Belgium on 30 September 2015. Resilience determines the capacity to successfully deal with
difficult events and to adapt and overcome adversity, and in a changing world creates stability, which in turn promotes job creation, economic growth and environmental sustainability. Science plays a key role in this continuous process of building a resilient, stable, competitive and prosperous Europe. The JRC, together with European Political Strategy Centre (EPSC), organises its annual conference bringing together experts, representatives from European institutions and Member States authorities, stakeholders from industry as well as academia addressing a broad audience.

Further details: JRC

4.1.5 Tracking innovation in intelligent transport systems

Intelligent transportation systems (ITS) are all around us: they let us know when the next bus will reach our bus stop, help monitor and manage road traffic and make air travel safer. But how does innovation work at this complex intersection between the transport and the ICT industries? The T-TRANS project found answers and laid the foundations for a European ITS innovation network.

Full article: European Commission

See also: TTrans

4.1.6 X-Ray experts export excellence

An innovative high end portable x-ray imaging device is not only revolutionising patient treatment but also giving Europe the opportunity to compete on the world stage in a growing global market for medical technology.

Full article: EUREKA

4.1.7 What space exploration says about Europe

Far away – more than 102m miles away but moving very fast – the European space probe Rosetta is escorting comet 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko on its journey to perihelion, its closest approach to the sun. To make this happen, small cabals of scientists from all over Europe, Asia and America had to dream the impossible, formally propose it, argue the case for it, and devise the technology first to make it happen and then to make it worthwhile. Rosetta is a gleaming instance of what Europe collectively can do so well, writes the Guardian in this editorial piece.

Full article: The Guardian

4.2 Canada

4.2.1 UBC scientists discover possible “obesity gene”

Scientists at the University of British Columbia have discovered a gene that could be an important cause of obesity.

The gene, which encodes a protein called 14-3-3zeta, is found in every cell of the body. But when scientists silenced the gene in mice, it resulted in a 50 per cent reduction in the amount of a specific kind of unhealthy “white fat” – the kind
associated with obesity, heart disease and diabetes. The fat reduction occurred despite the mice consuming the same amount of food. Mice that were bred to have higher levels of the 14-3-3zeta protein were noticeably bigger and rounder, having an average of 22 per cent more white fat when fed a high calorie diet.

Read more (Source: University of British Columbia)

4.2.2 Government of Canada partners with Aboriginal organizations to promote regional economic development

Supporting northern businesses and creating jobs

This month, the Honourable Leona Aglukkaq, Minister of the Environment, Minister of the Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency and Minister for the Arctic Council announced three-year partnership arrangements with two Aboriginal organizations to deliver CanNor's Entrepreneurship and Business Development fund to individual and community-owned Aboriginal businesses in Nunavut and Yukon.

The service delivery arrangements are with the Kivalliq Partners in Development in the Kivalliq region of Nunavut and with dāna Näye Ventures in Yukon. With their knowledge and experience of the local economy, these three Aboriginal organizations will work with individual and community-owned businesses to identify opportunities to grow and expand small and medium enterprises in their regions.

These two agreements build upon another service delivery arrangement CanNor established earlier this year with the Kakivak Association in the Qikiqtani region of Nunavut. Supporting small and medium enterprises is key to economic diversification and job creation in Canada's North.

Read more (Source: Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency (CanNor))

4.2.3 Astronomers discover "young Jupiter" exoplanet

A Jupiter-like planet within a young system that could serve as a decoder ring for understanding how planets formed around our Sun has been discovered by a team of astronomers from the University of Montreal's Institute of Research on Exoplanets (iREx) in collaboration with an international team of astronomers led by professor Bruce Macintosh from Stanford University.

One of the best ways to learn how our solar system evolved is in fact to look to younger star systems in the early stages of development.

The new planet, called 51 Eri b, is the first exoplanet discovered by the Gemini Planet Imager, a new instrument operated by an international collaboration headed by Bruce Macintosh, a professor of physics in the Kavli Institute at Stanford. It is a million times fainter than its star and shows the strongest methane signature ever detected on an alien planet, which should yield additional clues as to how the planet formed.

Read more (Source: Université de Montréal)
4.3 United States of America

4.3.1 NSF invests in interstate collaboration in science and engineering research

Eight awards will fuel the development of research programs in 12 states

The National Science Foundation’s Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) program has made eight awards, totaling $42 million, aimed at fostering research collaborations among investigators and institutions across 12 states.

These eight Research Infrastructure Improvement Track-2 (RII Track-2) awards to consortia of states are expected to build collaborations that improve the research capabilities of EPSCoR jurisdictions, making them competitive at the national and international level.

The RII Track-2 awards provide researchers significant opportunities to pursue national priorities in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) fields, while also requiring award recipients to develop a STEM workforce—particularly early career faculty—that can sustain research development.

"These awards enhance the ability of EPSCoR jurisdictions to produce discoveries and foster learning for their STEM workforces," said Denise Barnes, head of NSF’s EPSCoR program. "Through collaboration, these jurisdictions will enhance their science and engineering capabilities, allowing them to produce groundbreaking research and the means to sustain competitiveness."

The project names, leading institutions, funding totals and jurisdictions included in the consortia that received awards are provided in the full article here.

(Source: National Science Foundation)

4.3.2 Three new Engineering Research Centers will advance U.S. resiliency and sustainability

NSF awards $55.5 million for compact mobile power, off-grid water treatment and nature-inspired soil engineering

The National Science Foundation (NSF) has invested $55.5 million in three new Engineering Research Centers (ERCs) to create novel technology platforms and transform industries. These three ERCs will address national challenges in energy, sustainability and infrastructure.

Over the next five years, these flagship centers will generate knowledge and high-tech innovations while contributing to U.S. economic opportunities and the preparation of engineering graduates.

"The Engineering Research Centers program is one of NSF’s signature activities, with far-reaching effects on future technology and innovation," says Pramod Khargonekar, NSF assistant director for engineering. "The ERCs combine multi-disciplinary research excellence with broad academic and industry experience, and provide unique environments to educate the engineering leaders of tomorrow."
Innovations that improve the affordability, availability, quality and resilience of infrastructure services will enhance the nation's economic competitiveness and societal well-being.

