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Dear Colleagues,

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

This month was thrilling for us, with no less than two major events, the EURAXESS Share Kyushu 2015 in Hakata and the Researchers' Funding Guide Launch Event in Tokyo. Both were a great success thanks to your massive interest and participation, and we hope we'll bring many more to you this year and the following!

Now that we've launched it, it is to your benefit check, read and share the 2015 version of the Funding Guide! We've got plans to make it a little bit more interactive this time, so stay tuned!

We also have two forthcoming events in May, the EHEF in Tokyo and Kyoto; and the Hokkaido University stage of our Japan Tour. Don't miss them if you're around!

This month, there are -yet again!- lots of funding and fellowship opportunities on both sides, so don't miss any and go straight to the relevant section!

We also took time to look at the latest research and STI news in Japan for you, some of these are only available in Japanese so please check them out!

Finally, this month's EU insight is on the topic of increasing participation in higher education in the European Union.

Enjoy the reading!

Wishing you a successful month ahead,

This Newsletter is also intended as a **communication tool with you all**, so please **do not hesitate to contact us** at [japan@euraxess.net](mailto:japan@euraxess.net) for comments, corrections or if you want to advertise for a particular funding scheme or event.





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# 1 EU Insight – Increasing Access to Higher Education in Europe

Simply put, more must be done to increase access to higher education in the European Union. This statement succinctly summarises the results of a recently published report by the European Commission—[Modernisation of Higher Education in Europe: Access, retention and employability 2014](#)—the second in a series focused on higher education in Europe. Why this is so has much to do with the role that knowledge, and subsequently education, plays in fulfilling the long-term developmental objectives the European Union has set for itself.

## The report

*Modernisation of Higher Education in Europe: Access, retention and employability 2014* is based on a study conducted by the Eurydice Network, which looked at 36 different education systems within the Europe (including all 28 EU Member States). The aim of the study was to evaluate the extent to which the European Commission’s modernisation agenda, which “supports higher education systems in Europe in responding to the needs of our increasingly knowledge-based economy and societies”, is being implemented across Europe.<sup>1</sup> The full report plus report brief can be downloaded free of charge at the Eurydice website.

## Why access to higher education is important

According to the European Commission, “knowledge [is] at the heart of the Union’s efforts for achieving smart, sustainable and inclusive growth...and higher education in particular and its links with research and innovation, plays a crucial role in individual and societal development, and in providing the highly skilled human capital and the articulate citizens Europe needs to create jobs, economic growth and prosperity”.<sup>2</sup> Yet even with this lofty goal in mind, the majority of governments within the EU have so far failed to institute proper measures to support access to higher education.

## What is behind this outcome?

The report names three distinct factors—an overly narrow focus on quantification, insufficient retention and transition to labour market—as contributing to the slow pace widening participation in higher education in the European Union has taken so far.

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<sup>1</sup> Eurydice Network, *Modernisation of Higher Education in Europe: Access, retention and employability 2014*

[http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/education/eurydice/documents/thematic\\_reports/165EN.pdf](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/education/eurydice/documents/thematic_reports/165EN.pdf)  
[accessed 15 April 2015]

<sup>2</sup> European Commission(2011), “Supporting growth and jobs – an agenda for the modernisation of Europe’s higher education systems”.

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/ALL/?uri=CELEX:52011DC0567> [accessed 15 April 2015]



The first of these factors concerns governments' placing too much emphasis on just increasing numbers, a practice which unfortunately limits access to many social groups and contributes to a lack of diversity. For example, one group not yet addressed by participation widening efforts are young people from disadvantaged families. Additionally, those with disabilities tend not to be included in widening efforts.

The second factor is the lack of sufficient retention strategies for individuals once they gain access to higher education. Specifically, this refers to the lack of measures to help prevent students from dropping out, in particular those from underserved and underrepresented groups. Currently, not enough support is offered in terms of the mode of study (part vs full-time), timeframe (how long should it take to complete programme/degree), and information and guidance to those most at risk.

The third, and last, factor is employability. Because employability is a complex concept with more than one definition, this also means that more than one approach exists to how it might be measured (i.e. employment-based vs. competence-based). This lack of clarity in turn blurs understanding of the type of training students actually need in order to obtain jobs following completion of their degree programmes; all too often measures and policies (if they exist at all) confuse or conflate employment for the things (skills, previous work experience, mode of study) which actually account for one's ability to be employed.

However, beyond these factors, perhaps the most crucial reason underlying the problems associated with the widening of participation in higher education is a general lack of *systematic* monitoring processes. According to the report, all EU countries plus the eight additional European countries included in the study do have some type of policy measure in place to support higher education. The problem, unfortunately, is that at the current moment such measures are uneven and "insufficiently developed to provide an evidence-based picture across Europe".<sup>3</sup>

To date, only one EU member state has truly stepped up to address this challenge—Ireland.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> O'Malley, Brendan. "Governments must do more to widen access—Eurydice." *University World News Global Edition*, 9 April 2015, Issue 362. [accessed 14 April 2015]

<http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20150403005719833>

<sup>4</sup> Ibid.



## 2 EURAXESS Links Japan activities

### 2.1 EURAXESS Share Kyushu 2015 Event Report

Thanks to our local partner EUIJ-Kyushu and to you all, The second edition of our EURAXESS Share (networking) event series was a **great success!**

It was **held close to Hakata station in Fukuoka prefecture** on 15 April, to allow participation of students and researchers from the nearby institutions (such as Kyushu University or the Kyushu Institute of Technology), but also from the broader, southern Japan region. And indeed, **we had participation of more than 50 of you, from local institutions as well as from the Yamaguchi prefecture, Kagoshima prefecture, and even Okinawa!**

The short presentation session was very lively, with enthusiastic speeches from Professor Hachiya (EUIJ-Kyushu) and Dr Kuczynski (EU Delegation to Japan) on attractiveness of Europe as a research area; but also extremely interesting insights from Dr Kasagi (Kyushu University) and Dr Visentini Scarzanella (Kagoshima University), who gave us feedback on their experiences as researchers abroad, with both of them underlining the very beneficial influence of their time abroad on their career evolution.

