Dear Colleagues!

Welcome to the December issue of our newsletter – the last for 2015. We are very pleased to provide you with over 50 open calls for proposals (some already ending in January!!) in more than 20 European countries (EU Member States & Associated Countries). Our news and developments section includes recent and very interesting R&D news from the European Research Area.

We would like to ask you to please take a moment to complete our brief satisfaction survey. The survey has 7 questions and will take 3-5 minutes of your time. We highly value your opinion and look forward to your feedback on how to best improve our services!

This month’s EU Insight focuses on the ERC’s “excellence only” principle leading to grant concentration in EU’s top institutions.

We would like to thank you for being a valuable part of our EURAXESS Links North America community on either side of the Atlantic. We will continue to bring you the latest information on funding opportunities in Europe also in 2016.

Hope you had a wonderful Holiday Season and we wish you a prosperous New Year!

Enjoy reading the newsletter!

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1 EU Insight – ERC’s “excellence only” principle leads to grant concentration in EU’s top institutions

In a recent report published by the European Research Council (ERC) on “ERC funding activities 2007-2013”, key facts, patterns and trends on the council’s funding activities are laid down in detail. The report not only shows the grants’ high competitiveness, but – once again – demonstrates that the ERC’s “excellence only” principle leads to a concentration of grants in Europe’s top research institutes and universities.

The report

The report combines in-house data on ERC funding activities and data from external sources, and covers seven areas of interest: ERC proposal selection and funding, research areas, grant characteristics (such as project duration and costs), demographic profiles of applicants, and analyses of host data, i.e. host institutions of applicants, host countries, and host regions and sub-regional level.

Over the course of FP7, the 18 completed calls for proposals under the five ERC grant schemes received nearly 45,000 applications. With a budget of 7.7 billion euros, corresponding to approximately 15% of the total FP7 budget, 4,556 proposals were funded. While the overall success rate was 10.5%, the rate varied considerably amongst the different ERC grant schemes, e.g. Starting Grant (9%), Advanced Grant (13.8%), and Synergy Grant (2.1%).

Concentration of grants in Europe’s top research institutes and universities

Between 2007 and 2013, the ERC received close to 42,000 eligible applications for the Starting (StG), Consolidator (CoG), and Advanced (AdG) grant funding schemes from researchers belonging to 113 different nationalities in total. The researchers who received ERC grants under these schemes as Principal Investigators are of 63 different nationalities in total, including those of all 28 EU Member States, and at the time of application, they declared a total of 40 countries of residence, including 27 EU Member States. Without counting countries of nationality with none or very few grantees, the highest success rates are attained by applicants of non-EU nationalities, namely of Swiss (18.2%), Israeli (17.5%) and US (16.7%) nationalities.

More information on the funding schemes can be found here.

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1 Please note that in the following paragraphs, the data only relates to these three schemes.
As of mid-2014, ERC grant recipients are hosted by about 600 research organisations located in a smaller group of 30 countries (i.e., ‘host countries’), consisting of 25 EU Member States (all but Lithuania, Malta and Romania) and 5 Associated Countries (Iceland, Israel, Norway, Switzerland and Turkey). However, there has also been a noticeable concentration of funding at a small group of Host Institutions. Over 40% of the grants have been awarded to researchers based at the top 31 Host Institutions. The report comes to the conclusion, that given the aims of the ERC, which include channelling resources to the most promising researchers, this distribution can be seen as a strong sign that the ERC is achieving its aims. It should be no surprise that many of Europe’s top researchers are already at some of Europe’s top research institutions.

Further information:


2 News & Developments

2.1 EU, Member States and Associated Countries

2.1.1 Historic climate deal in Paris: EU leads global efforts

The European Union has played a key role in brokering on 12 December a historic agreement in Paris, where 195 countries adopted a new universal, legally binding global climate deal.

The ambitious and balanced agreement, the first major multilateral deal of the 21st century, sets out a global action plan to put the world on track to avoid dangerous climate change by limiting global warming to well below 2°C.

The deal is the culmination of years of efforts by the international community to bring about a universal multilateral agreement on climate change. Following limited participation in the Kyoto Protocol and the lack of agreement in Copenhagen in 2009, the EU has been building a broad coalition of developed and developing countries in favour of high ambition that shaped the successful outcome of the Paris conference. The Paris Agreement sends a clear signal to investors, businesses, and policy-makers that the global transition to clean energy is here to stay and resources have to shift away from polluting fossil fuels.

