Dear Colleagues!

Welcome to the May issue of our newsletter.

As usual, this issue brings you over 50 open calls for proposals in more than 20 European countries (EU Member States & Associated Countries). Some calls have a tight deadline. Don’t miss them! 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 have opened the submission process for the short 3 min videos as of May 29 and will keep it open until September 21. You have a choice of either posting a link to your video to our Facebook page, Twitter or LinkedIn group, you can also use the option of sending it via DropItToMe platform or emailing it directly to northamerica@euraxess.net. All the necessary information about the rules and conditions can be found on our website. Are you still not sure, what a science slam is? Watch our trailer for the EURAXESS Science Slam here! The main idea behind this event is to show how well you can communicate your scientific project to an audience of non-experts. Don’t hesitate to send us your video NOW! The first prize is definitely worth trying for: a trip to Europe, meeting with the European Commission’s staff and a meeting with a research institute of your choice!

This month’s EU Insight focuses on the topic of the recently published Innovation Union Scoreboard 2015, which gives an update on innovation in the EU.

Enjoy reading the newsletter!

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1 EU Insight – Innovation Union Scoreboard 2015

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

The report

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

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

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

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

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

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

2 EURAXESS Links North America Activities
2.1.1 EURAXESS Links North America at CONGRESS 2015, May 30th to June 5th, University of Ottawa, ON, Canada

Now in its 84th year, this flagship event is much more than Canada’s largest gathering of scholars across disciplines. Congress brings together academics, researchers, policymakers, and practitioners to share findings, refine ideas, and build partnerships that will help shape the Canada of tomorrow.

During CONGRESS, a Mini Destination Europe Event was held on May 31st from 13:00 - 18:00.

This afternoon event hosted by ERA-Can+ and Euraxess Linsk North America featured presentations on programmes that encourage and facilitate international research collaboration between the European Union and Canada. All were welcome to attend the event and learn more about Horizon 2020 the newest EU framework programme to support research and innovation; the European Research Council; EURAXESS, a pan-European initiative that provides information and support services to researchers going to Europe; and, the Marie Sklodowska Curie Actions, the EU programme to promote researcher mobility was present. The event was followed by a free cocktail reception from 16:30-18:00.
2.1.2 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 PhD candidates) of all nationalities and research fields currently based in North America (Canada or USA)


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.

They will present a topic related to their research to an audience of non-experts. The slam will be given in English in maximum than 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

*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 Toronto.
administrators from North America and the two EURAXESS Links North America Representatives.

PRIZE:
The winner will be awarded:

1. A free round-trip to Europe in 2016.
2. The winner will be invited to meet European Commission’s policy officers (DG R&I, ERC, MSCA, etc.).
3. During the stay in Europe, EURAXESS Links will assist in arranging a meeting at one research organisation/institution of the winner’s choice within the European Research Area. In case of a successful meeting arrangement, EURAXESS Links will finance the trip to this institute.

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 News & Developments

3.1 EU and Member States

3.1.1 President Juncker welcomes world-leading scientists, discusses role of science in competitiveness and announces new mechanism for scientific advice

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

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

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

Full article: European Commission

3.1.2 161 highly innovative SMEs funded by Horizon 2020 SME Instrument

One-hundred and sixty-one companies from 23 countries have been selected in the latest round of Horizon 2020 SME Instrument Phase 1. For each project, the participants will receive EUR 50,000 to finance feasibility studies. They can also request up to three days of business coaching.

Full article: European Commission

3.1.3 Royal Society elects new Fellows

Outstanding scientists, including pioneers in climate modelling, the treatment of infectious diseases and plant genetics, make up the 47 new Fellows and 10 new Foreign Members announced by the Royal Society today.

Source: Royal Society
3.1.4 EU Boost for Polar Science

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

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

Full article: ResearchinGermany

3.1.5 Watchdogs of the system’: the EU’s new scientific advisory panel explained

On May 13, the EC announced a new Scientific Advice Mechanism (SAM) – a seven-member panel of experts to oversee the process of how the Commission gets scientific advice on controversial issues like shale gas or GMOs.

“There was quite some fuss, notably in the UK; it was quite a surprise,” observed Robert-Jan Smits, Director-General for Research and Innovation, in an interview with Science|Business. The new system is intended to make the whole process of providing scientific advice more transparent and of higher quality.