Read more (Source: National Science Foundation)

4.3.3 Bold new brain research in neuroengineering, brain-inspired design, and individuality

$13.1 million for 16 new awards part of NSF’s support for integrative, fundamental brain research and the BRAIN Initiative

How does sleep affect individual memories? How do brain cells connect to form meaningful networks? How is a word like “chair” conceptualized in the mind?

To support potentially transformative research in neural and cognitive systems, the National Science Foundation (NSF) has awarded 16 grants to multidisciplinary teams from across the United States.

Each award brings together scientists and engineers from diverse fields to investigate brain-related mysteries. The awards fall within two themes: neuroengineering and brain-inspired concepts and designs, and individuality and variation. Each provides up to $1 million over two to four years.

"These new projects will explore big, exciting ideas in neuroscience to push hard against the boundaries of what we know," said Betty Tuller, NSF program director in the Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences Directorate, who will help oversee the awards.

Read more (Source: National Science Foundation)

4.3.4 New grants foster research on food, energy and water: a linked system

Amid population growth, drought and increased urbanization, understanding food, energy and water availability is increasingly important

In a world where a growing number of people lack food, water and sources of energy, providing these resources has become a challenge.

To find new answers, the National Science Foundation (NSF) has funded 17 grants, totaling $1.2 million, to support workshops on the interactions of food, energy and water, or FEW. Additionally, $6.4 million will supplement existing grants, enabling scientists to conduct additional research.

Much of the globe's human population depends on irrigation-supported agriculture, which in turn requires power to move water from place to place. But water has dwindled—in some places significantly. Changing land-use practices, increased urbanization, population growth and climate variability create stresses on water, energy and agricultural resources.

Addressing these issues requires novel ways of understanding the complexity of food production, energy requirements, and water availability and distribution. The FEW awards seek to explore solutions.
"Understanding interactions between humans and the environment represents a grand scientific challenge, especially in the case of the food-water-energy nexus," says Roger Wakimoto, NSF assistant director for Geosciences. "This scientific challenge also encompasses critical policy and management questions for our future, making it a national priority."

The grants are funded by NSF's directorates for Biological Sciences; Computer & Information Science & Engineering; Education & Human Resources; Engineering; Geosciences; Mathematical & Physical Sciences; Social, Behavioral & Economic Sciences; and Office of Integrative Activities.

Read more (Source: National Science Foundation)

**4.4 Cooperation EU/Canada – EU/USA**

**4.4.1 Canada, U.S. and European Union Partners Launch Second Project under the Galway Statement**

Under the Galway Statement, Canada, the U.S. and the European Union collaborate and share resources as the Atlantic Ocean Research Alliance to better understand our shared Atlantic Ocean. The Alliance has launched their second project to map the ocean seabed between Halifax, Nova Scotia and Tromsø, Norway aboard the CCGS *Louis S. St-Laurent*.

Read more (Source: ERA-Can+)

**4.4.2 Horizon 2020 Health Partnering Day 2015, Health, Demographic Change & Wellbeing**

Connected to the Open Info Day of the European Commission (September 18th, 2015 in Brussels) dedicated to “Health, Demographic Change and Wellbeing” (SC1) in Horizon 2020, the EU-funded projects *Fit for Health 2.0* and *Health-NCP-Net 2.0* are organizing a free of charge Partnering Event on **September 17th, 2015** in Brussels which is meant to assist you in finding the right project partners for the upcoming 2016 Health calls.

The launch of the next Work Program for “Health, Demographic Change & Wellbeing” is planned for October 2015 and the first deadlines will be in the beginning of 2016, so this would be the perfect opportunity for your institution to build your consortium.

The main part of the day is dedicated to bilateral meetings between people who are interested in the same call area.

A surrounding program will provide information what makes a good consortium and give researchers and entrepreneurs a platform to present their project ideas in 5-minute presentations.

The partnering event will target a wide spectrum of stakeholders from companies (including SMEs), universities, research organizations and others from Europe and beyond interested in sharing new project ideas and in finding collaboration partners for the upcoming 2016 call of SC1 in Horizon 2020.

For more information and registration please follow this link:
Please note, if you would like to join the information day of the European Commission on September 18th, 2015, you will have to register separately for this event on the following website:

http://ec.europa.eu/research/health/index_en.html

(Source: Bilat USA 2.0)

5 Grants & Fellowships

5.1 Europe

5.1.1 Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA)

The Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions, named after the double Nobel Prize winning Polish-French scientist famed for her work on radioactivity, support researchers at all stages of their careers, regardless of nationality. Researchers working across all disciplines, from life-saving healthcare to 'blue-sky' science, are eligible for funding. The MSCA also support industrial doctorates, combining academic research study with work in companies, and other innovative training that enhances employability and career development.

In addition to generous research funding, scientists have the possibility to gain experience abroad and in the private sector, and to complete their training with competences or disciplines useful for their careers. More information about various funding schemes and requirements for applying is available here.

Open calls:

- **H2020-MSCA-IF-2015** – Individual Fellowships (IF)
  
  Deadline: 10 September 2015

- **H2020-MSCA-COFUND-2015** – COFUND (Co-funding of national, regional and international programs)
  
  Deadline: 1 October 2015

5.1.2 Expressions of interest to host a Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellow by European Institutions

- **"VALAHIA" UNIVERSITY OF TÂRGOVIŞTE, ROMANIA**
  
  Contact information:
  Mrs. Gabriela TEODORESCU, Prof. PhD
  Email: gtheo@valahia.ro
  Tel: +402452016101

- **72 Spanish Institutions (Universities, Research Centers, Technology Centers, Hospitals, Companies, etc.), SPAIN**
  
  Information about all the expressions of interest can be found [here](http://www.valahia.ro/en/).
• COLLEGIUM CIVITAS, WARSAW, POLAND
  Contact information:
  Ms. Agata OLBRYCHT
  E-mail: agata.olbrycht@civitas.edu.pl (send your applications before August 15th 2015)

• 4 Israeli Universities (Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Bar Ilan University, University of Haifa & The Hebrew University of Jerusalem) and 1 Institute of Technology (Israel Institute of Technology), ISRAEL
  For more information please contact our office: northamerica@euraxess.net
  WEB: http://www.euraxess.gov.il/UI/Main/ServicesCentres.aspx

• 6 Bulgarian Research Institutes of Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, BULGARIA
  For more information please contact our office: northamerica@euraxess.net
  WEB: http://www.euraxess.bg/node/1

5.1.3 Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions: Pocket guide

Considering a doctoral degree? Looking for partnerships between academic and non-academic organisations or staff exchanges? Keen on outreach activities? There is a Marie Skłodowska-Curie action for you.