European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker said: “Today the world is united in the fight against climate change. Today the world gets a lifeline, a last chance to hand over to future generations a world that is more stable, a healthier planet, fairer societies and more prosperous economies. This robust agreement will steer the world towards a global clean energy transition. This deal is also a success for the European Union. We have long been the global leader in climate action, and the Paris Agreement now reflects our ambition worldwide. I would like to thank the EU’s chief negotiator Commissioner Miguel Arias Cañete and his team for working day and night to make this agreement happen and for keeping the European Union the central player throughout the negotiations. I am proud of all of you.”

EU Climate Action and Energy Commissioner Miguel Arias Cañete said: “This agreement is a major win for Europe. But more importantly, it is a major win for the global community. Europe has led the efforts in Paris to get an ambitious and legally binding global climate deal. We have forged alliances and others have joined. Our key objectives – on the long-term goal, the 5-yearly review cycles and transparency – are in the new agreement. The agreement also reconfirms global commitment to continued support to those in need of assistance. We succeeded. Now, what has been promised must be delivered. Europe will continue to lead the global low-carbon transition we have agreed.”

The Paris climate deal

The Paris climate change agreement is a bridge between today’s policies and climate-neutrality before the end of the century. In Paris, governments agreed on ambition, commitment, and solidarity.

**Ambition**: Governments agreed a long-term goal of keeping the increase in global average temperature to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels and to
aim to limit the increase to 1.5°C, since this would significantly reduce risks and the impacts of climate change. The agreement calls for global emissions to peak as soon as possible, recognising that this will take longer for developing countries and to undertake rapid reductions thereafter in accordance with the best available science. Before and during the Paris conference, countries submitted comprehensive national climate action plans to reduce their emissions. The sum total of the 185 intended nationally determined contributions prepared in advance of the Paris conference are not yet enough to keep the world below 2°C by the end of the century. However, the agreement traces the way to achieving this target.

**Commitment:** To achieve this common ambition, governments agreed to come together every 5 years to set more ambitious targets as required by science. They also accepted to report to each other and the public on how well they are doing to implement their targets, to ensure transparency and oversight. A global stocktake will take place every five years. A robust transparency and accountability system will track progress towards the long-term goal.

**Solidarity:** The EU and other developed countries will continue to support climate action to reduce emissions and build resilience to climate change impacts in developing countries. Other countries are encouraged to provide or continue to provide such support voluntarily. Continued and enhanced international support for adaptation will be provided to developing countries. Developed countries intend to continue their existing collective goal to mobilise USD 100 billion per year until 2025 when a new collective goal will be set.

**Full article:** [European Commission](http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess)

### 2.1.2 EU research and innovation supports delivery on COP21 commitments

The European Commission announced a new Research, Innovation and Competitiveness Strategy of the Energy Union at the 2015 Paris Climate Conference.

The Commission would like the 2015 Paris Climate Conference (COP21) to make the transition to decarbonisation irreversible and kick-start a low-carbon innovation race. The EU should take the lead in this race through research and innovation (R&I). This is what the Commission is proposing through the Research, Innovation and Competitiveness Strategy of the Energy Union, announced today by Maroš Šefčovič, Commission Vice-President for the Energy Union, and Carlos Moedas, Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation, at the COP 21 [flagship event](http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess) on “Research and innovation: Our energy for a low-carbon future”.

Commissioner Moedas said: “Limiting the warming of the world’s climate to below 2°C from pre-industrial level may be the defining social and scientific endeavour of this century. Our view is that investment in energy research and innovation is still far too low. It is now time for swift and coordinated action. To make low and inconsistent public and private investment in European energy research and innovation is a thing of the past.”
R&I will be critical for achieving global climate goals. The EU is expected to invest at least 35% of its €77 billion research and innovation programme, Horizon 2020, into climate-related activities. This is a substantial increase on previous EU programmes, especially as regards investment into clean energy research and innovation.

The research, innovation and competitiveness strategy is a crucial part of the Energy Union, the EU's key energy policy initiative. It will be launched in 2016, and aims to ensure public support for innovative low-carbon technology as well as support the creation of the right policy environment to stimulate innovation and competition. It will also include an "open science – open innovation" initiative on pathways for decarbonisation by 2050, since the low-carbon transition does not only concern the energy sector, but rather society as a whole.