According to Smits, the SAM will be a complete system of advice, supported by Commission staff and connected to all the academies of science of the member-states. It is based on matching demand (Commission services) with supply (the national academies and learned societies). It will be overseen by a seven-member group of “very senior people” – including possibly an economist, a social scientist and others. “We are not talking about a panel of Nobel Prize winners,” he said. The aim is to appoint people with the varied experience to judge and oversee the complex process of providing balanced, high-quality scientific advice on important issues. The panel, which reports directly to Moedas, will be supported by a unit to be created inside Smits’ Directorate-General for Research and Innovation. You can read the whole interview here.

3.1.6 Pint of Science Festival also in Europe

The festival took place over three days in the evenings of Monday 18th – Wednesday 20th May 2015. It happened simultaneously in the UK, Ireland, France, Italy, USA, Spain, Germany and Australia.

In 2012 Michael Motskin and Praveen Paul were two research scientists at Imperial College London. They started and organised an event called ‘Meet the Researchers’ which brought people affected by Parkinson’s, Alzheimer’s, motor neurone disease and multiple sclerosis into their labs to show them the kind of
research they do. It was inspirational for both visitors and researchers. They thought if people want to come into labs to meet scientists, why not bring the scientists out to the people? And so Pint of Science was born. In May 2013 they held the first Pint of Science festival which featured some of the biggest names in their fields to explain their ground-breaking work to lovers of science and beer. It was a phenomenal success of course!

The aim of the organisers is to deliver science talks in a fun, engaging and approachable way by bringing them to a pub close to you. They will bring you the most interesting and knowledgeable scientists around to give a talk about their research. You just sit back, sip your drink, listen and then you can either ask questions, have a drink with them or even tell them about your crazy idea to save humanity.

If you are thinking of organising a talk for next edition or want to know more about this science communication event, you may contact Pint of Science team at <contact@pintofscience.com>

Read more: Pint of Science

3.2 Canada

3.2.1 MP Royal Galipeau announces major infrastructure investment to support Canadian companies and jobs

Royal Galipeau, Member of Parliament (Ottawa-Orléans), accompanied by Ed Holder, Minister of State (Science and Technology) announced the projects that will be funded under a $60 million investment in the National Research Council of Canada's (NRC) research facilities. The investment will allow Canada's premier research and technology organization to remain focused on supporting Canadian companies through research, development and innovation in sectors ranging from housing construction to aerospace.

Speaking at the Canadian Centre for Housing Technology (CCHT) on the NRC campus in Ottawa, Mr. Galipeau indicated that the funding will be used to repair and upgrade NRC infrastructure, with nearly $44 million to be invested in eight projects in the National Capital Region. The announcement follows Prime Minister Stephen Harper's announcement last November which designated $380 million toward federal laboratories, part of a larger $5.8 billion commitment to build and renew public infrastructure across the country.

The investment at the Canadian Centre for Housing Technologies, will allow the facility to revamp the heating, ventilating, and air conditioning (HVAC) equipment, renewable energy and control testing systems, as well as the intelligent building and smart grid integration technologies. The investment will also allow the Centre to expand its focus from testing and assessing residential housing construction technologies to include other construction markets.

Read more (Source: National Research Council Canada)
3.2.2 How “time is money” thinking can hurt the environment: UBC research

Thinking “time is money” can be a barrier for people to act in environmentally friendly ways, even for tasks like recycling that take mere seconds, according to UBC research.

As we celebrated Earth Day last month on April 22, this dynamic has led to an unsettling outcome.

“Putting a price tag on time leaves individuals to focus on their own needs and goals, as opposed to the needs and goals of others, including the environment,” says Ashley Whillans, PhD student in UBC’s Department of Psychology and lead author of a paper on the subject.

In one of the paper’s studies, a group of UBC students were asked to cut shapes out of construction paper. Participants – some of whom were assigned an hourly wage – were made aware that scrap paper could be discarded in a trash can inside the room, or in a recycling bin just outside the room (and a few feet further away).

Read more (Source: The University of British Columbia)

3.2.3 Shedding light on the mysteries of brain disease

The inner workings of the human brain hold mysteries that continue to challenge medical researchers and scientists around the world. One such mystery is determining how to delay the progression of brain diseases such as Alzheimer’s, Multiple Sclerosis (MS) and Parkinson’s. Now an important Canadian research breakthrough may have found the key to slowing their spread.

For the past six years, scientists, medical specialists and researchers with the National Research Council’s (NRC) Therapeutics Beyond Brain Barriers (TBBB) programme have been developing carrier molecules that enable disease-fighting molecules to penetrate the blood-brain barrier. Once across this barrier, these carrier molecules can release medicinal therapeutics directly into the central nervous system (CNS) where they can have an immediate therapeutic impact.

