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EURAXESS LINKS NORTH AMERICA

Dear Colleagues!

Welcome to the February issue of our newsletter. We are only 2 months into 2015, but EURAXESS Links North America has already been very active participating in many events including 2 Destination Europe Conferences in San Jose, CA and Boston, MA. Both events were very well attended exceeding 300 participants. Those of you who could not participate, all presentations are available on the [website](#). Pictures from both events can be found on our [Facebook page](#) as well as on our [Twitter page](#). Look for the hashtag **#DestinationEurope** for more results!

This issue brings you over 55 open calls for proposals in more than 20 European countries. Our news and development section includes recent and very interesting news from the European Research Area, Canada and the United States.

This month's **EU Insight** focuses on the topic of widening participation of low-research performing Member States. Under Horizon 2020, the EU's research funding programme, a strong packet of measures with up to EUR 800 million in funding will be available to tackle these challenges.

Our **satisfaction survey** is still open for your comments. If you have not yet shared your thoughts with us, please take this opportunity to participate in our annual reader survey. It will take you only 3 minutes to answer 7 questions of our [online survey](#).

Enjoy reading the newsletter!

Your EURAXESS Links North America Team





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1 EU Insight – Spreading Excellence and Widening Participationⁱ

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

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

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

List of projects to be funded under the first Horizon 2020 ERA Chairs Call

Countries	ERA Chair Institution	Acronyms	FIELDS
Croatia	RUDER BOSKOVIC INSTITUTE	PaRaDeSEC	Chemistry & Physics
Cyprus	THE CYPRUS INSTITUTE LIMITED	CySTEM	Environment
Cyprus	THE CYPRUS FOUNDATION FOR MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY RESEARCH	BIORISE	Mathematics & Engineering
Estonia	Tallinna Ülikool	CEITER	Economy & Social sciences
Estonia	TARTU ULIKOOL	TransGeno	Life sciences & medicine
Estonia	TARTU ULIKOOL	SynBioTEC	Life sciences & medicine
Poland	INSTYTUT CHEMII FIZYCZNEJ POLSKIEJ AKADEMII NAUK	CREATE	Chemistry & Physics
Poland	INSTYTUT UPRAWY NAWOZENIA I GLEBOZNAWSTWA, PANSTWOWY INSTYTUT BADAWCZY	BioEcon	Economy & Social sciences
Portugal	ICETA - Instituto de Ciências e Tecnologias	EnvMetaGen	Environment
Portugal	UNIVERSIDADE DO MINHO	FoReCaST	Life sciences & medicine
Portugal	UNIVERSIDADE DE COIMBRA	ERAatUC	Life sciences & medicine
Portugal	INSTITUTO DE MEDICINA MOLECULAR	EXCELLtoINNOV	Life sciences & medicine
Romania	INSTITUTUL DE CHIMIE MACROMOLECULARA PETRU PONI	SupraChem Lab	Chemistry & Physics

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

European Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation Carlos Moedas



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

European Commissioner for
Research, Science and
Innovation Carlos Moedas

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

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

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

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

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

[Press Release ERA Chairs from February 13, 2015](#)

[Press Release Teaming from January 30, 2015](#)

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

[Twinning Call from the European Commission](#)



2 EURAXESS Links North America Activities

2.1 Reminder : EURAXESS Links Satisfaction Survey 2014



Dear EURAXESS Links North America community members,

To those of you who have already participated in our EURAXESS Survey, thank you very much!

If you have not yet shared your thoughts with us, please take this opportunity to participate in our annual reader survey. It will only take you 3 minutes to answer the 7 questions of our [online survey](#).

Indeed, listening to you is the best way to improve our service for you in the future!

Thank you very much in advance for your feedback!

Your EURAXESS Links Team

2.2 EURAXESS at the ACS Spring 2015 Career Fair in Denver, Colorado from 22 to 24 March

We would like to inform you of the upcoming [ACS Spring 2015 Career Fair](#) in Denver, Colorado from 22 to 24 March.

EURAXESS will take part in the Career Fair in order to showcase research career and funding opportunities in Europe for researchers at all stages of their career.

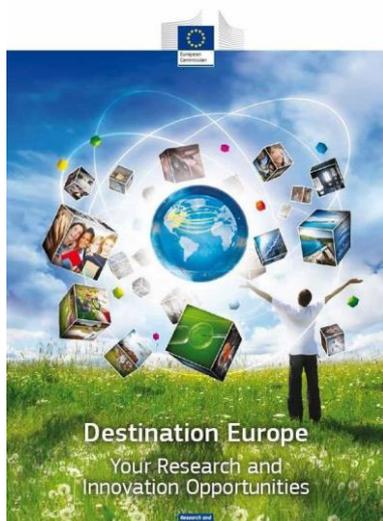
Please forward this information to your colleagues and friends who might be interested to attend.

Thank you and we look forward to meeting you in Denver!