Full Article: European Commission

2.1.3 Commission's European Research Council awards 291 young researchers with €429 million in grants

The European Research Council (ERC) has announced on 4th December the award of its Starting Grants to 291 early-career researchers. On the occasion, Carlos Moedas, European Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation, said: "We need to keep our most talented researchers in Europe while attracting the new and diverse perspectives of top researchers from elsewhere in the world. These grants ensure many of the world's most exciting ideas are developed right here: giving researchers and scientists the freedom and security to pursue their careers and ambitions on our continent."

The funding, worth €429 million in total and up to €1.5 million per grant, will enable them to set up their own research teams and pursue ground-breaking ideas in all disciplines, covering topics like climate change, rare diseases and digital media. See ERC press release for more details

Source: European Commission

2.1.4 Tunisia joins Horizon 2020, the EU's Research and Innovation Programme

Researchers and innovators from Tunisia will now be able to participate in Horizon 2020, the EU's framework programme for research and innovation, under the same conditions as their counterparts from EU Member States and other 13 associated countries. The agreement associating Tunisia to Horizon 2020 is being signed today by Carlos Moedas, European Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation, and Chiheb Bouden, Tunisian Minister for High Education and Scientific Research.

Commissioner Moedas said: "I am pleased to welcome Tunisia into Horizon 2020, the biggest programme for research and innovation of the world. This agreement is a historical one. It shows that through research and innovation, the EU is supporting the young Tunisian democracy and helping to invest in knowledge as a foundation of future development. Tunisia's accession also
shows how a research policy open to the world can bring novel ideas and enrich our common research efforts.”

The Association Agreement allows for enhanced cooperation in research and innovation between the EU and Tunisia, vital for successful and modern economies. It also represents another step towards reaching the EU goal of opening research and innovation to the world.

Tunisian research institutes, universities and individual researchers will now have access to all opportunities offered by Horizon 2020 that funds diverse scientific areas, from blue sky research to demonstration projects. Tunisian SMEs and businesses will also be able to benefit from increased support to develop new ideas and bring products and services to the market.

Source: European Commission

2.1.5 Commission invests €33 million for quicker market access of 15 new innovative projects

The European Commission is awarding €32.7 million to 15 innovative projects involving 67 partners in 15 countries to help speed up their access to the market. Under the second round of the Fast Track to Innovation (FTI) scheme, run under the EU’s research and innovation programme Horizon 2020, each of these projects will receive up to €3 million.

The projects include designing a scooping device for fighting forest fires by air, bringing the recovery and reuse of plastic waste from photovoltaic panels to an industrial scale, developing a novel diagnostic to make a better use of antibiotics, making a mobile 3D-scanner for forensic data and building an exoskeleton to rehabilitate patients with spinal cord or brain injury.

Carlos Moedas, Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation, said: “Under Horizon 2020 we aim to give top innovative businesses a head start in the race to market. These latest results bring the total investment to nearly €70 million in fast-access EU funding. This instrument is delivering on its promise to promote innovation activities at the close-to-market stage.”

The FTI scheme was launched in January 2015. This second round of the scheme attracted a total of 229 project proposals involving 922 participants by its cut-off date of 1 September 2015. This brings the total of proposals received since the launch of the programme to 498, of which 31 received more than €68 million in funding. Almost half the project participants in this stage are SMEs.

Source: European Commission

2.1.6 Commission proposes a research-friendly copyright for open science and innovation in Europe

European researchers and innovators should have the explicit right to process on a large scale the content to which they have legal access. That is why the European Commission proposed today a mandatory exception for research in the EU copyright legislation.
This exception should overcome the current fragmented copyright regime across the EU, the lack of clarity around copyright and ownership of derived works, and the inadequacy of licensing solutions. These obstacles have so far hampered the use of technologies commonly known as Text and Data Mining (TDM) in the EU. As a result, researchers – especially those from public interest research organisations – have felt discouraged to use such techniques to analyse vast amounts of digital content.

Carlos Moedas, Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation, said: "Scientific research is collaborative and knows no borders, so the currently fragmented copyright regime in Europe is simply unacceptable. We also need to ensure that Europe does not fall behind other regions of the world, where text and data mining is already made easy. I have strongly supported a copyright exception for our researchers and innovators because they should be given the best conditions to do their jobs. The exception proposed today will be pivotal in spurring innovation and growth in Europe."