The EU’s Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions fund all kind of opportunities for researchers from Europe and beyond. This starter booklet gives you the needed information to make the right first choice.

Guide available for downloading or online reading here.

5.1.4 Fulbright-Schuman Programme

The Fulbright-Schuman Programme, administered by the Commission for Educational Exchange between the United States and Belgium, is jointly financed by the U.S. State Department and the Directorate-General for Education and Culture of the European Commission. The programme funds graduate and post-graduate study, research, and lecture proposals in the field of US-EU relations, EU policy, or EU institutions for interested American and EU citizens.

More information

5.1.5 European Research Council Grants

Researchers from anywhere in the world can apply for a European Research Council (ERC) grant to go 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 Starting Grant** | ERC-2016-StG
- **ERC Proof of Concept** | ERC-2015-PoC

**Deadline Date: 17 November 2015**

- **ERC Proof of Concept** | ERC-2015-PoC

**Deadline Date: 1 October 2015**

More information: [European Research Council](http://ec.europa.eu/erc)

### 5.1.6 Jean Monnet Postdoctoral Fellowships

The Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies (RSCAS) offers one or two-year fellowships to postdocs in an early stage of their academic career. Priority will be given to proposals that fit well with one or more of the Centre's core research themes: European Institutions, Governance and Democracy, Migration, Economic and Monetary Policy, Competition Policy and Market Regulation, Energy Policy and Climate Policy, Global Governance & International and Transnational Relations of the EU.

More information

### 5.1.7 EMBO: Fellowships

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

Young scientists interested in conducting postdoctoral research actively seek **EMBO Long-Term Fellowships** to fund and support their internationally mobile careers. The EMBO Long-Term Fellowships are awarded for a **period of up to two years** and support **post-doctoral research visits** to laboratories throughout Europe. International exchange is a key feature in the application process.

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. They 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: **Rolling basis** (Short-Term)

### 5.1.8 Erasmus+: Joint Master Degrees

Scholarships for 116 different Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree programmes starting in September 2015 are available. Between 13 and 20 student scholarship holders and 4 invited scholars/guest lecturers per intake can take part. Find out more about Joint Master Degrees [here](http://ec.europa.eu/erasmus) as well as the list of participating universities [here](http://ec.europa.eu/erasmus).
5.1.9 2015 Erasmus+ call for proposals

Any public or private body active in the fields of education, training, youth and sport may apply for funding within the Erasmus+ Programme. See the Erasmus+ Programme Guide for the 2015 General Call for Proposals for detailed conditions for participating in the call for proposals, as well as information on the priorities for funding. It constitutes an integral part of the 2015 Erasmus+ Call for Proposals. Depending on the action and thematic line, deadlines vary from 4 February 2015 to 1 October 2015.

5.1.10 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 portal.

Austria, Belgium, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Faroe Islands, Finland, France, FYR 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.

5.2 EU Member States and Associated Countries

5.2.1 Austria: Franz Werfel Grant

Franz Werfel, who was born in 1890 in Prague and died in 1945 in California, is one of the most famous representatives of Austrian literature. Therefore 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. Recipients of Werfel grants can work as visiting researchers at university departments and carry out specialist studies in libraries, archives or at research institutions.

This grant not only offers material support for up to 18 months, but through follow-up support, also guarantees sustainability.

Closing date for application: March 1 and September 15 (new)

More information

5.2.2 Austria: Lise Meitner Program for Scientists from Abroad

Target group: Highly qualified scientists of any discipline who could contribute to the scientific development of an Austrian research institution by working at it. Requirements: completed doctoral studies, international scientific publications, no age limit, invitation from an Austrian research institution.

No deadline – call constantly open.

More information
5.2.3 Austria: ISTFELLOW*: Call for Postdoctoral Fellows

Are you a talented, dynamic, and motivated scientist looking for an opportunity to conduct research in the fields of BIOLOGY, COMPUTER SCIENCE, MATHEMATICS, PHYSICS, or NEUROSCIENCE at a young, thriving institution that fosters scientific excellence and interdisciplinary collaboration?

Apply to the ISTFellow programme

Applications are accepted at any time for the IST FELLOW programme, but fellows will be selected twice a year in October and April. The application deadlines for each selection are 15 September and 15 March, respectively.

* IST FELLOW is partially funded by the European Union.

More information

5.2.4 Austria: The Austrian Science Fund and funding categories

The Austrian Science Fund (FWF) is Austria's central funding organisation for basic research.

The purpose of the FWF is to support the ongoing development of Austrian science and basic research at a high international level. In this way, the FWF makes a significant contribution to cultural development, to the advancement of our knowledge-based society, and thus to the creation of value and wealth in Austria. One of the FWF’s most important goals is to promote the internationalisation of basic research in Austria by taking special organisational measures, creating suitable framework conditions, and offering concrete funding instruments for this purpose.

More information

5.2.5 Austria: Richard Plaschka Scholarship

The grant is named after the Austrian historian, who died in 2001 and who worked at the University of Vienna as a university professor for Eastern European history from 1967 to 1993. In 1981/1982 he was the rector of the University of Vienna. Moreover, he was the head of the Austrian East and Southeast Europe Institute from 1958 to 1988. Throughout his life, Richard Plaschka committed himself to a cross-border and joint way manner of dealing with history in the eastern and south-eastern European area. Grant recipients should place emphasis on cross-border collaboration in their scientific activities.

Applications are open to university lecturers of history whose main focus of academic interest is Austrian history. Recipients of Plaschka grants can work as visiting researchers at university departments and carry out specialist studies in libraries, archives or at research institutions.

Grants are awarded for up to 18 months; follow-up support is scheduled for grant recipients who have completed at least 12 scholarship months.