2.3 EURAXESS at Destination Europe Events in San Jose and Boston in February

Destination Europe events showcase research career and funding opportunities in Europe for researchers at all stages of their careers. Since Destination Europe was launched in 2012, almost 1500 people have attended Destination Europe conferences and have been very enthusiastic in their feedback on the events.

During the past 2 events the EURAXESS initiative was introduced to over 300 researchers from all over the world. If you couldn't make it to either of 2 events, all presentations can be found on the Destination Europe [website](#).





3 News & Developments

3.1 EU and Member States

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

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

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

The consultation as well as background information can be found on the [Research & Innovation consultations site](#) as well as the European Commission website [Your voice in Europe](#). ([Horizon Magazine](#))

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

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

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

3.1.3 New Vice Presidents and members of the ERC Scientific Council

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



and Integrated Neuroscience Research at the University of Helsinki. He will take over the Life Sciences domain. ([ERC](#))

3.1.4 The EU is recruiting researchers

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

The selection is open to applicants from the EU Member States or from one of the countries associated with the Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme.

Eligible fields are: Biology, Chemistry, Natural Sciences, Life Sciences, Biochemistry, Oceanography / Marine Sciences, Nanotechnology, Nanobiotechnology, Veterinary, Engineering, Mathematics, Physics, Computer Sciences, Statistics, Material Sciences, Economics, Political Sciences, Social Sciences, Educational Sciences, Psychology, Geography, Environmental Sciences, Agricultural Sciences, Agricultural Engineering, Meteorology, Ecology, Forestry, Geology, Hydrological Sciences, Medical Sciences, Pharmacy, Nutritional Sciences. ([JRC](#))

3.1.5 EU Research Highlight: Medication timing key in cancer treatment



Cancer chronotherapy

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An internal clock determines many of our bodily functions. The same is true for tumour cells, EU-funded research suggests. This discovery could point the way to a more efficient, personalised approach to cancer treatment. *“During the last 30 years, the potential of using chronotherapy to improve the efficacy of anticancer therapy has been demonstrated,”* says Maria Comas Soberats, the beneficiary of the EU-funded CANCERTIME research grant. *“If we can understand how daily patterns of toxicity and sensitivity to cancer treatment vary throughout the day and how chronotherapy functions at the cellular level for each type of treatment, this should stimulate novel approaches for treating the disease,”* explains Comas Soberats. ([EU Research & Innovation](#))

3.1.6 EU Research Highlight: Tomatoes with a can do attitude



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Every year Europe's tomato industry produces around 200 thousand tons of waste consisting mainly of skins, pips and fibers. Researchers in a European project are trying to find out if this material can be used in an ecological and economically viable way. At a tomato processing plant near Parma, in Italy, around 2,200 tons of fresh tomatoes are processed and packaged every season.

Some 4 per cent of the raw material ends up as waste and is partially used to produce biogas. But managers at the Parma factory have more ambitious plans, as vice-president Aldo Rodolfi explained: “At the moment we are working with researchers on how to use this waste in different ways. We especially want to use it for the packaging of food products”. To that end, scientists from a



European research project have become specialised cooks. ([EU Research & Innovation](#))

3.1.7 Scientists at CIMA receive funding from the Michael J Fox Foundation to research Parkinson's disease

The project, with **€246,000 funding**, will verify a molecular target for the treatment of this neurodegenerative disease.

Scientists at the [Centre for Applied Medical Research](#) (CIMA) of the University of Navarra, the University of Barcelona and the Fundación Ciencia y Vida (Chile) have received a €246,000 subsidy from the [Michael J Fox Foundation](#), in order to carry out multicentre research into Parkinson's disease directed by Dr. Rodrigo Pacheco (Chile).

One of the mechanisms that contribute to neuron loss, both in patients with Parkinson's disease and in animal models of the disease, is the infiltration of cells from the immune system into the area of the brain which is degenerating. "The objective of the project is to regulate the immunological response as a therapeutic strategy for the treatment of Parkinson's disease", explained Dr Marisol Aymerich, who is in charge of this project within the CIMA Neuroscience Program and is also a professor of the Department of Biochemistry and Genetics of the University of Navarra.

3.2 Canada

3.2.1 Harper Government Supports New CO2 Field Research Station to Promote the Advancement of Carbon Capture and Storage Technology

This month, the Honourable Michelle Rempel, Minister of State for Western Economic Diversification, announced an investment in support of CMC Research Institutes for the establishment of a Field Research Station (FRS). The new FRS will work to accelerate technology development and performance validation, as well as the commercialization of key instruments associated with the underground storage of carbon dioxide (CO₂).

Federal funding of \$4.9 million, through the Western Diversification Program (WDP), will enable CMC Research Institutes to purchase advanced equipment, construct a new well and additional infrastructure, and acquire a specialized mobile geochemistry laboratory for water and gas sampling at field sites.