Pictures and video of the event will soon be available on our website!



We're looking forward to continuing these series of local events elsewhere (maybe in northern Japan?), so stay tuned!





## 2.2 EURAXESS Links Japan Tour 2015: Hokkaido University 25 May

**Learn about research opportunities in Europe, Japan and between the two**  
The Hokkaido University, EURAXESS Links Japan, the Delegation of the EU to Japan and NCP will discuss of the necessity of international cooperation in research. They will also provide you with an overview of the European research landscape and collaboration possibilities.

**Get insights from researchers with Experience in Europe and Japan**  
Learn from the experience of researchers who have been active in both Europe and Japan, or in collaborative projects. Discuss the different aspects of mobility and cooperation and gain insights into working conditions in different environments!

**Make new contacts in the international research community!**  
Free event open to PhD students, post-docs, young, senior researchers and research administrators from all fields!

**Schedule:**

- + 12:00 Welcome Reception (refreshments will be served)
- + 13:00 Opening Address | Prof Tsuneko MOCHIZUKI, Hokkaido University Vice President
- + 13:05 Importance of International Cooperation for Research: The case of Japan and Hokkaido University | URA, Taskforce for Research Strategy, Hokkaido University
- + 13:15 Panel Discussion: Different disciplines, different demands for research cooperation | Prof Ken ENDO, Fac. Public Policy; Dr Susanne KLEIN, Off. Int. Affairs; Dr Ewa KOWALSKA, Catalysis Res. Cent.
- + 14:30 Break
- + 14:40 EU Programmes: Research Funding, Research Cooperation and Mobility - H2020, Marie Curie, ERC | Dr Tom KUCZYNSKI, Delegation of the EU to Japan, S&T Section
- + 15:15 Support to Researchers: EURAXESS and EURAXESS Links Japan | Dr Matthieu PY, EURAXESS Links Japan
- + 15:50 Support to Researchers: Jeupiste / NCP | Mr Hiroshi MATSUMOTO, NCP
- + 16:25 Closing

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**MONDAY**  
**25 MAY**  
**13:00 - 16:30**  
**HOKKAIDO UNIVERSITY**

Venue:  
[hokudai.ac.jp/introduction/campus/hall/](http://hokudai.ac.jp/introduction/campus/hall/)  
Enyuu Gakusha Community Hall

**EURAXESS Links Japan Tour 2015**

The third stage of the **EURAXESS Links Japan Tour 2015** will be hosted by **Hokkaido University** on 25 May.

Presentations on the **need for Japan to internationalise** its research landscape, on **European Programmes for research cooperation and mobility**, on **support services to students, researchers and administrators** will be provided by Jeupiste, the EU Delegation to Japan and EURAXESS Links Japan. There will be a **discussion panel** featuring Japanese and European researchers and professors affiliated with Hokkaido University, reflecting on the current situation in Japan and the ways to improve cooperation with Europe in qualitative and quantitative terms.

There will also be a **networking session** at the beginning of the event, so that free discussion and personal questions may be answered.

Seats number is limited but **registration is open to researchers from outside of Hokkaido University** too, so don't hesitate!

You can check out the event specifics on our [website](#), and register [here](#).

## 2.3 New Funding Guide: available on-line!

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

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

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



And now, for all those who could not come to the event and would still like to access the document, **we've made it available on-line through our [website!](#)**

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

**A Japanese version should come soon too.**

## 2.4 EHEF 2015, Tokyo - Kyoto 15-17 May

In May, the **Delegation of the European Union to Japan**, together with several other entities, will organise the **European Higher Education Fair 2015**. Building on the continued success of this event since its launch in 2012, this year will see a record **66 booths in Tokyo**. Furthermore, **15 EU Member States are taking part**, with Denmark and Greece joining for the first time.

The **European Higher Education Fair (EHEF)** aims to **showcase some of the most interesting higher education programmes Europe has to offer**. The **2014 event saw over 2,000 students and researchers** attend over three days!

At the fair, which will take place on **15-16 May at Meiji University's** campus in Tokyo and **17 May at Doshisha University's** Imadegawa Campus in Kyoto, **higher education institutions, embassies**, research/education institutions (and **EURAXESS Links Japan too!**) will **provide the latest information** on their study programmes and courses, research or support programmes.

For the first time, the 'TOBITATE!' study abroad campaign launched by MEXT will also have a booth, underscoring the Japanese government's interest in supporting more internationally minded students and researchers.

**Come meet us at the fair and enjoy the variety of booths and presentations the fair offers too!**

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## 3 News & Developments

### 3.1 EU, Member States and Associated Countries

#### 3.1.1 Ukraine joins Horizon 2020 to work with EU in science and research

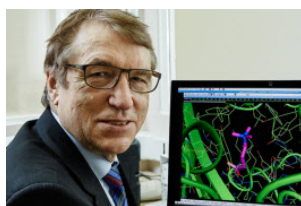
Researchers, businesses and innovators from Ukraine will now be able to fully participate in Horizon 2020, the European Union's research and innovation funding programme, on equal terms with EU Member States and other associated countries. This is thanks to the Agreement for the Association of Ukraine to Horizon 2020, signed in Kyiv by Carlos Moedas, European Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation, and Serhiy Kvit, Minister of Education and Science of Ukraine.

Commissioner Moedas said: *"I am very pleased to welcome Ukraine into our EU research funding programme Horizon 2020. Ukraine has chosen to invest in its knowledge and in its people. Chosen to contribute to the common goals of the wider science and technology community. Ukraine's great research and innovation potential offers promising partnerships for Europe. And Ukraine will now have access to the full spectrum of activities funded under Horizon 2020, helping to spur its economy. I hope Ukraine will make the most of these opportunities."*

Horizon 2020 is the first EU programme in which Ukraine has chosen to participate following the beginning of provisional application of the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement. This association to Horizon 2020 highlights that both the EU and Ukraine consider research and innovation crucial for economic growth and the creation of jobs.