The harmonisation of the copyright exception for scientific research purposes was identified earlier this year as a key for the functioning of the Digital Single Market. The planned exception will help the scientific community and innovative companies that have established collaboration with them – in particular in the case of public-private partnerships – make the best use of digital content they have already lawfully acquired or obtained access to. It will help bring coherence among the EU's 28 Member States and remove key barriers to Open Science and Open Innovation.

The legislative package, including the exception for research, is planned to be released in spring 2016.

**Source:** European Commission

### 2.1.7  Investment Plan for Europe: over £100 million for new Birmingham super hospital

The European Investment Bank (EIB), Europe’s long-term lending institution, has agreed to provide £108 million to support construction of the new Midland Metropolitan Hospital in Birmingham. This construction project is the first hospital to be supported by the new European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI), the heart of the Investment Plan for Europe.

Once open in three years' time the brand new hospital will provide state of the art acute healthcare for 530,000 people living in Sandwell and West Birmingham. It will include one of the largest accident and emergency departments in Europe, expected to treat more than 140,000 patients a year.

**Source:** European Commission
3 Grants & Fellowships

3.1 Europe

3.1.1 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-ITN-2016: Marie Skłodowska-Curie Innovative Training Networks**
  
  **Deadline Date:** 12 January 2016

- **H2020-MSCA-NIGHT-2016: European Researchers’ Night**
  
  **Deadline Date:** 13 January 2016

3.1.2 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.

3.1.3 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
3.1.4 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 Consolidator Grant | ERC-2016-CoG
  Call for Proposals

**Deadline Date: 2 Feb 2016**

- ERC Proof of Concept Grant | ERC-2016-PoC
  Call for Proposals
  Information for applicants

**Deadline Dates: 16 Feb - 26 Mar - 4 Oct 2016**

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Find your National Contact Point

More information: European Research Council

3.1.5 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

3.1.6 European Respiratory Society (ERS): Long term Research Fellowships

Long-Term Research Fellowships (LTRF) enable investigators and clinicians in the early stages of their career to carry out basic, translational or clinical research projects. Through this experience, young scientists learn and apply advanced research procedures and techniques not available at their home institute.

Fellowships are between 6 months (minimum) and 12 months (maximum).

WHO? Candidates holding a university degree in any field related to respiratory medicine (MD, MSc, PhD, MD-PhD).
3.1.7 European University Institute (EUI): Special Doctoral Fellowships

The European University Institute (EUI) Special Doctoral Fellowships has been setup to allow candidates from non-member countries to apply to its PhD programmes in Economics, History and Civilization, Law, and Political and Social Sciences.

Fellowships cover full funding of the PhD courses and monthly stipend for the whole programme (4 years).

WHO? Candidates must have successfully completed a Master’s or equivalent degree (before 31 August 2016) in an academic discipline relevant to the doctoral programme of the department and the research proposal. Applicants are required to submit an English international language certificate to demonstrate their level.

Deadline: 31 January 2016

More information

3.1.8 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), 12 February 2016 (Long-Term)
3.1.9 CERN fellowship programs

The European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN) is offering:

- **Fellowship and Graduate Engineering Training (GET)** targeting researchers in physical sciences and engineering graduates. Open to nationals of CERN Member States. There are two levels of fellowship within the programme: the **Senior Fellowship Programme**, addressed to people with a PhD or at least four years of experience; and the **Junior Fellowship Programme**, for holders of at least a Technical Engineer degree (or equivalent) and at most a M.Sc. degree (or equivalent) with not more than 4 years of experience. Deadline to submit applications: **1 March 2016**

- **Doctoral student programme** to spend 6 to 36 months doing thesis research at CERN in Applied physics, IT, mathematics, electrical, electronic, mechanical or civil engineering, instrumentation for accelerators and particle physics experiments, materials science, radiation protection, safety and environmental protection, science communication, surveying, ultra-high vacuum. Open to CERN member states nationals, Romanian, Serbian and researchers, including Brazilians, residing in a member state for the last 5 years. Deadline for application: **26 April 2016**.