This project, which is also receiving support from the University of Calgary, Schlumberger and Cenovus Energy, will help reduce Western Canadian industrial greenhouse gas emissions, particularly in the energy sector, as well as accelerate small- and medium-enterprise (SME) engagement and commercialization opportunities in international markets.

Quick Facts

- CMC Research Institutes is an independent not-for-profit organization that helps technology developers identify opportunities and create solutions for decarbonizing the fossil energy industry.



- The FRS will be the first of its kind with the capacity for injection at an intermediate depth, simulating release into a subcritical geological horizon.
- Canada is a global leader in Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) technology.
- Since 2008, the Government of Canada has committed over \$580 million to CCS technology research, development and demonstration initiatives.

[Read more](#) (Source: Government of Canada)

3.2.2 Government of Canada supports over 75 science and engineering research teams

UNB research team will work with Atlantic Hydrogen to develop better, cleaner, cheaper renewable fuel

Scientists, engineers and students at universities across Canada will receive significant support from the Government of Canada to find solutions to key industry challenges over the next decade. By addressing these challenges, these projects will create new jobs, opportunities and improve the quality of life of Canadians.

The Honourable Ed Holder, Minister of State (Science and Technology), accompanied by Mike Allen, Member of Parliament for Tobique—Mactaquac, made the announcement at the University of New Brunswick (UNB) this month. The university will receive \$306,200 over three years to develop new technology to help Canada develop better, cleaner and cheaper renewable fuel and strengthen its leadership in this industry.

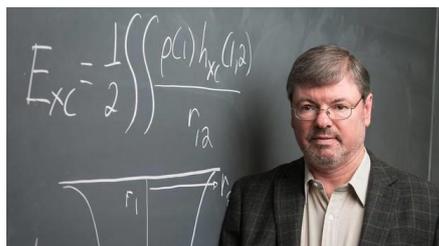
UNB's Dr. Ying Zheng, Canada Research Chair in Chemical Processes and Catalysis, and her team will work in collaboration with Queen's University at Belfast, and Atlantic Hydrogen Inc. to build on previous catalyst discoveries that improve biofuel quality and yields, and reduce the energy consumption involved in refining them. This research will allow small biorefineries to use this new technology as a cost-effective solution to produce the next generation of biofuels used in diesel and gasoline.

These investments are the result of the 2014 Strategic Project Grants competition, administered by the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC). Through this program, researchers work with companies on projects that will generate new knowledge and technology with the strong potential to strengthen Canada's industrial base, generate wealth, and create employment opportunities in areas of importance to Canadians.

[Read more](#) (Source: Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada)



3.2.3 Dalhousie chemist awarded top Canadian science prize



Dalhousie University's Axel Becke will use the \$1-million prize to fund a new chair in theoretical chemistry, to be held by Erin Johnson, a Canadian currently based in California.

(Martin Lipman/Lipman Still Pictures)

For Axel Becke, a professor of chemistry at Dalhousie University, the turning point that would vault his career into the scientific stratosphere did not come in a campus laboratory but during a three-hour lunch on the French Riviera.

It was 1991 and Dr. Becke was sitting across the table from John Pople, a U.S.-based theoretical chemist and future Nobel Prize winner who was one of the titans of the field. They were there for a conference and Dr. Becke had seized the moment to explain his approach to density functional theory – DFT – a mathematical method that could vastly improve the accuracy of chemical calculations.

By the end of the lunch, Dr. Pople was convinced. A year later, he and his team at Carnegie-Mellon University incorporated Dr. Becke's ideas into a computer program that would become the most widely used chemistry software package in the world.

"That was the breakthrough," Dr. Becke said. "That's when DFT really took off."

Now Dr. Becke's contributions, widely appreciated in computational chemistry but unknown to most Canadians, are being recognized with the awarding Tuesday of Canada's most prestigious science prize, the Herzberg Gold Medal, along with \$1-million in funding through the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC).

[Read more](#) (Source: The Globe and Mail)

3.3 United States of America

3.3.1 Obama Administration Announces Initiative to Scale Up Investment in Clean Energy Innovation

President Obama is committed to addressing the impacts of climate change to protect future generations. As part of that effort, this month, the Administration is launching a Clean Energy Investment Initiative and announcing a goal to catalyze \$2 billion of expanded private sector investment in solutions to climate change, including innovative technologies with breakthrough potential to reduce carbon pollution.

Further clean energy innovation to improve the cost, performance, and scalability of low-carbon energy technologies will be critical to taking action against climate change. Substantial technological progress has been made in recent years in solar photovoltaics, wind power, advanced batteries, energy-efficient lighting, and fuel cells. For example, the cost of solar energy systems has decreased 50 percent since 2010 alone. But additional investment is needed.