Source: [European Commission](#)

#### 3.1.2 European Inventor Award finalists 2015: inventors behind 15 ground-breaking innovations selected



Ivars Kalvins, inventor of mildronate heart medication and others

Their inventions make day-to-day life easier, create economic value and generate employment. They sometimes even save lives. The **European Patent Office (EPO)** announced on 21 April the **15 finalists for the European Inventor Award 2015**. With this prestigious annual award, the EPO honours scientists and engineers in five categories whose inventions have been patented by the EPO and have contributed to technological progress, social development and economic growth. The **10th edition of the award will be held in Paris on 11 June**, when the winners will be announced at a ceremony attended by prominent representatives of the worlds of politics, business, research and industry. Once again the public will select the winner of the Popular Prize, which will be decided by online voting in the run-up to the ceremony.

More than **300 individuals and teams of inventors were proposed** for this



year's award, 15 of whom have been selected as finalists by the independent international jury. The **2015 finalists are from 11 countries: Austria, Australia, China, France, Japan, Latvia, the Netherlands, Sweden, Switzerland, the UK and the US.** Their inventions cover a wide range of technological fields including biochemistry, civil engineering, energy, electronics, industrial chemistry, material science, medical technology, nutrition and physics.

*"These ground-breaking inventions showcase Europe's role as a prime technology region and a hub of innovation for inventors from all over the world,"* said EPO President Benoît Battistelli. *"These inventions once again show that the development of the European economy lies in its innovative capacity."*

Source: [European Patent Office](#)

### **3.1.3 European Commission Foresight fiches : "Global Trends to 2030"**

The set of **European Commission Foresight** fiches, **analysing global trends to 2030**, which were developed in the preparation of 'The Future of Europe is Science' report, is now available. This report was presented by the President's Science & Technology Advisory Committee (STAC) at the "Future of Europe is Science" conference in Lisbon in October 2014.

At a time when the new European Commission announced that it will concentrate on bold initiatives, it is important to recall that any policy decision has complex ramifications. Indeed, an increasing number of decisions affect several policy portfolios, and they need to take into account an increasing number of parameters, like geo-politics, economics, finance, security, health, environment, climate change, sociology, urbanisation, ageing society, and integrate fundamental European social values such as gender equality and ethics. In addition, technological breakthroughs are accelerating as never before in history and social innovation (e.g. social media) augments the speed of information gathering and dissemination.

**Because societies become ever more complex, collaborative long-term anticipation must replace the "silo" thinking habits and the short-termism** that has characterised many aspects of policy-making in Europe.

**Foreseeing is not sufficient anymore** because it is only a tactical extrapolation of current trends; it is the future of the past. **Foresighting however is strategic because it is based on more disruptive views**; it is about the future of the future. But foresight needs also to become more integrated and collaborative, using coproduction of knowledge by means of "concurrent design" approaches. These will foster anticipatory and more consistent policies and thus lead to more visionary governance. 'The rougher the seas the more connected watch-towers are needed'.

Europe invented the modern world despite a resource poor continent because we used the most precious resource we have: our brains. **Europe's real**



**strength lies in its diversity that is a powerful driver of innovation.** Where different minds meet, there is inspiration. This is why the network of foresight experts has such a great potential. It is an excellent way to obtain a comprehensive analysis that integrates the various scientific, technological, but also social aspects. This is encompassed in the concept of Responsible Research and Innovation.

'We cannot predict the future, but we have the opportunity to invent it, based on sound science and technological foresight'.

#### **Related Documents:**

[Foresight Fiches 2014](#)

Source: [European Commission](#)

### **3.1.4 [U-Multirank 2015 edition](#)**



The **European Comission global university ranking tool, [U-Multirank](#)**, which assesses the performance of more than 850 higher education institutions worldwide, recently released its second set of results.

Read the [EURAXESS Links EU Insight focused on U-Multirank](#) that was published in May 2014.

Particularly interesting for students and PhD candidates, the tool **allows one to compare performance of more than 1,200 higher education institutions, 1,800 faculties and 7,500 study programmes from more than 83 countries.**

## **3.2 Japan**

### **3.2.1 Japan's Science, Technology and Innovation Budget for JFY2015**

The **STI Budget Committee** led by the Council for Science, Technology, and Innovation (CSTI) **convened in June 2014 to commence discussions on the JFY2015 STI budget.** They provided guidelines for JFY2015, **listing five priority policy areas** designated in the Comprehensive STI Strategy-2014: **1) Clean and economic energy systems; 2) Healthy long life; 3) Next-generation infrastructure; 4) Local-area revitalization; and 5) Recovery from the disaster caused by the 3-11 Tohoku earthquake.**





Based on the guidelines, each STI ministry and agency submitted their final JFY2015 STI budget request to the Ministry of Finance (MOF) by the end of August 2014. After discussions between the ministries & agencies and MOF, **the JFY2015 budget proposal was determined on January 14, 2015 and approved by the Diet early April.**

Ministry and Agency	JFY2014 STI Budget (Billion Yen)	JFY2015 STI Budget (Billion Yen)	Increase/Decrease (Billion Yen)	Increase/Decrease (%)
Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT)	2,311.8	2,280.1	318	-1.4
Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI)	539.6	481.7	579	-10.7
Ministry of Defense (MOD)	161.5	151.7	98	-6.1
Ministry of Health, Labor, and Welfare (MHLW)	162.7	105.5	572	-35.2
Ministry of Agriculture, Forests and Fisheries (MAFF)	97.8	97.0	9	-0.9
Cabinet Office	74.0	70.8	32	-4.4
Cabinet Secretariat	61.0	61.4	4	0.7
Ministry of Environment (MOE)	58.2	59.5	12	2.1
Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, and Transport (MLIT)	52.9	52.7	2	-0.4
Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (MIC)	49.3	45.4	38	-7.7
Reconstruction Agency	40.4	24.0	164	-40.7
Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA)	6.3	6.9	6	9.9
Ministry of Justice (MOJ)	6.8	5.9	9	-13.6
Police Agency	2.1	2.1	0	0.0
Ministry of Finance (MOF)	1.3	1.3	0	0.1
Diet	1.1	1.1	0	-0.4
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>3,626.9</b>	<b>3,447.0</b>	<b>179.9</b>	<b>-5.0</b>

**Japan's FY2015 (April 2015-March 2016) STI budget will be 3,447 billion yen (EUR 26.5 billion), a decrease of 5% over the previous year, and 3.4% of the total Japanese FY2015 budget.**

The **Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT)** will be allocated as much as **66% of Japan's STI budget** followed by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI)'s 14%. These percentages are consistent with the previous years.