Deadline: March 1 and September 15 of each year (new)
5.2.6 Belgium: Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique Brief Outgoing Fellowships

This funding is devoted to researchers working in a university of the Wallonia-Brussels Federation who would like to go abroad for a short stay to acquire new knowledge. Various research fields. All nationalities. Deadline/Request 3 months prior to the stay outside Europe.

More information

5.2.7 Belgium: Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique (F.R.S.-FNRS) - Post-doctoral temporary fellowship

This funding aims to finance a research fellowship (up to 3 years) for a non-Belgian PhD holder coming from abroad to work for a research programme financed by F.R.S.-FNRS. Various Research Fields.

More information

5.2.8 Belgium: Research Foundation Flanders (FWO) International Mobility

The FWO encourages mobility among researchers and international contacts between research groups. For this purpose, FWO offers different possibilities to researchers to go abroad and to build international networks.

More information

5.2.9 Czech Republic: Office of Naval Research: Visiting Scientist Program (VSP)

VSP is designed to facilitate visits by foreign technologists with Department of the Navy counterparts for the purpose of collaboration. The visits are typically to the United States, but can be to non-U.S. locations of special interest to the Department of the Navy science and technology community. Along with Liaison Visits, the Science & Technology Insertion Programme is part of a process to develop international collaborations. Requests should be received at least eight weeks in advance of the proposed visit.

More information

5.2.10 Denmark: Ministry of Higher Education and Science: PhD scholarships outside the universities

The Danish Council for Independent Research invites proposals for PhD scholarships to be carried out at Danish research institutions outside the universities.

More information
5.2.11 Estonia: Scholarships
The Estonian Government offers a number of scholarships intended for university students, researchers or lecturers for studying and doing research at Estonian public universities and institutions. Mostly scholarships are for the master’s degree or doctoral degree, but some bachelor degree scholarships are also possible.

More information

5.2.12 Estonia: Scholarships for visiting PhD students
(Activity of ESF DoRa programme)

The DoRa programme activity 5 “Facilitating international research cooperation by supporting short-term research projects of visiting doctoral students in Estonia” supports the short-term study and research activities of visiting PhD students at Estonian universities. The support scheme is aimed at supporting the active participation of universities in the international exchange of knowledge and to make Estonian universities and doctoral studies more international.

More information

5.2.13 Finland: CIMO Fellowships

The CIMO Fellowships programme is open to young doctoral level students and researchers from all countries and from all academic fields. Master's level studies or postdoctoral studies/research are not supported in the programme.

There are no annual application deadlines in the CIMO Fellowship programme. Applications may be considered at all times. However, please note that applications should be submitted at least 5 months before the intended scholarship period. Decisions will be made within approximately 3 months after receipt of application.

More information

5.2.14 France: Overview of research exchange programmes US – France

The Office for Science and Technology (OST) located at the French Embassy to the United States (Washington D.C.) regularly updates an overview of research exchange programmes addressing all categories of researchers in various areas. A specific section of the OST website contains current calls for proposals, career opportunities, and information on French higher education programmes.

Download the USA to France Research Exchange Programs booklet in PDF format.

Open Calls for Proposals here:

- Ifremer launches 2015 recruttement campaign

Deadline: September 10, 2015
Ifremer, the French research body dedicated to marine sciences and studies, has launched its 2015 recruitment campaign for PhD students and post-doctoral positions

- **Pasteur Post doctoral Fellowship program: Call 2015**

**Deadline: September 10, 2015**

Three-year fellowship positions are open to U.S. citizens wishing to work in one of the laboratories of the Institut Pasteur. Located in Paris and founded by Louis Pasteur in 1887, the Institut Pasteur is one of the world’s leading private nonprofit centers for scientific research including(...)

**5.2.15 France: 15 Postdoctoral Fellowships in Biology and Information Technologies**

Call for applications launched by the French Atomic and Alternative Energies Commission (CEA).

**WHAT?** 2 years post-doctoral fellowships on:

- Genetics and Personalized Medicine
- Functional Imaging of Plants
- 3D cell culture Imaging
- Engineered Protein based Materials

Working language is English and knowledge of French language is not necessary. The host Institutes are located in Grenoble, Cadarache and Paris-Saclay.

**WHO?** open to PhD in physics, informatics, biology, chemistry or engineering of all nationalities

**No specific deadline:** The positions are open until they are filled by appropriate candidates. Applicants are selected in a competitive process.

**More information**

**5.2.16 Germany – Canada: Joint Funding Opportunity by the Canadian Space Agency and the German Aerospace Center**

The Canadian Space Agency (CSA) and the German Aerospace Center (DLR) announced an opportunity in their Earth Observation Applications Development Program. Follow the links for

- funding information at the Canadian Space Agency
- funding information at the German Space Administration (in German)

**5.2.17 Germany: 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 ‘Deutsches Zentrum für Luft- und Raumfahrt’ (DLR - German Aerospace Center) 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. DLR-DAAD Fellowships offer outstanding scientists and researchers the opportunity to conduct special research at the institutes of the DLR in Germany.

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. The current offers are published under DLR-DAAD Fellowships - Current Offers on the homepages of the DAAD and the DLR. Currently there are open positions in Aeronautics; Space; Transportation; Energy. **The application deadline depends on the offer.**

**More information**

**5.2.18 Germany: Call for Application Science Tour 2016 - City of the Future – Research for Sustainable Urban Development – DL 25 Sept.2015 NEW**

On the occasion of the Year of Science 2016 "City of the Future", launched by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF), the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) invites international, experienced scientists to learn more about research activities in the area of urban transition, mobility and logistics at German universities and research institutes. The Science Tour offers German and international researchers the opportunity to discuss current developments with regard to future urban development and to define common areas of interest as starting points for future cooperation.

The Science Tour 2016 is part of the "Research in Germany - Land of Ideas" campaign, initiated by the BMBF in 2006 to strengthen and expand R&D collaboration between Germany and international partners.

The tour is planned to take place 31 January - 6 February 2016.

The deadline for applications is 25 September 2015.

See more about the tour at the Research in Germany website.

**5.2.19 German Chancellor Fellowship of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation is now OPEN!**

Founded in 1953 by the Federal Republic of Germany, the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation fosters and funds international collaboration between excellent individuals, be they prospective leaders or active researchers and academics, through its fellowship programmes and awards. We view ourselves and everyone who has received funding from us as a worldwide family which today counts more than 26,000 Humboldtians in more than 140 countries.