Mission-driven investors – such as foundations, university endowments, and institutional investors – can play a catalytic role in accelerating the transition to a low-carbon economy. A growing number of such organizations have committed to investing in clean energy innovation and solutions to climate change, in pursuit of both financial returns and mission-aligned impact. Today's



announcements will help clean energy investors reduce transaction costs, spread promising investment models, and increase their climate mitigation impact.

[Read more](#) (Source: The White House – Office of the Press Secretary)

3.3.2 Investing in Research to Help Unlock the Mysteries of the Brain

On April 2, 2013, President Obama launched the [Brain Research through Advancing Neurotechnologies \(BRAIN\) Initiative](#), a [Grand Challenge](#) designed to revolutionize our understanding of the human brain. Since then, the BRAIN Initiative [has grown](#) to include five Federal agencies. The BRAIN Initiative remains a top priority for the Administration, which is why the President's 2016 Budget proposes [increasing funding](#) for the BRAIN Initiative from about \$200 million in FY 2015 to more than \$300 million in FY 2016.

This increased investment will support a wide range of interdisciplinary projects aimed at developing and applying cutting-edge technologies to create a dynamic picture of the brain in action, providing the critical knowledge base for researchers seeking new ways to treat brain disorders.

[Read more](#) (Source: Office of Science and Technology Policy)

3.3.3 Daphne Koller: Online Learning is Transforming Careers Worldwide

Koller said the online learning community has expanded its global reach in just a few years, surprising its founders with the diversity of its students.

SAN JOSE, California — Online learning is already bringing significant changes to education, but its biggest impact might be on the careers of people all over the globe, said Daphne Koller at the 2015 [AAAS Annual Meeting](#).

Free online courses from educational platforms such as [Coursera](#), co-founded by Koller in 2012, offer a way for learners in developing countries in particular to gain new technical skills or take the business classes that pave the way for a career change. Its growing global community is part of a trend that includes other providers of free, massive open online courses or MOOCs, such as [edX](#), co-founded at Harvard and MIT, and the [Kahn Academy](#), which offers classes aimed at all ages from kindergarten to college.

Coursera has more than 11.5 million learners worldwide, with about one-third of them living in developing countries. Half of the students polled in a recent Coursera survey said they were motivated by potential career benefits to take the classes, and one-third of that group said they had received raises, promotions, and new jobs, or had started their own businesses as a result.

[Read more](#) (Source: AAAS)



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3.4 Cooperation EU/Canada – EU/USA

3.4.1 Live webinar on the H2020 EU-Canada Coordinated Call in Aeronautics

The Canadian [partners](#) to ERA-Can+ invite **European researchers and research managers, and representatives from universities, colleges, government agencies and the private sector** to participate in a **live webinar** on the [H2020 EU-Canada Coordinated Call in Aeronautics](#).

Canada's Public Policy Forum and the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada will host a webinar to introduce the ERA-Can+ project as well as the European Union's current Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, Horizon 2020. The second part of the webinar will focus on the key features of the aeronautics call, including the European framework and Canadian framework.

Date: February 27, 15:00- 16:30 Central European Time (CET)
Speakers: Pablo Pérez-Illana, Policy & Programme Officer, Aviation Unit, European Commission and Alain Aubertin, Vice-President, International Affairs, Canadian Aerospace Research & Innovation Consortium,
For more information and to register: <http://www.ppforum.ca/webinar-aeronautics>.

[Read more](#) (Source: ERA-Can+)

3.4.2 Policy workshop “Towards enhanced EU-US innovation collaboration through policy measures” – Report available!

While EU-US RDI collaboration is now relatively well established, there are still barriers that need to be addressed in order to **increase businesses' and SMEs' participation in this cooperation**, some of which could be tackled with **policy measures**.

It was to this end that the high-ranking **policy workshop “[Towards enhanced EU-US innovation collaboration through policy measures](#)”** was held in Brussels on 14th January 2015, morning, prior to the EU-US Innovation Conference. The BILAT USA 2.0 team is now willing to share the workshop report, which summarizes the event's highlights, the most interesting recommendations made, and both speakers' and participants' opinions on how to improve EU-US innovation collaboration.

Some of the ideas discussed at the workshop will be integrated into an *updated version of the policy brief*, which will shortly be available for perusal on the BILAT USA 2.0 project website and disseminated to key relevant policy makers.

For more info on the policy workshop and access to the presentations: [click here](#).

[Read more](#) (Source: BILAT USA 2.0)





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 call:

- [H2020-MSCA-RISE-2015](#) – Marie Skłodowska-Curie Research and Innovation Staff Exchange (RISE)

Deadline: 28 April 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 Program

The Fulbright-Schuman Program, 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 program 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](#)





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About [ERC](#)

Set up in 2007 by the EU, the [European Research Council](#) is the first pan-European funding organization for frontier research. It aims to stimulate scientific excellence in Europe by encouraging competition for funding between the very best, creative researchers of any nationality and age. The ERC also strives to attract top researchers from anywhere in the world to come to Europe.