The reasons for **the 5% decrease** of the JFY2015 STI budget compared with the previous year seem however to be **caused mainly by accounting reasons**. For example, the decrease by 572 billion yen (35.2%) for the Ministry of Health, Labor, and Welfare (MHLW) is due to the reclassification of the MHLW's expenses. Again, the decrease by 579 billion yen (10.7%) for the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) is a result of METI's energy-related projects that are already funded in the JFY2014 supplemental budget that is actually used in JFY2015.

Source and further details: [NSF Tokyo Regional Office report](#)



### 3.2.2 Academic paper production in Japan dependant on Kakenhi?

A survey done by NISTEP has revealed that **one of the reasons why the number of academic papers declined in Japan in the 2000s is due to Kakenhi grants** – to be more specific, the number of papers for research topics that are not eligible for *Kakenhi* has decreased.

According to NISTEP's report titled "Analysis of Japan's publication production by linking/comparing publication database (Web of Science) and kakanehi project database (KAKEN)" published on 1 April, **approximately 47% of science publication in Japan, and 62% of the top 10% publication was related to kakenhi between 2006-2008**. NISTEP calls for a solution on this issue, and also comments that **"the number of publications without kankenhi grants have declined in many national universities**, but not necessarily so in private universities. From this, we can assume that it is closely related to the operational grants."

Source: [Science Portal](#) (Japanese only), [NISTEP](#) (Japanese only)

### 3.2.3 In Search of Research Funds: COLABORY/Beats!

To help young researchers find competitive research funds, a Fujitsu-funded company, G Search, created a web-portal featuring more than 2,600 programmes (as of April 2015) offered by Japanese authorities, universities, independent research institutions or private initiatives. This portal's purpose is also to divert young Japanese scientists from the false image that they may only rely on the traditional MEXT *Kakenhi* for their research projects (see our article on that specific point), reducing Japan's scientific productivity while Japan's S&T budget is on a somehow regular downward slope.

**Researchers as well as students in all academic fields can be registered online** by specifying their fields and the nature of grants they wish to apply for. Offers of fellowships, studies abroad, research funding or support to attend conferences are available. **The portal gives the possibility to search in function of one's profile** (so as to find offers fitting to each profile) **or in function of each programmes's selection procedure**.

A few examples within the programmes with open calls this month: The saitama prefecture call for applications to its support scheme in innovative technologies (JPY 20 million per project), the Lotte Foundation's funding to agroalimentary research projects (JPY 15 million per year), or the Fukuda Foundation for Medical Technology's support to research stays abroad (for young researchers only, maximum JPY 1 million per project).

Source: [G search](#) (Japanese only)

Access to the portal [here](#) (Japanese only)



### 3.2.4 Launch of the Japan Agency for Medical Research and Development

A state-funded research corporation, named the **Japan Agency for Medical Research and Development (AMED)**, was launched in April, as a pillar of the government's growth strategy to **accelerate practical use of basic research in the fields of medicine and medical equipment**, and realize world-leading treatment technology.

The AMED, as a **control tower for domestic medical institutions**, uniformly manages **medical research-related budgets of more than JPY 140 billion (EUR 1.1 billion)** allocated by three ministries — the Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology Ministry; the Economy, Trade and Industry Ministry; and the Health, Labor and Welfare Ministry — to strategically distribute the budgets to researchers, then give advice on their studies.

The AMED is headquartered at The Yomiuri Shimbun building in Chiyoda Ward, Tokyo.

Source: [The Japan News](#)

## 3.3 Cooperation EU - Japan

### 3.3.1 21st EU-Japan ICT dialogue, strengthening cooperation

The 21<sup>st</sup> EU-Japan ICT dialogue took place in Tokyo in late March 2015. This meeting is part of a regular ICT policy and research dialogue between the EU and Japan that aims to strengthen cooperation in this field.

Participants discussed several topics including: **ICT Policy** and **regulatory framework** (including the output of the 23rd March workshop on ICT strategies), **Internet Governance** (global policy coordination), 5G, etc.

On **cooperation on research and development**, they **reviewed the two running EU-Japan Coordinated Calls** that cover sectors like optical & wireless communications, big data, cloud computing and **discussed preparation of the third Coordinated Call**.

Building on this meeting, EU-Japan links will be further strengthened with the **forthcoming signature of the 5G Joint Declaration**, the preparation of the **EU-Japan Business Round Table that will take place on 28th April in Brussels** and the EU-Japan Summit.

Source: [Delegation of the EU to Japan](#)

### 3.3.2 Strengthening cooperation in health research and innovation with Japan

Japan already participates in some key international initiatives in health research and innovation. The **recent visit of Dr Ruxandra Draghia-Akli, Director of the Health Directorate in DG RTD, to Tokyo**, was an opportunity





to reinforce such cooperation and to explore new areas of mutual interaction.

The possible **participation of the Pharmaceutical and Medical Devices (regulatory) Agency (PMDA)** and other local actors in the **Innovative Medicine Initiative (IMI) projects** is raising a lot of interest because of the global resonance of the public health strategic research agenda. Such cooperation is possible since 30% of contributions to [IMI2](#) can come from outside the European Union.