Danica Stanimirovic, Director of NRC’s Translational Bioscience Department, explains that she and her team have developed a series of small antibodies that can infiltrate this barrier by exploiting the same mechanism that allows nutrients to enter the brain. Acting as a Trojan horse, the antibodies trick the blood-brain barrier into allowing their entry and shuttle in therapeutic molecules at the same time.

Read more (Source: National Research Council Canada)
3.3 United States of America

3.3.1 Earthquakes expose limits of scientific predictions...But math and science are refining ways to predict, limit impact of disasters

In 2012, six Italian seismologists were sent to prison because they failed to predict the 2009 L’Aquila 6.3 magnitude earthquake.

To some that may seem absurd, but it points to the faith so many have come to place in science’s ability to predict and prevent tragedies. Experts had for decades predicted that Nepal would experience a massive earthquake, but were unable to provide a more precise warning about the recent 7.8-magnitude quake that devastated the country. The Italian seismologists had similarly predicted earthquake probabilities, but could not give an exact date.

Science and mathematics have not reached a point where they can forecast with certainty the exact time and specific severity of these cataclysmic events—and may never do so.

"The best we can do is make an assessment of there being a heightened risk in a certain geographic area over a certain window of time," said William Newman, a theoretical physicist at the University of California, Los Angeles, who has received funding from the National Sciece Foundation (NSF) for his work aimed at improving natural hazard predictions. "We can determine a sense of what is likely to occur, but we will never know exactly."

Newman has spent much of his 35-year career working in computational and applied mathematics, but also has employed mathematics in applications to probe natural disaster issues such as earthquakes and climate change.

These days, mathematicians seem to be able to model almost anything, but, as Newman points out, the devil is not only in the details but in creating models that can be used for accurate prediction. In the case of tectonic plates, the randomness of their interaction limits the certainty of predictions, and those predictions become less certain as time passes. In much the same way that a weather forecaster can be more certain about predicting tomorrow's weather than next month’s, Newman believes earthquake prediction accuracy has the potential to fall off.

Read more (Source: National Science Foundation)

3.3.1 Do Fruit Flies Have Emotions?

A fruit fly starts buzzing around food at a picnic, so you wave your hand over the insect and shoo it away. But when the insect flees the scene, is it doing so because it is actually afraid? Using fruit flies to study the basic components of emotion, a new Caltech study reports that a fly's response to a shadowy overhead stimulus might be analogous to a negative emotional state such as fear—a finding that could one day help us understand the neural circuitry involved in human emotion.

Read more (Source: Caltech)
3.3.2 Exploring a new frontier of cyber-physical systems: The human body

NSF supports projects to design virtual heart models and robot-cell hybrids

This month the National Science Foundation (NSF) announced two, five-year, center-scale awards totaling $8.75 million to advance the state-of-the-art in medical and cyber-physical systems (CPS).

One project will develop "Cyberheart"--a platform for virtual, patient-specific human heart models and associated device therapies that can be used to improve and accelerate medical-device development and testing. The other project will combine teams of microrobots with synthetic cells to perform functions that may one day lead to tissue and organ re-generation.

CPS are engineered systems that are built from, and depend upon, the seamless integration of computation and physical components. Often called the "Internet of Things," CPS enable capabilities that go beyond the embedded systems of today.

"NSF has been a leader in supporting research in cyber-physical systems, which has provided a foundation for putting the 'smart' in health, transportation, energy and infrastructure systems," said Jim Kurose, head of Computer & Information Science & Engineering at NSF. "We look forward to the results of these two new awards, which paint a new and compelling vision for what's possible for smart health."

Read more (Source: National Science Foundation)

3.3.3 As Massachusetts ecosystems shrink, hard-working "hotspots" emerge

Researchers call hotspots valuable, but say their growing numbers might be cause for concern

All land is not created equal. Some ecosystems do triple-duty in the benefits they provide society.

Massachusetts forests, for example, filter public drinking water, provide habitat for threatened species and store carbon to combat climate change.

Hotspots: hardest-working ecosystems

Ecologists single out the hardest-working ecosystems--called "hotspots"--for their exceptional value.

Results of a study published this week in the Journal of Applied Ecology show that the number of hotspots has increased in Massachusetts over the past decade, with more and more popping up in metro Boston.

But, the authors of the paper say, more hotspots may not be a good thing.