It funds young, early-career top researchers ('[ERC Starting grants](#)'), already independent excellent scientists ('[ERC Consolidator Grants](#)'), and senior research leaders ('[ERC Advanced Grants](#)').



About [EMBO](#)

Incoming / outgoing

Long term: the receiving institute or the applicant's nationality must be from one of the [EMBC Member State](#).

Short-Term Fellowships are awarded for exchanges between two laboratories in different countries, one of them being an [EMBC Member State](#). On completion of the fellowship applicants must return to their home laboratory for at least six months.

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 calls:

- [ERC Consolidator Grant](#) | ERC-2015-CoG

Deadline Date: 12 Mar 2015

- [ERC Advanced Grant](#) | ERC-2015-AdG

Deadline Date: 2 June 2015

- [ERC Proof of Concept](#) | ERC-2015-PoC

Deadline Dates: 28 May 2015 and 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 1500 leading researchers within 27 Member States and promotes excellence in the life sciences.

Young scientists actively seek [EMBO Long-Term Fellowships](#) for **postdoctoral research** 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 European Respiratory Society/EU RESPIRE2 postdoctoral Marie Curie Fellowship

ERS/EU RESPIRE2 postdoctoral Marie Curie Fellowship 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 the future leaders in respiratory research.

Next deadline: 31 July 2015

[More information](#)

4.1.8 Erasmus+ joint Master Degrees

Scholarships for 116 different Joint Master Degree programmes starting in September 2015. 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](#).

4.1.9 2015 Erasmus+ call for proposals

Open to 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**.

4.1.10 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](#).

4.2 EU Member States and Associated Countries

4.2.1 Austria: CeMM PhD Program

CeMM is an international, independent and interdisciplinary Research Center for Molecular Medicine of the Austrian Academy of Sciences. "From the clinic to the clinic": Driven by medical needs, CeMM integrates basic research and clinical expertise to pursue innovative diagnostic and therapeutic approaches focused on cancer, inflammation and immune disorders.

The PhD Program will train a new generation of researchers based on a novel, post-genomic, molecular understanding of biological and pathological systems

Besides providing information on funding opportunities for incoming international and European researchers, staff at the [EURAXESS Service Centres](#) offer individual assistance on all aspects of researcher mobility.

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and will thereby contribute to shaping the predictive, preventive and personalized (also termed “precise”) medicine of the future. To reach this goal, students will be made familiar not only with biomedical technologies, but also with the basic principles of cell- and molecular biology and the application of this knowledge for a molecular understanding of diseases and targeted therapeutic concepts. The PhD students will also learn how to navigate the complexity of translationally-minded multidisciplinary biomedical projects at the level of communication and management.

The deadline for applications is on **9th March 2015**.

[More information](#)

4.2.2 Austria: DART – Doctoral Program in Accounting, Reporting, and Taxation

DART, the program in Accounting, Reporting, and Taxation. DART is a doctoral program of excellence in accounting, located in Graz and Vienna, Austria. Its main activity is PhD level education. DART faculty members are very well connected within the international accounting community. DART offers a stimulating learning and research environment plus financial support to outstanding students from around the world. DART graduates can look forward to a rewarding career at leading academic institutions and in specialist areas of accounting practice.

The deadline for applications is **March 31st, 2015**.

[More information](#)

4.2.3 Austria: Ernst Mach Grant – worldwide

The Ernst Mach Grants are named after the famous Austrian physicist and philosopher Ernst Mach (1838-1916). The grant program is financed by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Science, Research and Economy (BMWFV). Students and young researchers from foreign universities are invited to apply for this grant to come to Austria for a research or a study stay. Every year a board of representatives of the Austrian Ministry awards the Ernst Mach Grants based on the results of an expert examination procedure. Age limit for this grant program is 35 years at the time of the application.

Deadline: **March 1st, 2015** for stays during the following academic year.

[More information](#)

4.2.4 Austria: Franz Werfel Grant

Franz Werfel, who was born 1890 in Prague and died 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 does not only offer material support for up to 18 months but through follow-up support also guarantees sustainability.

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

[More information](#)

4.2.5 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](#)

4.2.6 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 program

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

* IST FELLOW is partially funded by the European Union.

[More information](#)

4.2.7 Austria: The Austrian Science Fund and funding categories

The Austrian Science Fund (FWF) is Austria's central funding organization 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](#)

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4.2.8 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 dealing with the history in the eastern and south-eastern European area. The 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 consumed at least 12 scholarship months.

Deadline: March 1st and September 15th (new)

[More information](#)

4.2.9 Austria: Vienna Graduate School of Economics

The grant of the Austrian Science Fund (FWF) allows VGSE to offer attractive fellowships to the best applicants. VGSE is highly selective with all types of students. Students who receive a full fellowship scored highest on the selection criteria. The criteria we use to select students can be found under [application](#). The application for the program automatically includes the application for a fellowship.