Each year, the German Chancellor Fellowship for prospective leaders gives up to 50 highly talented young professionals from Brazil, China, India, Russia and the USA the opportunity to spend a year in Germany enhancing their professional qualifications. Working with a host and mentor of their choice, the fellows implement independently developed projects in their respective field, e.g. in politics, business, society, culture or the media. The fellowship
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programme is under the patronage of the Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany. **The deadline for applications is 15 September.**

Application requirements include

- a Bachelor's or equivalent academic degree
- initial proven leadership experience
- German or English language skills
- a project plan
- a letter of acceptance from the fellow's German host, who may work e.g. in an organisation, a business, in public administration, a museum or the media.

More information on the German Chancellor Fellowship is available at www.humboldt-foundation.de/youngleaders.

5.2.20 Ireland: US-Ireland R&D Partnership Programme

The US-Ireland Research and Development Partnership, launched in July 2006, is a unique initiative involving funding agencies across three jurisdictions: the United States of America (USA), Republic of Ireland (RoI) and Northern Ireland (NI). Under the US-Ireland R&D Partnership programme, a ‘single-proposal, single-review’ mechanism is facilitated by the National Science Foundation (NSF) and National Institutes of Health (NIH) who accept submissions from tri-jurisdictional (USA, NI and RoI) teams to a number of their existing funding programmes. All proposals submitted under the auspices of the Partnership must have significant research involvement from researchers in all three jurisdictions.

As part of this funding process, the governments and relevant research funding agencies within the Partnership contribute to the research costs of researchers based in their jurisdictions. The partner agencies in the USA are the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The partner agencies in RoI are Science Foundation Ireland (SFI) and the Health Research Board (HRB). In Northern Ireland, the Health & Social Care R&D Division (HSC R&D) supports health-related projects, while the Department for Employment and Learning Northern Ireland (DELNI), and Invest Northern Ireland (InvestNI) support projects related to Sensors & Sensor Networks, Nanoscale Science & Engineering, Telecommunications, and Energy & Sustainability. InvestNI and DELNI support health-related projects in the area of Sensors & Sensor Networks and Nanoscale Science & Engineering.

More information
5.2.21 Lithuania: Lithuanian Research Council:  
Postdoctoral Fellowships

Researchers from Lithuania and abroad who have been awarded a Ph.D. degree within the period of 3 years (maternal and childcare leave are not taken into account) can apply for the Postdoctoral Fellowships. The Fellowships are funded on the competitive basis with the duration of Fellowships of **up to 2 years**. Postdoctoral Fellows in the spheres of **Social Sciences, the Humanities, Physics, Biomedicine, Agriculture, and Technologies** are welcome to participate. Any higher education institution, research institute, research center or other research establishments and enterprises in Lithuania can act as a Host Institution.

More information

5.2.22 Luxembourg: National Research Fund (FNR) –  
PEARL

With the PEARL funding programme, the FNR offers Luxembourg institutions a highly competitive programme. The programme aims to **attract established and internationally recognised researchers from abroad** in strategically important areas, to accelerate the development and strengthening of Luxembourg’s national research priorities.

PEARL projects have a lifespan of **five years** with a financial contribution of between **EUR 3-4 million by the FNR**. The financial contribution can be used flexibly to implement the research programme at the host institution.

Next deadline: **15 October 2015**

More information

5.2.23 Luxembourg: National Research Fund (FNR) -  
Grants for NASA-ARC

The National Research Fund Luxembourg (FNR) intends to strengthen the cooperation between Luxembourg and NASA’s AMES Research Centre (NASA-ARC) in order to support the thriving national aerospace sector.

First of all, the FNR earmarks two grants for PhD candidates or postdoctoral researchers allowing them to undertake their research activities at NASA-ARC. Research projects can be done in cooperation with a Luxembourg based public or private research institution or full-time at NASA-ARC. **Funding will be granted up to 4 years for PhD candidates and up to 2 years for postdoctoral researchers** according to the rules of the AFR grant system.

The Call for Proposals is also open to researchers based in Luxembourg companies who have spent at least 5 years in Luxembourg and envisage undertaking a PhD or Postdoc project in collaboration with NASA-ARC.

More information
5.2.24 Malta: University of Malta: Junior Research Fellowships

Junior Research Fellowships are available as part of the Educational and Cultural Affairs Fellowships. Open to doctoral students and recent Ph.D. recipients who are U.S. citizens.

More information

5.2.25 Netherlands: Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO): Innovational Research Incentives Scheme Vidi

Vidi is part of the Incentives Scheme. It allows researchers who have already spent several years doing postdoctoral research to develop their own innovative lines of research, and to appoint one or more researchers.

Next deadline: 1 October 2015

More information

5.2.26 Netherlands: Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO): Visitor’s Travel Grant

Researchers in the Netherlands can apply for a visitor's grant for highly qualified senior researchers from abroad who hold a PhD. With this grant, these researchers can stay in the Netherlands for a maximum of four months.

Next deadline: Continuous application

More information

5.2.27 Netherlands: Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO): Graduate Research Opportunities Worldwide (GROW)

The best PhD students from NSF's Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) can do 3 to 12 months of research abroad thanks to GROW.

GROW is a collaboration between the National Science Foundation (NSF) in the United States and 12 partner countries including the Netherlands.

More information

5.2.28 Netherlands: Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW): Evert Willem Beth Foundation: funding for research and symposiums

The Evert Willem Beth Foundation funds some research and symposiums in the following disciplines: modern logic, philosophy of science, history of logic, history of the philosophy of science and scientific philosophy in general.

Students as well as researchers can apply. Applications are now accepted.

More information
5.2.29 Norway: The American-Scandinavian Foundation (ASF): Fellowships/Grants to study in Scandinavia

The American-Scandinavian Foundation (ASF) offers fellowships (up to $23,000) and grants (up to $5,000) to individuals to pursue research, study or creative arts projects in one or more Scandinavian country for up to one year. The number of awards varies each year according to total funds available. Awards are made in all fields.

Applicants must be United States citizens or permanent residents.