A **bilateral meeting with AMED President-elect Professor Makoto Suematsu** confirmed the reciprocal **interest in infectious diseases, rare diseases and the Human Brain Project**. AMED is also interested in cooperating in the framework of the European and Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP2) and the Joint Programming Initiative on Anti-Microbial Resistance (JPIAMR).

The **next EU-Japan Joint Committee Meeting on S&T Cooperation on 18 May** will be an opportunity to take an additional step towards a cooperation that is vital to tackle common health challenges.

Source: [International Research Newsletter](#)



## 4 Grants & Fellowships

### 4.1 European Union

#### 4.1.1 Guide to Horizon 2020



Horizon 2020 is the largest EU research and innovation programme ever. Almost EUR 80 billion in funding is available over seven years (2014 to 2020), in addition to the private and national public investment that this money will attract. This new **guide explains the Horizon 2020 programme in greater detail.**

Download it for free [here](#)

#### 4.1.2 Open calls under Horizon 2020

Access all **48 open calls** on the [Horizon 2020 Participant Portal](#).

Please note that the calls are allocated to the three pillars of Horizon 2020:

- **Excellent Science:** Around EUR 3 billion, including EUR 1.7 billion for grants from the European Research Council for top scientists, and EUR 800 million for Marie Skłodowska-Curie fellowships for younger researchers.
- **Industrial Leadership:** EUR 1.8 billion to support Europe's industrial leadership in areas like ICT, nanotechnologies, advanced manufacturing, robotics, biotechnologies and space.
- **Societal Challenges:** EUR 2.8 billion for innovative projects addressing Horizon 2020's seven societal challenges, broadly thematised as: health; agriculture, maritime and bioeconomy; energy; transport; climate action, environment, resource efficiency and raw materials; reflective societies; and security.



Horizon 2020

To find out more about **EU funding opportunities** for your research or innovation project please visit the [European Commission's Participant Portal](#) where all calls are published.

**International researchers are also invited to join the [database of independent experts](#) for European research and innovation.** Distinguished specialists are strongly encouraged to join the database of independent experts, through which they can participate in the evaluation of project proposals and monitoring of actions, submitted under Horizon 2020.

#### 4.1.3 Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions:

The **Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions (MSCA)** support research training and career development focused on innovation skills. The programme funds worldwide and cross-sector mobility that implements excellent research in any field (a "bottom-up" approach).

The **flyer and pocket guide** to MSCA are available [here](#) and [here](#)



A **web-streamed training** focusing on the **IF (Individual Fellowships)** and **Cofund** calls has also been released [here](#).

**Open and upcoming MSCA calls:**

[Individual Fellowships](#) (closing 11 September)

[COFUND](#) (closing 2 October)

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

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

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

Access the blog [here](#)

#### 4.1.5 European Research Council grants

The European Research Council's ([ERC](#)) mission is to encourage the highest quality of research in Europe and to support investigator-driven frontier research across all fields, on the basis of scientific excellence through competitive funding.

Being 'bottom-up' in nature, the **ERC approach allows researchers to identify new opportunities and directions** in any field of research, rather than being led by priorities set by politicians. It is a **highly competitive funding scheme** (10% success rate on average for Starting and Consolidator grants, 14% for Advanced grants).

**Researchers from anywhere in the world can apply** for a European Research Council (ERC) grant to come to Europe and conduct research (for at least 50% of their working time). Currently, over 300 ERC grantees out of nearly 4,000 are non-Europeans. Research teams set up by ERC grantees are highly international – an estimated 20% of team members are non-Europeans.

**Open and forthcoming ERC calls:**

[ERC Proof of Concept](#) (deadline 29 May)

[ERC Advanced Grant](#) (deadline 2 June)

#### 4.1.6 Erasmus+ Joint Master Degrees

Erasmus+ **Joint master degrees** ([JMD](#)) are offered by an **international consortium of higher education institutions**. A JMD corresponds to a high-





level integrated international study programme of 60, 90 or 120 ECTS (corresponding to one or two years of studies).

Students at **master's level can apply for these degrees** which take place in at least two of the Programme countries represented in the consortium. **121 different consortia are proposing JMDs**. Between approximately **13 and 20 student scholarship holders and 4 invited scholars/guest lecturers can take part in each programme annually**. In addition to the student scholarship holders, self-funded students can enroll.

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

Further information [here](#), list of the consortia and JMDs [here](#)

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

A new EURAXESS brochure: "[Come to Europe!](#)" presenting a few bullet points on the three main European opportunities for researcher mobility (ERC, MSCA and Erasmus+) is [available on-line on our website](#).

Please check it out and share with your colleagues!

**ERASMUS+**  
*Academic Excellence*

**MARIE SKŁODOWSKA-CURIE ACTIONS (MSCA)**  
*Funding excellent research careers*

**THE EUROPEAN RESEARCH COUNCIL**  
*Where excellence meets creativity*

#### Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees:

> Scholarships for students and researchers of exceptional quality to follow an Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree (EMJMD) or an Erasmus Mundus Joint Doctorate (EMJD) at two or more European universities. There are currently 116 masters and 29 doctoral courses to choose from. New Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees will be added annually under Erasmus+. Masters students, doctoral candidates and academics apply directly to the selected joint programmes.

Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees: <http://europa.eu/!RN87Kc>  
Erasmus Mundus Joint Doctorates: <http://europa.eu/!Wj68hm>

#### Short-term credit mobility:

> Mobility grants for students and doctoral candidates (up to 12 months) who will spend part of their study or research period abroad at a partner university, and have the mobility period recognized to contribute to their degree back home. Opportunities will also be available for university staff, but for shorter periods (up to 2 months). For more information please contact your University's international office.

#### University Partnerships:

> Scholarships of different durations for students, researchers and academic staff in the framework of Erasmus Mundus University Partnerships between European and non-European universities. Students, researchers and staff apply directly to the selected partnerships: these opportunities will be available up to 2017.  
Erasmus Mundus Partnerships: <http://europa.eu/!CB43qF>

#### How much

> The size of the scholarship varies according to the level of the studies, research or secondment and duration.