- **Post Career Break Fellowship**: full-time or part-time Fellowships to science and engineering graduates wishing to re-start their careers. Deadline: **1 March 2016**.

- **Studentships in Summer 2016 (Non Member State Nationals)** for undergraduate and junior post-graduate students of physics, computing and engineering to work in experimental teams, attend a series of lectures, visit the CERN facilities and attend discussion sessions and workshops. Attendance requires a presence of 8 weeks on site. Deadline: **27 January 2016**.

3.1.10 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, FYRoMacedonia, 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.

3.2 EU Member States and Associated Countries

3.2.1 Austria: Marietta Blau outgoing PhD Grant

The Marietta Blau Grant offers financial support for carrying out the abroad part (6-12 months) of a doctoral programme at Austrian universities: the grant enables scientific research worldwide in the following fields:

- Natural Sciences
Monthly grants of 1200 Euros are given under this programme. The next application deadlines are **1 February and 1 September 2016.**

**More information**

### 3.2.2 Austria: Ernst Mach Incoming Grant

The Austrian government awards Ernst Mach Grants to postgraduates, PhDs, postdocs and lecturers from all over the world to conduct studies in Austria for one to 9 months in the following fields:

- Natural Sciences;
- Technical Sciences
- Medicine
- Agriculture
- Social Sciences
- Humanities
- Arts

Applicants must not have studied/pursued research/pursued academic work in Austria in the last six months before taking up the grant. Maximum age: 35 years.

**Deadline** to apply for the academic year 2016-2017 is **1 March 2016.**

**More information**

### 3.2.3 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

**More information**

### 3.2.4 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

3.2.5 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

3.2.6 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

3.2.7 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

**More information**

### 3.2.8 Belgium (Flanders): FWP PhD and Postdoc Fellowships

The FWO-Vlaanderen is the funding agency of Flanders for research performed at the universities in Flanders.

- **Incoming PhD fellowship:**

  These fellowships are intended for young EU, ERA and Swiss researchers who are doing their PhD at a Flemish university are granted for a period of 2 years, renewable once.

  The PhD research must be fundamental in nature. There is no restriction as regards the topic. The FWO employs a strictly bottom-up approach, in which the researcher can choose the topic of his/her research.

- **Special PhD. fellowship:**

  The Special PhD fellowship is intended to enable persons not employed within scientific research to complete a PhD within a year and to obtain study leave from their current employer for this purpose.

- **Postdoctoral fellowships:**

  WHAT? The postdoctoral fellowships from the FWO are intended to help researchers who already have a PhD to develop an independent research career. The fellowship is provided for a period of 3 years and can be renewed once if necessary.

  WHO? PhD obtained no longer than 6 years ago

  - **[PEGASUS]² Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellowships**

    - [PEGASUS]² **INCOMING** Postdoctoral fellowships

      WHO? postdoctoral researchers (Belgians and non-Belgians) who obtained their PhD no longer than three years ago.

    - [PEGASUS]² **OUTGOING** Postdoctoral fellowships

      WHAT? Outgoing fellowships with a duration of three years intended for postdoctoral researchers of the Flemish Community who wish to carry out research at a foreign research institution or company the first two years of their fellowship, and return to the Flemish Community the third year of their fellowship in order to continue their research activities at the Flemish host institution to which the fellow is affiliated during the entire 3-year fellowship (obligatory return period!).

  Deadlines: **1 February 2016**
3.2.9 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

3.2.10 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 program financed by F.R.S.-FNRS. Various research fields.

More information

3.2.11 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

3.2.12 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

3.2.13 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

3.2.14 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

3.2.15 Estonia: Scholarships for visiting PhD students (Activity of ESF DoRa program)

The DoRa program 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

3.2.16 Finland: Finish Foundations’ Outgoing Postdoc Pool

The Säätiöiden post doc-pool covers all expenses of a research period abroad for at least one academic year. The pool grants are intended only for sending post-doctoral researchers abroad from Finland.


More information

3.2.17 Finland: CIMO Fellowships

The CIMO Fellowships program 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 program.

There are no annual application deadlines in the CIMO Fellowship program. 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

3.2.18 France: Overview of research exchange programs 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 programs 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 programs.

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

Open Calls for Proposals [here](#):
3.2.19 France: 15 Postdoctoral Fellowships in Biology and Information Technologies

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

WHAT? 2-year 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

3.2.1 France: LE STUDIUM - Smart Loire Valley Programme

Check out LE STUDIUM opportunities for postdoctoral fellowships in region Centre-Val de Loire of France.