Next deadline: 1 November 2015

More information

5.2.30 Norway: Fulbright Norway: The U.S. - Norway Fulbright Grant Program

The U.S. - Norway Fulbright Foundation offers a range of mobility scholarships to students and researchers for stays with Norwegian and American host organizations.

More information

5.2.31 Norway: The Research Council of Norway: Graduate Research Opportunities Worldwide (GROW)

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GROW is a collaboration between the National Science Foundation (NSF) in the United States and 12 partner countries including Norway.

More information

5.2.32 Norway: The Research Council of Norway: Personal Visiting Researcher Grant

Funding may be sought for research stays in Norway for international researchers with qualifications at the professor level. Guest researcher grants provide a means of strengthening Norwegian research groups in the field through international collaboration. The Research Council allocates funding for Personal Visiting Researcher Grants in the form of a framework grant. The grant covers documented costs of settling in and other associated extra costs incurred in connection with a research visit in Norway at fixed rates.

Next deadline: ongoing

More information
5.2.33 Norway: The Research Council of Norway: Mobility grants for North Americans in educational research (UTNAM)

The aim of the mobility grant is to contribute to increased cooperation between Norwegian and North American educational researchers through supporting visits to Norway for the purpose of research or dissemination for top North American educational researchers. The scheme will also contribute to the dissemination of results of North American research to Norway and furthermore contribute to competence building in Norwegian research communities. Grants will be awarded for visits of shorter or longer duration.

Next deadline: open-ended (2012 - 2016)

More information

5.2.34 Poland: National Science Center: POLONEZ: Incoming fellowships NEW

A funding programme addressed to incoming researchers who may apply for 12-24-month fellowships in host institutions in Poland.

Applicant: incoming researcher – a doctoral researcher with a PhD degree or at least four years of full-time equivalent research experience who at the time of recruitment by the host organisation has not resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in the country of their host organisation for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately prior to the reference date.

Call opens on 15 September and closes on 15 December 2015

More information

5.2.35 Poland: Foundation for Polish Science: IDEAS FOR POLAND

The objective of the program is to encourage young, brilliant researchers from all over the world to choose Poland as the place to carry out their research projects submitted for the ERC competition. 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.

Applications accepted on a rolling basis.

More information

5.2.36 Poland: Polish-U.S. Fulbright Commission: Inter Country Travel Grant

Polish higher education institutions may apply for a travel grant from the Fulbright Commission to support short visits by American Fulbright lecturers placed in a European country. The Fulbright travel grant will cover the visiting lecturer's airfare using the most economical fare. The Polish institution is expected to cover other resulting expenses. The inter-country lecture visit must take place during the American lecturer's Fulbright grant period.
Applications accepted on a rolling basis.

More information

5.2.37 Portugal: Science and Technology Foundation: 2015 FCT Investigator Program NEW

The FCT Investigator programme aims to support the recruitment of outstanding researchers into Portugal’s R&D centres. Open to scientists of all nationalities, and across research fields, this highly competitive programme targets scientists with exceptional track-records and clear potential to develop innovative research. Close to 600 new FCT Investigators have been selected in the three previous calls. The 2015 call is expected to fund 200 new FCT Investigator grants.

Next deadline: 15 September 2015

More information

5.2.38 Portugal: Science and Technology Foundation: Permanent Call for Sabbatical Leave Grants (BSAB) NEW

Next deadline: rolling basis

More information (only in Portuguese)

5.2.39 Slovakia: Slovak Academic Information Agency (SAIA): USA – The Fulbright Specialists Programme (Teaching/research stays for 2-6 weeks)

Next deadline: rolling basis

More information

5.2.40 Slovakia: National Scholarship Program of the Slovak Republic: study/research stay for PhD students (1-12 months) NEW

Next deadline: 31 October 2015

More information

5.2.41 Slovakia: National Scholarship Program of the Slovak Republic: teaching/research/artistic stay for university teachers, researchers and artists (1-12 months) NEW

Next deadline: 31 October 2015

More information

5.2.42 Spain: Basque Foundation for Science: Ikerbasque Research Professors Call 2015

Ikerbasque, the Basque Foundation for Science, has launched a new international call to reinforce research and scientific career in the Basque Country (Spain) offering 10 positions for Senior Researchers:
Ikerbasque Research Professors
- Researchers with a solid research track and leadership capabilities
- The applicants must have their PhD completed before January 2007
- Permanent contract positions within any of the Basque Research Institutions

Next deadline: **10 September 2015**

More information

5.2.43 Sweden: Swedish Research Council: Conference Grant **NEW**

The aim of the conference grant is to promote international collaborative research and exchange of experience. The conference grant offers active researchers in Sweden the possibility to organize conferences with internationally recognised key speakers.

You may apply for the conference grant if you are an individual researcher, who also serves as project leader and scientific supervisor of the conference in question. The applicant must hold a Swedish doctoral degree or an equivalent foreign degree. The doctoral degree must have been awarded before the deadline of this call.

Next deadline: **9 September 2015**

More information

5.2.44 Sweden: Swedish Research Council (FORMAS): Conferences and Workshops

Formas award grants towards the costs of organising conferences and workshops (called “meetings” below) within the areas of responsibility of Formas. The meeting must have a high level of scientific quality, which must be assured by a scientific board/committee, which must exist and be stated in the application, in addition to the organising committee. Meetings organised in Sweden are prioritised. The grant may be used to cover travel and accommodation costs for a limited number of participants, primarily participants from other countries. Funding from Formas may also be used to support organisational costs (e.g. for the meeting venue).

Next deadline: **1 October 2015**

More information

5.2.45 Sweden: VINNOVA: VINNMER Marie Curie Incoming Fellowships

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

Next deadline: **16 September 2015**

More information
5.2.46 Sweden: The Swedish Research Council: Graduate Research Opportunities Worldwide (GROW)

The best PhD students from NSF’s Graduate Research Fellowship Programme (GRFP) can do 3 to 12 months of research abroad thanks to GROW. GROW is a collaboration between the National Science Foundation (NSF) in the United States and 12 partner countries including Sweden.