#### More information

Erasmus+ Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees:  
<http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/join/trainastentdegrees>

Erasmus+ websites:  
[http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/index_en.htm)  
[http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus\\_en](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus_en)

Erasmus Mundus website:  
[http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus\\_mundus/index\\_en.php](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus_mundus/index_en.php)

EMA - Erasmus Mundus Students and Alumni Association:  
<http://www.em-a.eu>

> Marie Skłodowska-Curie fellowships offer attractive career development opportunities in prestigious research teams in Europe, whatever the nationality or scientific domain of the researcher. Organisations from whatever sector and country can participate in MSCA projects.

> **Innovative Training Network (ITN)** advertise positions for researchers at the beginning of their careers on the Euraxess portal. Some of these positions enable trainee researchers to obtain an Industrial Doctorate or a Joint Doctorate.

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

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

> **Co-Funding of regional, national and international programmes (COFUND)** results in many high-quality fellowship or doctoral programme positions (also advertised on the Euraxess portal), which include transnational mobility.

#### Who

> Organisations seeking to host researchers, individual experienced researchers seeking to work in another country, possibly in industry including SMEs.

#### How

> Researchers can either apply for a specific position offered by an ITN or COFUND project or, if they meet the definition of experienced researcher, submit a proposal in response to a call for proposals for Individual Fellowships.

#### How much

> Researchers receive a competitive salary, and allowances to cover travel and family costs. Their employer also benefits from a contribution to research costs, including provision for training and career development.

**More information, including calls and contact details, on:**  
[ec.europa.eu/msca](http://ec.europa.eu/msca) • [facebook.com/Marie.Curie.Actions](https://www.facebook.com/Marie.Curie.Actions)

**Ask the National Contact Point in your country for further assistance:**  
<http://goo.gl/vWkoGT>.

The Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions are run by the Research Executive Agency under the EU Research and Innovation Programme Horizon 2020: [ec.europa.eu/research/rea](http://ec.europa.eu/research/rea).

> The ERC supports excellent investigator-driven, high-risk/high-gain, frontier research projects without predetermined research priorities. No consortia, no co-financing are needed. Scientific excellence is the sole evaluation criterion.

The ERC offers the following grants to individual researchers:

#### > ERC Starting Grants

For researchers at the stage of establishing an independent research career with 2 to 7 years experience since completing their PhD.

Funding per grant: up to € 2.0 Mio for up to 5 years

#### > ERC Consolidator Grants

For researchers at the stage of consolidating their research career with 7 to 12 years experience since completing their PhD.

Funding per grant: up to € 2.75 Mio for up to 5 years

#### > ERC Advanced Grants

For researchers with a track record of significant research achievements in the last 10 years.

Funding per grant: up to € 3.5 Mio for up to 5 years

#### > ERC Synergy Grants (Pilot scheme)

For small groups of researchers collaborating on a complex scientific problem at the frontiers of knowledge.

Funding per grant: up to € 15 Mio for up to 6 years

#### Who

> **Top-researchers** of any nationality and age from anywhere in the world.

#### Where

> Research projects must be carried out in a public or private research institution based in an EU Member State (-), an Associated Country (-), or an International European Interest Organisation (-).

#### How

> Applications can be submitted only in response to calls for proposals via the Electronic Proposal Submission Services (EPSS), on the participant portal.

> **Calls for Proposals** are published annually on the:

**ERC website:**  
<http://erc.europa.eu>

**Horizon 2020 Participant Portal:**  
[\(http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/\)](http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/)



#### 4.1.8 ERS/EU RESPIRE 2 Postdoctoral Research Fellowships



The RESPIRE 2 Fellowships are co-financed by the EU under the PEOPLE Marie Curie Actions [COFUND](#) programme.

The European Respiratory Society ([ERS](#)) coordinates the **RESPIRE 2 Fellowships**, established to enable promising researchers in carrying out **advanced research projects (24 months)**. The Fellowships are **open to all nationalities**, but need to be undertaken in a European country within a [certified RESPIRE 2 Host Centre](#).

This programme targets experienced investigators, clinicians & respiratory professionals with a PhD or at least 4 years' full-time research experience. Applicants are also required to have at least one first author publication in an international peer-reviewed journal at the time of application.

**Deadline: 31 July**

Further information [here](#)

#### 4.1.9 EMBO Fellowships

The **European Molecular Biology Organisation** ([EMBO](#)) brings together more than 1,500 leading researchers from 27 Member states and promotes excellence in the life sciences.

Young scientists actively seek **EMBO Long-Term Fellowships** for postdoctoral research to fund their internationally mobile careers. Hundreds of scientists also benefit each year from **EMBO Short-Term Fellowships**, returning to their home laboratories with new skills as well as contacts for future collaborations.

**EMBO Long-Term Fellowships are awarded for a period of up to two years** and support postdoctoral research visits to laboratories throughout Europe. International exchange is a key feature in the application process.

**Short-Term Fellowships fund research visits of up to three months** to laboratories in Europe. The aim is to facilitate valuable collaborations with research groups applying techniques that are unavailable in the applicant's home laboratory.

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

Further information [here](#)







#### 4.1.10 National EURAXESS Portals

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.

The **latest information on open calls for national grants and fellowships** in the 40 member countries of the EURAXESS network can be accessed on the respective **national EURAXESS portals**:

[Austria](#), [Belgium](#), [Bosnia-Herzegovina](#), [Bulgaria](#), [Croatia](#), [Cyprus](#), [Czech Republic](#), [Denmark](#), [Estonia](#), [Faroe Islands](#), [Finland](#), [France](#), [Macedonia](#), [Germany](#), [Greece](#), [Hungary](#), [Iceland](#), [Ireland](#), [Israel](#), [Italy](#), [Latvia](#), [Lithuania](#), [Luxembourg](#), [Malta](#), [Moldova](#), [Montenegro](#), [Netherlands](#), [Norway](#), [Poland](#), [Portugal](#), [Romania](#), [Serbia](#), [Slovakia](#), [Slovenia](#), [Spain](#), [Sweden](#), [Switzerland](#), [Turkey](#), [UK](#).