Jonathan Thompson, an ecologist at the National Science Foundation's (NSF) Harvard Forest Long-Term Ecological Research (LTER) site and co-author of

http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess
the paper, says that the increasing number of hotspots signals a degradation of other ecosystems across the state.

"Over the past 10 years, urban development has increased by more than 6 percent, at the expense of forests and agricultural lands," Thompson says.

"When we lose intact forests, we lose stable flows of clean water, climate regulation, recreational opportunities and wildlife habitat. The remaining forest is left to pick up the slack."

The result is more hotspots that do the work of larger forests.

Read more (Source: National Science Foundation)

3.4 Cooperation EU/Canada – EU/USA

3.4.1 Partnership for finding particles - US-CERN agreement paves way for new era of scientific discovery

A new agreement between the United States and the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN) signed today will pave the way for renewed collaboration in particle physics, promising to yield new insights into fundamental particles and the nature of matter and our universe.

The agreement, signed during a White House ceremony by the U.S. Department of Energy, U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF) and CERN—the renowned European organization based in Geneva, Switzerland—will enable continued scientific discoveries in particle physics and advanced computing.

"CERN is a place for explorers, in the truest sense of the word," said NSF Director France A. Córdova. "The discoveries enabled by this world-class laboratory—insights into the standard model, into the fundamental nature of our universe—have yielded answers to some questions and produced new questions. This agreement renews NSF's commitment to CERN and sets the stage for future scientific discoveries."

"I am delighted to sign this agreement," said CERN Director General Rolf Heuer. "It allows us to look forward to a fruitful, long-term collaboration with the United States, in particular in guiding the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) to its full potential over many years through a series of planned upgrades. This agreement is also historic since it formalizes CERN's participation in U.S.-based programmes such as prospective future neutrino facilities for the first time."

The agreement aligns European and American long-term strategies for particle physics that emphasize close international cooperation. This global relationship has already generated amazing results, through instruments such as the LHC at CERN and the Tevatron particle collider at Fermilab. The LHC is best known for facilitating the discovery of the Nobel Prize-winning Higgs boson in 2012 and may reveal more information about this subatomic particle while providing the opportunity to discover other subatomic particles and learn more about the universe's composition.

Read more (Source: National Science Foundation)
3.4.2 Two French companies receive the "Patents for Humanity Award"

Nutriset and Sanofi rewarded for using their intellectual property to address global humanitarian challenges.

The "Patents for Humanity Award" from the US Patent Office is a highly selective international competition, rewarding innovations for humanitarian purposes. Two French companies were named among the 10 laureates in 2015. Nutriset and Sanofi were honored at a ceremony held on April 20, at the White House with representatives of the Embassy of France in Washington (IP attaché and the Counselor for Science and Technology). Each of these innovations has been developed through a public-private partnership with public research laboratories.

The award ceremony was opened by John P. Holdren, director of the OSTP (White House Office for Science and Technology Policy) and Michelle Lee, the Under Secretary of Commerce, Director of the US Patent Office (Department of Commerce USPTO) and brought together sixty people at the White House.

Read more (Source: Office for Science & Technology – Embassy of France in the US)

3.4.3 Innovation Collaboration with Europe – A Transatlantic Symposium

When: Thursday, June 25, 2015 – 08:00 – 16:30

Where: MaRS, Toronto

The Public Policy Forum and its ERA-Can+ partners are organizing Innovation Collaboration with Europe, a transatlantic symposium, which will take place on June 25, 2015, in Toronto.

The symposium will convene over 100 participants from Canada and the European Research Area, the majority of whom will be leaders from the private sector. Through dialogue and discussion, the symposium will celebrate innovation, explore the cultures of incubation and acceleration in Canada and Europe, and chart new avenues of collaboration. The event will also feature an engaging “Innovation Alley,” where entrepreneurs and researchers can demonstrate their products and technologies that are of direct interest to Canada/Europe collaboration.

Space is limited. Should you have interest in attending, please contact Isabelle Couture at Isabelle.couture@ppforum.ca.

Source: ERA-Can+
The GCCIR would like to let all interested parties know that we will continue to accept applications to the Alberta-Germany Collaboration Fund for Product Development and Commercialization until June 30, 2015. The Alberta-Germany Collaboration Fund is a joint programme established by the GCCIR, the Alberta Ministry of Innovation and Advanced Education, and the German Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi). The programme aims at supporting joint research and commercialization activities between companies in Alberta and Germany in strategic areas of technology. Approved projects will be funded with up to $250,000 CAD on the Alberta side. BMWi’s Central Innovation Programme for SMEs (ZIM) will contribute funding for the German partners. The programme will help participants become more globally competitive through developing technology and research-based alliances with the potential to increase international trade and economic growth and diversification. For more information on this opportunity, please visit our website here, or feel free to contact us at 780-492-4287 or by email here.