More information

5.2.47 Switzerland: ETH Zurich: ETH Zurich Postdoctoral Fellowships

The "ETH Zurich Postdoctoral Fellowship Program" supports incoming fellowships for postdoctoral researchers at the ETH Zurich. The program is intended to foster high-potential, young researchers who have already demonstrated excellence in terms of internationally competitive achievements in the early stages of their professional careers.

Applications have to be made jointly by the candidate and their host who must be an ETH Zurich Professor and who will act as a mentor of the fellow. The duration of an ETH Fellowship is two years and cannot be prolonged.

Next deadline: 1 September 2015

More information

5.2.48 Switzerland: Swiss National Science Foundation: International Exploratory Workshops

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.

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

Next deadline: 7 October 2015

More information

5.2.49 Switzerland: Swiss National Science Foundation: Early Postdoc Mobility

Early Postdoc Mobility fellowships are designed for postdocs at the beginning of their career who wish to enhance their scientific profile by working at a research institution abroad.

The fellowships include a grant towards living costs, a flat-rate for travel expenses and, if justified, a contribution towards research and conference costs as well as matriculation fees. In principle, these fellowships are awarded for 18 months, in justified cases for at least 12 months.

Next deadline: 1 September 2015
5.2.50 Switzerland: Swiss National Science Foundation: Ambizione Energy NEW

This scheme calls for the targeted funding of young researchers in energy research/in the field of energy. In principle, research is funded primarily at institutions involved in the setup and operation of inter-university competence centers (Swiss Competence Centers for Energy Research, SCCER).

Ambizione Energy grants are aimed at young researchers who wish to conduct an independently planned basic research project in the field of energy; the project may or may not be use-inspired.

The grants comprise the researcher's salary and project funds for a maximum of three years.

Next deadline: 13 November 2015

5.2.51 Switzerland: Swiss National Science Foundation: International Short Visits

The scheme International Short Visits is aimed at researchers in Switzerland who wish to go abroad for a short period or researchers abroad who wish to collaborate with researchers in Switzerland. During the visit, they pursue a small joint research project.

Short visits may last from one week to three months. There are no geographical and topical restrictions. The grants include travel, room and board expenses.

Next deadline: Anytime

5.2.52 Switzerland: State Secretariat for Education Research and Innovation (SERI): Graduate Research Opportunities Worldwide (GROW)

The best PhD students from NSF's Graduate Research Fellowship Programme (GRFP) can do 3 to 12 months of research abroad thanks to GROW.

GROW is a collaboration between the National Science Foundation (NSF) in the United States and 12 partner countries including Switzerland.

5.2.53 Switzerland: University of Fribourg: Scholarships for PhD and post-PhD level

Scholarships granted by the "Rectorat" to foreign researchers (with residence outside of Switzerland) who would like to undertake a research stay on post-doctoral level.

Next deadline: 30 September 2015
5.2.54 Switzerland: CERN: Non-Member State Postdoc Fellowship Programme (Theoretical Physics)

The Non-Member State Fellowship Programme in Theoretical Physics awards two postdoctoral fellowships per year. They are granted for two years and can exceptionally be extended to a third year.

Next deadline: 15 October 2015

More information

5.2.55 Switzerland: CERN: Fellowship Programme

The Fellowship Programme is addressed to graduates from universities or higher technical institutes in a wide range of applied sciences, computing and engineering with limited or no work experience. Senior Fellowships are awarded to doctorate (PhD or equivalent) graduates whereas Junior Fellowship are intended for BSc or MSc graduates looking to work in a research group.

Next deadline: 7 September 2015

More information

5.2.56 Turkey: TÜBITAK: Fellowships for Visiting Scientists and Scientists on Sabbatical Leave

In order to contribute to the improvement of human resources and the research in Natural Sciences, Engineering and Technology, Medical Sciences, Social Sciences and Humanities (*) at universities, research institutions and in industry in TURKEY, eminent scientists/researchers are supported to visit to Turkey by giving seminars/conferences/lectures, or doing R&D activities.

Next deadline: applications are accepted on a rolling basis

More information

5.2.57 Turkey: TÜBITAK: Research Fellowship Program for International Researchers

The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK) grants fellowships for international highly qualified PhD students and young post-doctoral 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. The programme aims to promote Turkey's scientific and technological collaboration with countries of the prospective researchers. Preference will be given to candidates who demonstrate the potential to contribute significantly to Turkey's goal of international cooperation in scientific and technological development.

Next deadline: 14 September – 19 October 2015

More information
5.2.58 United Kingdom: 2016/2017 Chevening Scholarships NEW

Chevening is the UK government’s international awards scheme aimed at developing global leaders. Funded by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) and partner organisations, Chevening offers two types of award – Chevening Scholarships and Chevening Fellowships – the recipients of which are personally selected by British Embassies and High Commissions throughout the world.

Next deadline: 3 November 2015

More information

5.2.59 United Kingdom: Science & Technology Facilities Council: Ernest Rutherford Fellowship

The Ernest Rutherford Fellowships will enable early career researchers with clear leadership potential to establish a strong, independent research programme. They will encourage talented researchers in UK universities to remain in the country and at the same time attract outstanding overseas researchers to the UK.

Next deadline: 24 September 2015

More information

5.2.60 United Kingdom: The Rhodes Trust: Oxford and the Rhodes Scholarship

The Rhodes Scholarships are postgraduate awards supporting exceptional students from around the world to study at the University of Oxford. Established in the will of Cecil Rhodes, the Rhodes is the oldest and perhaps the most prestigious international scholarship programme in the world, which aims to nurture public-spirited leaders for the world’s future.

Next deadline: 1 October 2015

More information

5.2.61 United Kingdom: Natural Environment Research Council (NERC): Independent Research Fellowships

The NERC Independent Research Fellowship (IRF) Scheme is designed to develop scientific leadership among the most promising early-career environmental scientists, by giving all fellows five years’ support, which will allow them sufficient time to develop their research programmes and to gain international recognition.

Next deadline: 1 October 2015

More information
5.2.62 United Kingdom: BBSRC: David Phillips Fellowships

Awards are for five years and include personal salary and a significant research support grant to enable fellows to establish their own independent research group.

Next deadline: 21 October 2015

More information

5.2.63 United Kingdom: BBSRC: International Scientific Interchange Scheme (ISIS)

The aim is to help scientists add an international dimension to their BBSRC funded research by making and establishing new contacts with international counterparts.