## 4.2 EU Member States and Associated Countries

### 4.2.1 Global

#### 4.2.1.1 *International Doctoral Programme in Economics*

The **International Doctoral Programme in Economics** is a **four-year program** offered by [Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna](#), Italy, and the [University of Strasbourg](#), France.

Students will be offered **one year of intensive course work** by an international faculty, and will then proceed to supervised research work, yielding an original dissertation to be discussed in a final, public examination. Moreover, **the Programme is part of a European network** involving and supporting inter-European exchanges of research students and faculty.

Applicants of **any nationality holding a master's degree** or equivalent are welcome to apply.

**Deadline: 7 May**

Further information [here](#)

#### 4.2.1.2 *IIASA Postdoctoral Fellowships*

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

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

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

**Next application round opens 1 June**

Further information [here](#)



## 4.2.2 Austria

### 4.2.2.1 Lise Meitner Programme for Scientists from Abroad

This programme targets **highly qualified scientists of any discipline** who can contribute to the scientific development of an Austrian research institution by working at it. It funds **12 or 24 months postdocs** with an annual personal allowance between EUR 62,500 and EUR 68,700.

Requirements: completed doctoral studies, record of international scientific publications, invitation from an Austrian research institution and co-application with an Austrian researcher. No age limit.

**Applications continuously reviewed.**

Further information [here](#)

### 4.2.2.2 Erwin Schrödinger Fellowships

The purpose of the **Erwin Schrödinger Fellowships** is to allow young scientists doing research in Austria to perform work stays at leading foreign research institutions.

**Young and highly qualified scientists of any discipline and nationality** currently affiliated with an Austrian research institution may apply for research stays abroad of **10 to 24 months in length** (without return phase) or a stay of 16 to 36 months in length (including return phase of 6 to 12 months). The **applicants must find and obtain an invitation from host institutions** both abroad and in Austria (in case they apply to the fellowship scheme including a return phase).

**Applications accepted continuously**

Further information [here](#)

### 4.2.2.3 APART Postdoctoral Fellowships

The Austrian Academy of Sciences ([OeAW](#)) is offering **APART fellowships** for the promotion of **postdoctoral research**.

APART enables **scientists and scholars who have already proved their aptitude for scientific research** by completing their doctoral thesis and collaborating in **research projects in Austria or abroad**.

APART fellowships are designed to increase Austria's scientific potential and to appeal to female scientists in particular.

Scientists and scholars who are **Austrian citizens** as well as **researchers performing their research in Austria** are invited to apply if they have completed their doctoral studies no less than two and no longer than six years before the deadline date.

**Deadline: 1 May**

Further information [here](#)





#### 4.2.2.4 OeAW Doctoral Fellowship Programme

The Austrian Academy of Sciences ([OeAW](#)) is offering **Doctoral fellowships** to enable **young, excellent doctoral candidates from all disciplines and nationalities** to carry out their PhD project within a definable period of time in Austria.

Applicants must have **obtained their Master's degree less than 2 years prior to the deadline**. Upon success, they must enrol in a doctoral programme in Austria. The fellowship provides a **gross annual sum of EUR 35,000** for a **duration of 24 to 36 months**.

**Deadline: 1 May**

Further information [here](#)

#### 4.2.3 Belgium

##### 4.2.3.1 BEWARE Fellowships

The **BEWARE Fellowships promote the mobility of foreign researchers to Belgium**, the only condition being to have spent less than 12 months over the last three years in Belgium.

**BEWARE FELLOWSHIPS Industry** will grant 57 mandates over 5 years, in order to enable SMEs or accredited research centres to benefit from the expertise of highly qualified foreign researchers (or Belgian expatriates).

**BEWARE FELLOWSHIPS Academia** focuses on technology transfer. These fellowships also runs over five years and will fund a total of 80 mandates for foreign researchers to perform a research stay in a French-speaking university, in partnership with a Walloon company. Each mandate has a duration of 18 to 36 months, of which 25% must be spent in the company.

Rolling call with several deadlines per year.

**Next deadline: 30 June**

Further information [here](#)

##### 4.2.3.2 FWO outgoing travel grants

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

**Postdoctoral candidates** can be of **any nationality**. **Other candidates** must be **citizens of an EU Member State** or Switzerland, have obtained their degree in an EU Member State or Switzerland, or have been affiliated in the past to a Flemish university for more than one year. **All applicants** must currently be **affiliated with a Flemish university or research institution**.

**Applications continuously reviewed.**

Further information [here](#)



The BEWARE FELLOWSHIPS (BELgium WALLonia REsearch) programs are co-financed by the COFUND program of the European Union (FP7 - Marie Curie Actions).







## 4.2.4 Estonia

### 4.2.4.1 *Kristjan Jaak Scholarships*

The **Kristjan Jaak Scholarship programme** supports **incoming and outgoing mobility**, both short and long-term, for **master and doctoral students** as well as for teaching staff.

Scholarships are divided into four categories with varying deadlines.

**Estonian language proficiency is required** to apply for a scholarship.

**Next deadlines: 1 May** (Short and Long-term Studies Abroad)

**1 June** (Foreign Visits: short term)

Further information [here](#)

### 4.2.4.2 *Archimedes Foundation's short-term visits for doctoral students*

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

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

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

Further information [here](#)

## 4.2.5 Finland

### 4.2.5.1 *CIMO Fellowships*

The CIMO Fellowships programme is **open to young doctoral level students and to researchers from all countries and from all academic fields**. Master's level studies or postdoctoral studies/research are not supported in the programme. The primary target group in the CIMO Fellowship programme are **doctoral level students** who will be doing their doctorate (or double doctorate) **at a Finnish university**.