Source: ERA-Can+

3.4.5 Upcoming ERA-Can+ Information Session in Vienna

The Austrian Federal Ministry for Science, Research and Economics (BMFW) and ERA-Can+ invite interested parties to the Information Session “Opportunities in Science and Innovation Collaboration between Canada and Austria on June 8, 2015 from 10am to 12pm; Freyung 3, Fechtsaal, 1010 Vienna.

The Centre for Social Innovation (ZSI) as Austrian Partner of the ERA-Can+ project in cooperation with the Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG) will present opportunities for collaboration in Horizon 2020, EUREKA and other European and Canadian programmes. The Guide for Europeans to Canadian Programmes will be presented to the participants. Please register here (link). The agenda will be published shortly here.

ERA-Can+ will be holding a series of information Sessions in central Europe early June in Bratislava and Budapest. More information will be provided on this website soon.

Source: ERA-Can+
4 Grants & Fellowships

4.1 Europe

4.1.1 Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions

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**

4.1.2 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.

4.1.3 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
4.1.4 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 call:
- [ERC Proof of Concept](#) | ERC-2015-PoC

**Deadline Date: 1 Oct 2015**

More information: [European Research Council](#)

4.1.5 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

4.1.6 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)

4.1.7 Human Frontier Science Programme (HFSP): Postdoctoral Fellowships

HFSP postdoctoral fellowships encourage early career scientists to broaden their research skills by moving into new areas of study while working in a new country. HFSP fellowships are for three years. Fellows may choose to stay for
up to three years in the host country or use the last year of their fellowship to return to their home country or to move to another HFSPO member country.

Next deadline: 27 August 2015

More information

4.1.8 European Respiratory Society/EU RESPIRE2 postdoctoral Marie Curie Fellowship

ERS/EU RESPIRE2 postdoctoral Marie Curie Fellowship are opportunities in the broad field of respiratory science, co-funded by the European Union. The programme is aimed at experienced researchers from any discipline and will help fellows to become future leaders in respiratory research.

Next deadline: 31 July 2015

More information

4.1.9 Erasmus+ Joint Master Degrees

Scholarships for 116 different 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 as well as the list of participating universities here.

4.1.10 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.

4.1.11 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.
4.2 EU Member States and Associated Countries

4.2.1 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

4.2.2 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

4.2.3 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

4.2.4 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

4.2.5 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)**

More information

4.2.6 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

4.2.7 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
4.2.8 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

4.2.9 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

4.2.10 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

4.2.11 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

4.2.12 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
4.2.13 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

4.2.14 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:

- **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(...)

4.2.15 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

4.2.16 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)

4.2.17 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

4.2.18 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 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](http://www.humboldt-foundation.de/youngleaders).

### 4.2.19 Ireland: Enterprise Partnership Scheme (Postdoctoral): Now open

The Enterprise Partnership Scheme is an innovative initiative whereby the Irish Research Council, in partnership with private enterprises and public bodies, awards co-funded postgraduate scholarships and postdoctoral fellowships to the most promising researchers in Ireland.

**The Enterprise Partnership Scheme for Postgraduate and Postdoctoral**

The Scheme offers researchers the opportunity to gain additional beneficial experience and insight into the commercial arena while completing their research.

It provides industry with flexible and easy access to an exceptional pool of competitively selected, high-calibre researchers and the opportunity to build links with relevant academic research groups.

The Scheme facilitates the establishment of new relationships and the strengthening of existing ones between enterprise and academia while offering financial support to researchers at an early stage of their career development.

**Deadline: 17 June 2015**

[More information](#)

### 4.2.20 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

4.2.21 Italy: Call for 86 posts in PhD courses at the Scuola Normale Superiore

The Scuola Normale Superiore PhD School in Pisa, Italy offers fully-funded PhD programmes to both Italian citizens and students from outside Italy. Fields: Philosophy, Modern Literature and Philology, Classics, History of Art, Modern and Contemporary History, Physics, Condensed Matter Physics, Mathematics, Financial Mathematics, Methods and Models for Molecular Sciences, Neurosciences, Biophysical Sciences, Renaissance Studies, and Political Science and Sociology

All students admitted to the PhD programme receive full financial support. This includes tuition, fees, and a cost-of living stipend (EUR 14,187 per year, plus free meals).