Next deadline: the call is currently OPEN – apply any time

More information

5.2.64 United Kingdom: RCUK & NSF/SBE: Co-lead Agency Agreement PILOT

The Arts and Humanities Research Council of the UK and the US National Science Foundation have been collaborating in support of research of mutual interest for several years. A Memorandum of Understanding is in place to encourage interdisciplinary research and facilitate the peer-review and joint-funding of USA-UK collaborative research in areas at the intersection of the two agencies’ missions.

Next deadline: See agreement for details

More information

5.3 Databases and Further Information

5.3.1 Austria: Database of scholarships and research grants available

Austria’s most comprehensive database for scholarships and research grants in German and the English language offers an overview of about 1,200 funding opportunities for incoming and outgoing researchers, graduates and students.

More information

5.3.2 Austria: Information from the Office of Science & Technology in Washington D.C.

"Building bridges of knowledge and expertise between Austria and North America" - this is the mission of the Office of Science & Technology (OST) at the Embassy of Austria in Washington, D.C. The OST is the strategic interface in the sciences, research, and research policy fields between Austria and North America. OST staff can inform you on most relevant funding opportunities in Austria.
5.3.3 Belgium: a comprehensive webportal
Calls for proposals are published all through the year on the Belgian Federal portal for research and innovation.

Further information

5.3.4 Canada: ERA-Can+ Project - Promoting Canada-EU research
The ERA-Can+ project helps you to identify funding opportunities in Canadian Programmes, as well as funding opportunities in Europe for Canadian researchers.

More information

5.3.5 Canada: Government of Canada - International scholarship
Canada is committed to participation in international study and research partnerships, which build understanding amongst peoples, develop global citizens and leaders, and contribute to the development of nations.

For Canadians: Learn about opportunities for graduate study and research abroad.

For Non-Canadians: Learn about opportunities for study and research in Canada.

5.3.6 Cyprus: the Research Promotion Foundation
The Research Promotion Foundation (RPF) promotes the development of scientific and technological research in Cyprus. The RPF has established a list of research stakeholders, some offering funding opportunities.

More information

5.3.7 Denmark: Funding programmes for research and innovation and Danish Innovation Centre in the USA
The Danish Ministry of Science, Innovation and Higher Education has published an exhaustive guide to Danish funding programmes. Innovation Centre Denmark, Silicon Valley, provides you with information about Danish research environment and funding opportunities.

More information

5.3.8 Estonia: Estonia Research portal
Estonian Research Portal is the public section of the Estonian Research Information System. It gives an overview of various aspects of Estonian R&D including funding opportunities.

More information
5.3.9 Finland: Key links to Finnish funding agencies and opportunities

Funding for scientific research in Finland comes predominantly from private companies and the government. Other important sources of funding include various funds and foundations.

Here are some of the biggest funding agencies.

5.3.10 France: Find your PhD with the new website "PhD in France"

This website presents French PhD offers on one platform and is open to all foreign students.

This site aggregates the offers of the laboratories and universities in France. It helps in making research simple for all foreign and English-speaking students wishing to pursue a PhD in France.

For the majority of the scientific doctorates, the student gets a 3-year employment contract for a gross amount of approximately EUR 1,700/month (1300 EUR net).

More information

5.3.11 Germany: Funding and resources opportunities for graduate and doctoral students, postdocs and faculty and researchers

The German Center for Research and Innovation based in New York compiles all existing funding and resources opportunities for graduate and doctoral students, postdocs and faculty and researchers.

More information

5.3.12 Ireland: Research opportunities

The Irish Research Council (IRC) manages a suite of inter-linked research schemes, funding scholars at various career stages, from postgraduate study to senior research project-based awards. For early stage researchers these include the Gov. of Ireland Postgraduate scholarships and Gov. of Ireland Postdoctoral Fellowships, which fund research at predoctoral and postdoctoral levels, and the Research Project Grants Scheme, which allows researchers and research teams to expand their activities into new research areas by way of stimulus project grants and knowledge transfer initiatives. The IRC manages and monitors all awards funded under these schemes on a bi-annual basis.

More information

5.3.13 Netherlands: EURAXESS portal: Overview of Dutch Fellowships and Grants

More information
5.3.14 US: AAAS: Early Career Award for Public Engagement with Science NEW

The AAAS Early Career Award for Public Engagement with Science, established in 2010, recognizes early-career scientists and engineers who demonstrate excellence in their contribution to public engagement with science activities. A monetary prize of $5,000, a commemorative plaque, complimentary registration to the AAAS Annual Meeting, and reimbursement for reasonable hotel and travel expenses to attend the AAAS Annual Meeting to receive the prize are given to the recipient.

Nomination deadline: 15 October 2015

More information

5.3.15 US: National Science Foundation - Science Across Virtual Institutes (SAVI)

Science Across Virtual Institutes (SAVI) is a mechanism to facilitate collaboration amongst teams of NSF-supported U.S. scientists and engineers and their international partners who have complementary strengths and common interests and who wish to form virtual institutes to foster enhanced research collaboration; data sharing; networking; and technical exchanges of students, postdocs, and junior faculty across borders.

More information

See the list of the International Funding Opportunities at NSF:

http://www.nsf.gov/od/ia/ise/index.jsp

6 Jobs

6.1 EURAXESS Portal

There are currently over 7,000 research jobs and fellowship programmes (all over Europe, but also in other countries such as in the USA/Canada, and in all disciplines) accessible via the EURAXESS Jobs database.

Check out the latest jobs offered on the portal or search positions by keyword, research profile, country or field.
Online Jobs and Fellowships on the EURAXESS Links North America website. Research organisations (public and private) can upload their job vacancies located in Canada and the US. It is free of charge.

6.2 Other Research Career Sites

6.2.1 Canada

Career opportunities in Canada: National Research Council Canada and careers

6.2.2 Europe

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 (EPSO)
Careers with the European Union (EPSO), Non-permanent Posts
EuroBrussels: http://www.eurobrussels.com/

6.2.3 USA

AAAS support: Science careers from the Science journal
NSF guidance of funding opportunities for Graduate students
NSF guidance of funding opportunities for Postdoctoral fellows
Funding opportunities at researchusa.com

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