Deadline: January 31st and April 30th

[More information](#)

4.2.10 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](#)

4.2.11 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](#)





4.2.12 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](#)

4.2.13 Belgium: BEWARE Fellowships



These funding schemes, launched in Wallonia/Federation Wallonia-Brussels, are devoted to attract highly-skilled researchers to Belgium. Recipients may decide to be hosted in a university (BEWARE “Academia”) or in a research centre/SME (BEWARE “Industry”) for a period ranging from 18 to 36 months.

Deadline for submission of applications is 30 April 2015.

Mobility criterion: all nationalities, including Belgian, the condition is to have spent less than 12 months over the last three years in Belgium.

[More information](#)

4.2.14 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 Program 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](#)

4.2.15 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](#)

4.2.16 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](#)





4.2.17 Estonia: EMBO Installation Grants



European Molecular Biology Organization (EMBO) Installation Grants offer benefits not only to talented scientists but also to the countries where they establish laboratories. The aim is to support the development of the local research cultures and infrastructures. EMBO Installation Grants help scientists relocate and set up research laboratories in Czech Republic, Poland, Portugal, and Turkey. Successful applicants receive an annual support of 50,000 euro and benefits similar to those of the EMBO Young Investigator Programme.

The deadline for applications is **15 April of each year**.

[More information](#)

4.2.18 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 in 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](#)

4.2.19 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](#)

4.2.20 France: Overview of research exchange programs US – France



The Office for Science and Technology (OST) located in 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](#):



- [ANR-NSF Partnership for International Research and Education \(PIRE\) Joint Call for proposal](#)

Deadline: May 15, 2015

The French National Research Agency (ANR) cooperates with the National Science Foundation (NSF) to finance the French teams selected by the two countries as part of the PIRE "Partnerships for International Research and Education" call for proposals issued by the NSF. The PIRE program is a (...)

- [Call for projects 2015: "LIFE SCIENCES: inventing - creating - having fun"](#)

Deadline: April 19, 2015

The Office for Science & Technology of the Embassy of France in the United States of America will financially support participations to scientific competitions, contests and games specializing in Life Sciences.

- [France-Stanford : 2015-2016 call for proposals](#)

Deadline: March 16, 2015

The France-Stanford Center for Interdisciplinary Studies, founded in partnership with the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, aims to bridge the disciplines of the Humanities, Social Sciences, Sciences, Engineering, Business and Law, addressing historical and contemporary issues of significance (...)

- [The French National Institute for Agricultural Research \(INRA\) is recruiting 30 scientists](#)

Deadline: March 2, 2015

In 2015, the French National Institute for Agricultural Research (INRA) offers the opportunity to 30 scientists, of any nationality, to reinforce INRA's research teams. Positions are open in a wide range of scientific disciplines such as animal quantitative genetics, quantitative genetics and (...)



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4.2.21 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](#)

4.2.22 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 \(in German\)](#)

4.2.23 Germany: Alexander von Humboldt Foundation: German Chancellor Fellowships for Prospective Leaders

The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation offers prospective leaders from Brazil, China, India, Russia and the USA the opportunity to conduct a project as guests of the partner of their choice in Germany.

With the support of their hosts, the fellows can spend a year concentrating on a project of their choice and give their career a boost. German Chancellor Fellowships are open to an array of sectors such as politics, public administration and business, as well as society and culture.

Next deadline: **15 March 2015**

[More information](#)

4.2.24 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](#)



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German Academic Exchange Service



[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](#)

4.2.25 Germany: Anneliese Maier Research Award

The Anneliese Maier Research Award is intended as a collaboration award to promote the internationalisation of the humanities and social sciences in Germany.

Nominations for the research award can be made for researchers from abroad from the fields of the **humanities and social sciences** whose scientific achievements have been internationally recognised in their research area and from whose research collaboration with specialist colleagues in Germany a sustainable contribution is expected towards the further internationalisation of the humanities and social sciences in Germany.

Award winners are expected to spend a period of up to five years cooperating on a long-term research project with the nominator and / or specialist colleagues at a research institution in Germany.

The Humboldt Foundation grants up to eight Anneliese Maier Research Awards annually. An award is valued at 250,000 EUR.

Nominations may be submitted by established academics in Germany. The nomination deadline expires on **April 30, 2015**.

Find more information [online](#).

4.2.26 Ireland: Enterprise Partnership Scheme (Postdoctoral): New call coming soon!

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 **Applications will open again with full announcement March 2015**.

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.

[More information](#)



4.2.27 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: United States of America (USA), Republic of Ireland (RoI) & 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](#)

4.2.28 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 programs 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 program **receive full financial support**. This includes tuition, fees, and a cost-of living stipend (14,187 euro per year, plus free meals).

Applications for admission to the selection process must be registered online by 23:59 CET of the following dates: **28 February 2015**, for the spring session or **31 August 2015**, for the autumn session.