Applications for admission to the selection process must be registered online by 23:59 CET of 31 August 2015 for the autumn session.

Click online for more information.

4.2.22 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
4.2.23 Luxembourg: National Research Fund (FNR) - INTER Mobility Call for Proposals 2015

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

Next deadline: 30 June 2015

More information

4.2.24 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

4.2.25 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

4.2.26 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
4.2.27 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

4.2.28 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

4.2.29 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

4.2.30 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

4.2.31 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
4.2.32 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.

4.2.33 Poland: Ministry of Culture and National Heritage of the Republic of Poland: Thesaurus Poloniae

Thesaurus Poloniae is a three-month-long Fellowship of the Minister of Culture and National Heritage of the Republic of Poland implemented by the International Cultural Centre in Krakow in autumn 2009. The programme is addressed to non-residents of Poland who conduct their research on culture, history and multicultural heritage of the Republic of Poland as well as on Central Europe.

The call is open between the 4 May and 20 June 2015.

4.2.34 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.

4.2.35 Poland: Fulbright Commission: Fulbright Specialist Programme

The programme awards grants to U.S. faculty and professionals approved to join the Specialist Roster in select disciplines to engage in short-term collaborative projects (lecturing, conducting seminars, teacher training, conferences or workshops, collaborating on faculty development and curriculum or institutional planning, etc.) at institutions in over 140 countries worldwide, including Poland.

Next deadline: 3 July 2015

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

Next deadline: rolling basis

More information

4.2.37 Spain: Host institutions available to host individual fellows (PhD and beyond) under the Marie Sklodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA)

Spain has created a web section to facilitate the visibility of those Spanish Institutions willing to recruit and host experienced researchers under the framework of a MSCA Individual Fellowship. The website will be updated on a weekly basis. So far, more than 500 Expressions of Interest are available online and include interesting information on research offers from Spanish Universities, Research Centres, etc.

More information


The purpose of the grant is to facilitate contacts and exchange of experience between Swedish and overseas researchers, to facilitate transfer of knowledge from the international research community to Swedish research environments as well as contributing to spreading Swedish research abroad.

The grant is intended to fund shorter stays for research collaboration, exchange of experience as well as consultations. It needs to be evident in the application how the grant will strengthen the research or research environment in question. Visiting researchers must hold a PhD-degree.

Next deadline: 9 June 2015

More information


The conference grant is designed to support international conferences with a Swedish host organisation. The purpose is to facilitate contacts and exchanges of experience between Swedish and overseas researchers, to add knowledge from the international research community to Swedish research as well as contribute to Swedish research being spread internationally. The grant from Forte can as a rule only cover a limited part of the total costs of the conference.

The conference grant can cover costs for invited key note speakers (travel, bed and board), funding participation from researchers in lower income countries and workshops for planning the conference.

Next deadline: 9 June 2015
4.2.40 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 deadlines: 6 August & 1 October 2015

4.2.41 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

4.2.42 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.

4.2.43 Switzerland: Swiss National Science Foundation: Advanced Postdoc Mobility

Advanced Postdoc Mobility fellowships are designed for postdocs who wish to enhance their scientific profile by working at a research institution abroad. In addition to the fellowship, applicants can request a grant for a research period upon returning to Switzerland.

The fellowships include a grant for subsistence costs, a flat-rate for travel expenses and a possible contribution to research, conference costs and matriculation fees. The return grant includes a salary and social security contributions. The funding period is 12 to 36 months (fellowship) and 3 to 12 months (return phase).

Next deadline: 1 August 2015
4.2.44 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

4.2.45 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.

More information

4.2.46 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

4.2.47 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

4.2.48 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**

**4.2.49 Turkey: TÜBİTAK: 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**

**4.2.50 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**

**4.2.51 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**
4.3 Databases and Further Information

4.3.1 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

4.3.2 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.

4.3.3 Belgium: a comprehensive webportal

Calls for proposals are published all through the year on the Belgian Federal portal for research and innovation.

Further information

4.3.4 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

4.3.5 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.

4.3.6 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
4.3.7 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

4.3.8 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

4.3.9 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.

4.3.10 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

4.3.11 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

4.3.12 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

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

More information

4.3.14 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:

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

5.1 EURAXESS Portal

There are currently over 8,600 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.

5.2 Other Research Career Sites

5.2.1 Canada

Career opportunities in Canada: National Research Council Canada and careers

5.2.2 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/

5.2.3 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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