LE STUDIUM finances several research awards to welcome experienced international researchers in the region for a one-year residency or a few weeks in a high level host laboratory of the region Centre-Val de Loire of France. In parallel, LE STUDIUM leads a scientific animation that allows cross-disciplinary exchanges and the creation of long lasting relationships between international research teams.

The call for applications, open from November each year to February next year, enables LE STUDIUM to select high-level candidates with ambitious research projects.

A new call has been launched on the 9th November 2015 and will close on the 8th February 2016 - 5pm local time. You, or someone from your network, may be interested by the different award formats of the Smart Loire Valley Programme: LE_STUDIUM_RESEARCH_FELLOWSHIP and LE_STUDIUM_RESEARCH_PROFESSORSHIP or LE_STUDIUM_CONSORTIUM. I invite you to spread this information in your network.

Next deadline: 8 February 2016

More information
3.2.2  Germany: 4 Early Career research fellowships at the University of Göttingen NEW

WHAT? Fellowships to join one of the Göttingen Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities and Social Sciences research groups for the study of either:

- Globalising the Enlightenment: Knowledge, Culture, Travel, Exchange and Collections;
- European Intellectual History / History of Political Thought;
- Primate Cognition: Philosophical, Linguistic, and Historical Perspectives.

WHO? Candidates who have received a doctorate within the last 6 years.

Deadline: 7 July 2016

More information

3.2.3  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)

3.2.4  Germany: PhD Fellowships in organismal biology

The International Max Planck Research School (IMPRS) for Organismal Biology offers two 3-year fellowships for PhD projects in Organismal Biology. A maximum of 3 months abroad per year (and a total of 9 months abroad) can be funded.

WHO? Non-German citizens not living in Germany for more than 15 months prior to application. Applicants must have graduated from a minimum 4-year study program, with comprehensive scientific work in Biology or a related field.

Deadline: 15 January 2016

More information

3.2.5  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.
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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

### 3.2.6 Germany: Postdoctoral Researchers International Mobility Experience (P.R.I.M.E)

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) offers a new funding programme - co-financed by the Marie Curie Programme of the European Commission - for outstanding postdoctoral researchers from all disciplines and nationalities. The funding consists of salaries instead of scholarships. Funding is provided for 18 months, in which 12 months have to be spent abroad and 6 months (re-integration phase) at a German university. The re-integration phase is mandatory.

Applications may be submitted before completion of the PhD. The PhD must, however, be completed before the start of the funding period.

Deadline: **1 February 2016**

More information

### 3.2.7 Greece: Onassis Foundation Fellowships for incoming foreigners **NEW**

The Alexander S. Onassis Public Benefit Foundation announced the 22nd annual Programme of Research Grants and Educational Scholarships addressed to non-Greeks, university professors of all levels (PhD holders), postdoctoral researchers (PhD holders), artists, post-graduate students and PhD candidates.

Deadline: **26 February 2016**

More information

### 3.2.8 Ireland: Government of Ireland Postgraduate Scholarship Scheme 2016 **NEW**

The Government of Ireland Postgraduate Scholarship Scheme offers scholarships for suitably qualified individuals to pursue a Research Masters or a PhD (either traditional or structured) in any discipline at an eligible HEI (higher education institution) within Ireland. In addition, a number of targeted scholarships are offered in collaboration with their strategic funding partners (see website for more details). The Council encourages interdisciplinary research and engagement with enterprise.

WHO? Excellent researchers from **any country** and across **all disciplines**. Scholars must be full-time students affiliated with an eligible HEI in Ireland. Scholars may hold a Council Postgraduate Scholarship.
3.2.9 Ireland: US-Ireland R&D Partnership Program

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 program, 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 programs. 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.

3.2.10 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.

3.2.11 Luxembourg: National Research Fund (FNR) – ATTRACT

The ATTRACT programme aims to support the national research institutions by expanding their competences in strategic research areas - by attracting outstanding young researchers with high potential to Luxembourg.
Bringing excellent researchers with a high level of expertise in science and technology to Luxembourg is a key mission of the FNR. The ATTRACT programme is designed for researchers not yet established in Luxembourg and offers them the opportunity to set up their own research team within one of the country’s research institutions.