Click [online](#) for more information.



4.2.29 Lithuania: Lithuanian Research Council: Postdoctoral Fellowships



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Researchers from Lithuania and abroad who have been awarded a Ph.D. degree within a period of 3 years can apply for Postdoctoral Fellowships. Any higher education institution, research institute, research center or other research establishments and enterprises in Lithuania can act as a host institution.

[More information](#)

4.2.30 Luxembourg: National Research Fund (FNR) - AFR Grant Scheme

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

The AFR scheme has two strands:

- AFR PhD provides funding for doctoral candidates in Luxembourg and abroad.
- AFR Public Private Partnerships (AFR PPP) provides funding for doctoral and postdoctoral candidates collaborating with an accredited company based in Luxembourg.

The FNR contributes to the improvement of working conditions and career perspectives for researchers, on the one hand by enabling employment contracts between AFR beneficiaries and their host institutions and on the other hand by raising awareness of researchers' rights and responsibilities at an early career stage. The forthcoming Call AFR PHD 2015-1 will be launched in Mid December 2014. **The deadline for the submission of proposals will be 17 March 2015**, with a communication of the funding decisions in mid-June 2015.

[More information](#)

4.2.31 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](#)

4.2.32 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.



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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](#)

4.2.33 Luxembourg: National Research Fund (FNR) Awards

Read more about the different types of awards [here](#).

Next deadline: **1 April 2015**

4.2.34 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](#)

4.2.35 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](#)

4.2.36 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.

[More information](#)

4.2.37 Netherlands: Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO): Innovational Research Incentives Scheme (Veni, Vidi, Vici)

The Innovational Research Incentives Scheme offers personal grants to talented, creative researchers. The funding enables applicants to do their own



line of research. This boosts innovative research and promotes mobility within scientific research institutes.

Next deadline: **26 March 2015**

[More information](#)

4.2.38 Norway: Fulbright Norway: The US-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](#)

4.2.39 Norway: NORAM Scholarships: Scholarships for Americans

The purpose of the scholarships are to provide financial support for Americans coming to Norway to conduct post-graduate study or research in areas of mutual importance to Norway and the United States. By awarding scholarships to American students or researchers, knowledge and understanding will increase, and it will strengthen the ties of friendship between the two countries.

Next deadline: **1 April 2015**

[More information](#)

4.2.40 Poland: Foundation for Polish Science: IDEAS FOR POLAND

The objective of the program is to encourage young, brilliant researchers from all over the world to choose Poland as the place to carry out their research projects submitted for the ERC competition. The program is designed for people whose previous scientific record demonstrates that they are highly independent as researchers, and warrants that they will conduct world-class quality research.

Applications accepted on a rolling basis.

[More information](#)

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

Next deadline: **rolling basis**

[More information](#)

4.2.42 Slovakia: Slovak Academic Information Agency (SAIA): National Scholarship Program of the Slovak Republic – study/research stay for PhD students (1-12 months)

More information about the deadline and eligibility criteria can be found [here](#).

Next deadline: **30 April 2015**





4.2.43 Slovakia: Scholarships of the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic – study/research stay for PhD students (5 months)

More information about the deadline and eligibility criteria can be found [here](#).

Next deadline: **31 May 2015**

4.2.44 Slovakia: Scholarships of the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic – teaching/research stay for university teachers and researchers (3 months)

More information about the deadline and eligibility criteria can be found [here](#).

Next deadline: **31 May 2015**

4.2.45 Spain: Institute for Theoretical Physics (IFT) UAM-CSIC: “la Caixa” - Severo Ochoa International PhD Programme

The Institute for Theoretical Physics UAM-CSIC, Severo Ochoa Center of Excellence, and the Autónoma University of Madrid opened three fellowships for exceptional candidates to carry out a PhD thesis at the IFT.

Next deadline: **31 March 2015**

[More information](#)

4.2.46 Spain: Ikerbasque: Basque Research Institutions: 15 post-doc positions

Ikerbasque offers **15 contract positions** for postdoctoral researchers, within any of the [Basque Research Institution](#) (Universities, BERC - Basque Excellence Research Centres, CIC - Cooperative Research Centres, Biomedical institutions and Technology Corporations, among others). Find also specific information about some [Research Groups](#).

Next deadline: **15 April 2015**

[More information](#)

4.2.47 Sweden: VINNOVA: VINNMER Marie Curie Incoming Fellowship

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

Next deadline: **17 March 2015** (call opened on 17 September 2014)

[More information](#)

4.2.48 Sweden: Swedish Research Council: Visiting Professorships

- [Kerstin Hesselgren Visiting Professorship](#) (social sciences, humanities, theology and science of law)



- Olof Palme Visiting Professorship (social sciences, humanities, theology and science of law)
- Tage Erlander Visiting Professorship (natural and engineering sciences)

Next deadline: **12 March 2015**

[More information](#)

4.2.49 Sweden: Swedish Research Council for Health, Working Life and Welfare: COFAS 2

You are now welcome to submit applications for postdoc grants within the international postdoc programme COFAS 2. The programme offers two types of grants: Forte Outgoing International Postdoc fellowships (FOIP) and Forte Incoming International Postdoc fellowships (FIIP).