Deadline: 15 January 2016  
More information

3.2.12 Luxembourg: National Research Fund (FNR) – INTER

The INTER Programme aims to give Luxembourg’s public research a higher profile in the international context by providing funding for international collaboration. INTER enables the FNR to initiate bi- or multilateral arrangements for project calls in conjunction with other national or international funding bodies.

- OPEN Call for Bilateral Projects with the National Science Foundation (NSF)

Researchers from public research organisations in Luxembourg are invited to submit proposals for building joint research activities with partners in the United States.

3.2.13 Luxembourg: National Research Fund (FNR) – INTER Mobility

The aim of the INTER mobility programme is to promote the exchange between research groups of the Luxembourg public research institutions and leading research groups abroad, in order to foster innovative, internationally competitive research – and support the exchange of key knowledge and technological know-how.

INTER mobility allows for exchanges in both directions: researchers working in Luxembourg to go abroad or researchers from abroad to come to Luxembourg. The programme may also contribute to bridging the gap between the research communities in the public and private sector – exchanges with private companies are highly welcome.

The duration of the exchange is between 6 weeks and 1 year.

Deadline: 20 January 2016  
More information

3.2.14 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**

3.2.15 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**

3.2.16 Netherlands: Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO): Lorentz Center

The Lorentz Center, located at the University of Leiden, is an international center that coordinates and hosts **interactive workshops**. These are often in the domain of the sciences, but interaction with and broadening towards the humanities is encouraged.

Proposals can be submitted by any researcher at academic level in any country from any scientific or scholarly discipline.

**Deadline:** 15 January 2016

**More information**

3.2.17 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**

3.2.18 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**
3.2.19 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

3.2.20 Netherlands: Holland Scholarships for bachelor’s and master’s candidates NEW

The Holland Scholarship is financed by the Dutch Ministry of Education, Culture and Science as well as several Dutch research universities and universities of applied sciences. This scholarship is meant for international students from outside the European Economic Area (EEA) who want to do their bachelor's or master's in the Netherlands.

Next deadlines: 1 February 2016 and 1 May 2016 More information

3.2.21 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

3.2.22 Norway: The Research Council of Norway: 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 Norway. More information

3.2.23 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.
3.2.24 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: ongoing

More information

3.2.25 Poland: The Kosciuszko Foundation: Graduate Study and Research in Poland Scholarship

This scholarship supports graduate level research at universities in Poland by American graduate students and university faculty members with funding from the Polish Ministry of Education and the Kosciuszko Foundation.

Deadline: 15 January 2016

More information

3.2.26 Poland: Foundation for Polish Science: IDEAS FOR POLAND

The objective of the programme 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

3.2.27 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.
3.2.28 Portugal: Science and Technology Foundation: Permanent Call for Sabbatical Leave Grants (BSAB)

Next deadline: **rolling basis**

More information (only in Portuguese)

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

Next deadline: **rolling basis**

More information

3.2.30 Spain: Fundación Carolina incoming fellowships

**NEW**

Fellowships open to Ibero-American students to carry out part of their post-graduation, PhD, post-doc studies in Spain. The programme also supports researchers and teachers’ mobility and funding to join the Escuela Complutense de Verano and the Programa de Emprendimiento.

Deadlines: **10 February** (summer course), **6 March** (post-graduation)

More information (only in Spanish)

3.2.31 Sweden: The Swedish Research Council: 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 Sweden.

More information

3.2.32 Switzerland: Society in Science - The Branco Weiss Fellowship

Society in Science – The Branco Weiss Fellowship is a unique postdoc program. It awards young researchers around the world with a generous personal research grant, giving them the freedom to work on whatever topic they choose anywhere in the world, for up to five years.

This research fellowship is designed to support postdoctoral researchers after their PhD and before their first faculty appointment. Those in current postdoctoral positions are also eligible. Ideally, fellows pursue unconventional projects in new areas of science, engineering and social sciences.

Deadline: **15 January 2016**

More information
3.2.33 Switzerland: Swiss National Science Foundation:
Ambizione NEW

Ambizione, Ambizione-PROSPER and Ambizione-SCORE grants are aimed at young researchers with a PhD in all disciplines from all countries who wish to conduct, manage and lead an independent project at a Swiss higher education institution.

The grants comprise the salary and project funds for a maximum of three years. Deadline: **12 February 2016**.

More information

3.2.34 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**

More information

3.2.35 Switzerland: State Secretariat for Education Research and Innovation (SERI): 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 Switzerland.

More information

3.2.36 Turkey: TÜBİTAK: 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
3.2.37 United Kingdom: (University of Sussex) – Chancellor’s International Research Scholarship (2016) NEW

A scholarship will normally be tenable for one year in the first instance, renewable annually for a maximum of 3 years for full-time doctoral students.

The scholarship will cover international fees and provide a stipend which will match that provided for UK doctoral students by the UK Research Council.

Applicants must apply for a PhD in one of the Social Science Schools of study at the University of Sussex:
- School of Business, Management and Economics
- School of Education and Social Work
- School of Global Studies
- School of Law, Politics and Sociology

Deadline: **13 January 2016**

More information

3.2.38 United Kingdom: University of Nottingham: Vice-Chancellor’s Scholarship for Research Excellence NEW

WHAT? 50 full tuition fees scholarships

WHO? Overseas students/researchers holding an offer to start a full-time research degree programme, PhD or MPhil, at Nottingham in September or October 2016, any subject area. Engineering research students should apply for the Faculty of Engineering Research Excellence PhD Scholarships.

Deadline: **11 March 2016**

More information

3.2.39 United Kingdom: Wellcome Trust Awards and Fellowships NEW

**Senior Fellowships in Public Health and Tropical Medicine**

This scheme supports outstanding researchers from low- and middle-income countries to establish themselves as leading investigators at an academic institution in a low- and middle-income country location, including in Brazil.

Research should be aimed at understanding and improving public health and tropical medicine of local, national and global relevance. Public health and tropical medicine cover a wide range of health problems, including communicable and non-communicable diseases.

WHO? National or legal resident of a low- and middle-income country, including Brazil.

Next deadline for preliminary application: **24 May 2016**.
Investigator Award

Funding for world-class researchers and clinicians with a compelling long-term vision for their research. Provides a flexible package of funding that is driven by the requirements of the proposed research. Awards may be small or large, typically up to £3 million, and lasting up to seven years.

Next deadlines: **26 February 2016**

Seed Awards in Science

What? Small, one-time grants - of up to £100,000 for up to two years - to help researchers develop original and innovative ideas.

Deadline: **8 February 2016**

3.2.40 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

3.2.41 United Kingdom: Wellcome Trust: Principal Research Fellowships

This is the most prestigious of the personal awards and provides long-term support for researchers of international standing. Successful candidates will have an established track record in research at the highest level.

Deadline: **Anytime**

More information

3.3 Databases and Further Information

3.3.1 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

3.3.2 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.
3.3.3 Belgium: a comprehensive webportal
Calls for proposals are published all through the year on the Belgian Federal portal for research and innovation.
Further information

3.3.4 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

3.3.5 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.

3.3.6 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

3.3.7 Denmark: Funding programs 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 programs. Innovation Centre Denmark, Silicon Valley, provides you with information about Danish research environment and funding opportunities.
More information

3.3.8 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
3.3.9 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.

3.3.10 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

3.3.11 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

3.3.12 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

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

More information
3.3.14 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:


4 Jobs

4.1 EURAXESS Portal

There are currently over 6,300 research jobs and fellowship programs (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.

4.2 Other Research Career Sites

4.2.1 Canada

Career opportunities in Canada: National Research Council Canada and careers

4.2.2 Europe

Find A Postdoc: http://www.findapostdoc.com/

Find Scholarships in Europe: http://www.scholarshipportal.eu/
Find PhDs in Europe: [http://www.phdportal.eu/](http://www.phdportal.eu/)
Career.edu: [http://www.career.edu/index.php](http://www.career.edu/index.php)
Academic Jobs EU: [http://www.academicjobseu.com](http://www.academicjobseu.com)
Careers with the European Union: European Personnel Selection Office (EPSO)
Careers with the European Union (EPSO), Non-permanent Posts

### 4.2.3 USA

AAAS support: [Science careers from the Science journal](http://www.sciencemag.org/careers)
NSF guidance of funding opportunities for Graduate students
NSF guidance of funding opportunities for Postdoctoral fellows
Funding opportunities at [researchusa.com](http://researchusa.com)

## 5 Events

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