Next deadline: **3 March 2015**

[More information](#)

4.2.50 Switzerland: Swiss National Science Foundation: Doc.CH (HSS)

The Doc.CH grants in the humanities and social sciences (HSS) are awarded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) to promising researchers who wish to write a dissertation in the humanities and social sciences in Switzerland on a topic of their own choice.

Next deadline: **10 March 2015**

[More information](#)

4.2.51 Switzerland: Swiss National Science Foundation: SNSF professorships

The SNSF professorships enable excellent young researchers who wish to pursue an academic career and have several years of recognised research experience to take a major step forward.

Next deadline: **1 May 2015**

[More information](#)

4.2.52 Switzerland: Swiss National Science Foundation: International Exploratory Workshops

The International Exploratory Workshops allow for researchers working in Switzerland to organize workshops with partners from abroad. The aim of this funding instrument, which is open to all fields of research, is to allow researchers working on a similar question to meet and advance their knowledge on the issue.

Next deadline: **Anytime**

[More information](#)



4.2.53 Switzerland: CERN: Non-Member State Postdoc Fellowship Program (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](#)

4.2.54 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 program 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.

Application period: **16 March 2015 – 20 April 2015**

[More information](#)

4.2.55 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](#)

4.2.56 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](#)

4.2.57 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 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 Programs, 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 among 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 on 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 pre- 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 among 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/ija/ise/index.jsp>



5 Jobs

5.1 EURAXESS Portal

There are currently over 9,900 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/>

The European Job Mobility Portal: <http://ec.europa.eu/eures/home.jsp?lang=en>

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](#)

The Chronicle of Higher Education Careers Service: <http://chronicle.com/jobs/>

NSF guidance of funding opportunities for [Graduate students](#)

NSF guidance of funding opportunities for [Postdoctoral fellows](#)

Funding opportunities at researchusa.com



6 Events

6.1 Europe: Forthcoming events

Event	When	Where	Organized by	Link to the event
Energy Forecast Summit 2015	4-5 March 2015	Brussels, Belgium	Premier Cercle	Link
International Convention of Phsycological Science	12-14 March 2015	Amsterdam, The Netherlands	Association for Psychological Science	Link
ELECspin 2015: “Intl Workshop on Organic and Graphene ELECtronics and SPINtronics”	12-13 March 2015	Barcelona, Spain	Nanoscience Cooperative Research Center	Link
2 nd HBP Education Workshop: “Future Medicine”	15-18 March 2015	Lausanne, Switzerland	Human Brain Project	Link
Global science conference on climate-smart agriculture 2015	16-18 March 2015	Montpellier, France	Cirad	Link
Horizon 2020 – New Commission, new Agenda	24 March 2015	Brussels, Belgium	Science Business	Link
EXPO Milano 2015	1 May – 31 Oct 2015	Milan, Italy	Expo 2015	Link
Nanotech Europe 2015 & EuroNanoForum 2015	10-12 June 2015	Riga, Latvia	University of Latvia, SPINVERSE	Link
A new start for Europe: Opening up to an ERA of Innovation	22-23 June 2015	Brussels, Belgium	European Commission	Link
65 th Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting	28 June – 3 July 2015	Lindau, Germany	Lindau Institutions	Link

6.2 North America: Forthcoming events

Event	When	Where	Organized by	Link to the event
Learning about Horizon 2020: The Opportunities and Hands-On Knowledge	4 March 2015	Orlando, FL, USA	BILAT USA 2.0	Link
12 th Annual World Congress of SBMT	6-8 March 2015	Los Angeles, CA, USA	Society for Brain Mapping & Therapeutics	Link
2015 Annual Meeting	13-15 March 2015	Baltimore, MD, USA	National Postdoctoral Association	Link



ACS 2015 Spring Career Fair	22-24 March 2015	Denver, CO, USA	American Chemical Society	Link
AACR 2015 Annual Meeting	18-22 April 2015	Philadelphia, PA, USA	American Association for Cancer Research	Link
eMerge Americas Conference	4-5 May 2015	Miami, FL, USA	eMerge Americas	Link
Nature Jobs Career Expo	20 May 2015	Boston, MA, USA	Nature	Link
ACFAS Congres	25-29 May 2015	Rimouski, QC, CANADA	Association francophone pour le savoir	Link
ICRA 2015 Annual Conference	26-30 May 2015	Seattle, WA, USA	International Conference on Robotics&Automation	Link
2015 CONGRESS of Humanities and Social Sciences	30 May – 5 June 2015	Ottawa, ON, CANADA	Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences	Link

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