There are **no annual application deadlines** in the CIMO Fellowship programme. However, please note that applications should be submitted at least 5 months before the intended scholarship period. The **scholarship period may vary from 3 to 12 months** with a monthly allowance of EUR 1,500 to cover living expenses in Finland.

**Applications accepted on a rolling basis**

Further information [here](#)

For education and research in Estonia  
**ARCHIMEDES**





## 4.2.6 France

### 4.2.6.1 ANR-JST Joint Call for proposals on Molecular Technology



The French National Research Agency ([ANR](#)) and the Japan Science and Technology Agency ([JST](#)) launch a **second bilateral call for proposals in the field of "Molecular Technology"**.

The aims of this joint-call are to **strengthen the collaboration between Japan and France**, to achieve world-class scientific results, and to introduce dramatic progress through synergy between the Japanese and French teams.

The purpose of this call is to select bilateral projects which propose a **scientific breakthrough in the development of new intelligent molecular materials**.

**Projects will have a duration of 36 months.** French funding will be provided by ANR with a **total maximum funding of EUR 250,000 for French teams**. Japanese funding will be provided by JST with a **total maximum funding of JPY 23 million (EUR 175,000) on average as direct cost for Japanese teams**.

**Deadline: 11 May**

Further information [here](#)

### 4.2.6.2 ANR Hosting High Level Researchers programme

This programme funded by [ANR](#) aims to promote the hosting of prominent foreign junior or senior researchers from abroad in France. The programme is intended to enable **hosting institutions to strengthen their international visibility** and appeal through **innovative research**.

To this end, the **Hosting High-Level Researchers call** will offer the selected researchers **substantial funding** – up to **EUR 500,000 to junior researchers** (PhD holders with 2-7 years of research experience) and up to **EUR 1,000,000 to senior researchers** (PhD holders with more than 7 years of experience) – to benefit from high quality and high-level hosting conditions. The grant will enable these scientists to **carry out their research project for a period of 36 to 48 months**. The ANR funding can **cover all or part of the researcher's salary**.

The Hosting High-Level Researchers programme is characterized by its flexibility and strengthened efficiency, with the aim of **sustainably attracting to France new talents from any country**.

Project proposals must be submitted by the candidates as Principal Investigators.

**Deadline: 29 May**

Further information [here](#)



#### 4.2.6.3 *Institut Pasteur Postdoctoral Grants call for proposals*

The Department of International Affairs of the [Institut Pasteur](#) finances **one postdoctoral scholarship** to promote and facilitate postdoctoral traineeships for **French and foreign researchers** within an institute of the Institut Pasteur International Network ([RIIP](#)) outside metropolitan France.

Any subject covered by RIIP institute laboratories may be the theme of the proposal, which the candidates must draft themselves after finding a host in RIIP.

Applicants of **any nationality**, holding a **PhD degree** and having **no previous postdoctoral experience** may apply.

**Deadline: end of May**

Further information [here](#)

#### 4.2.6.4 *IHÉS Call for Visitor Researchers*

The *Institut des Hautes Études Scientifiques* ([IHÉS](#)) encourages **theoretical research** in mathematics, physics and human sciences methodology. It is a reference point for excellence in the international scientific community, with significant achievements in mathematics and theoretical physics.

Each year, **IHÉS welcomes some 200 mathematicians and theoretical physicists** from all over the world (post-doctorates and senior researchers) for periods ranging from a few days to one year (maximum two in exceptional cases).

IHÉS visitors are given **complete freedom in their research**, allowing them to change fields if they so desire. IHÉS offers invited researchers a per diem, office space in the scientific building and free accommodation in its nearby housing estate. The **sole criteria for selection is scientific excellence**.

Two calls per year.

**Next deadline: 31 May**

Further information [here](#)

### 4.2.7 Germany

#### 4.2.7.1 *Humboldt Research Fellowships for Postdoctoral and Experienced Researchers*

The [Humboldt Foundation](#) promotes academic cooperation between excellent scientists and scholars from abroad and Germany. It funds **research fellowships for excellent young and experienced researchers of any nationality and any discipline** to come for long stays in Germany.

The **Fellowships for Postdoctoral Researchers** scheme are for researchers with no more than 4 years of experience after their PhD who wish to carry out a research stay in Germany for a **period of 6 to 24 months**.



The **Fellowships for Experienced Researchers** scheme are for researchers with between 5 and 12 years of experience after their PhD who wish to have a research stay in Germany for a **period of 6 to 18 months**.

Successful applicants must have, outside of an outstanding research record, a good command of English.

**Applications reviewed on a rolling basis**

Further information [here](#) (Postdoctoral) and [here](#) (Experienced Researchers)

**4.2.7.2 Emmy Noether Programme**

The **Emmy Noether Programme** provides early career foreign researchers (or German researchers working abroad) with the **opportunity to rapidly qualify for a leading position in research** by leading an independent junior research group and assuming relevant teaching duties **in Germany**.

**Early career researchers from all disciplines and nationalities may apply.**

Applicants **must have at least 2 years of postdoctoral experience, but no more than 4 years** of experience after completion of their PhD degree. **Foreign applicants are expected to continue their scientific career in Germany** following completion of the **funding period of 5 or 6 years**.

**Applications reviewed continuously.**

Further information [here](#)

**4.2.7.3 DLR-DAAD Research Fellowships in the fields of Space, Aeronautics, Energy and Transportation Research**

**DLR – DAAD Research Fellowships is a new programme** implemented by the German Aerospace Center ([DLR](#)) and the German Academic Exchange Service ([DAAD](#)).

This special programme is intended **for highly-qualified foreign doctoral and postdoctoral students, as well as senior scientists**. Proof of English proficiency is necessary, while knowledge of German is a plus.

DLR-DAAD Fellowships are defined and awarded on an individual basis. Each fellowship announcement will indicate the specific qualification requirements and terms of the visit. **There are currently fellowship offers available in Space, Aeronautics and Energy**. Application deadline varies according to the call.

**List of open calls** [here](#)

Further information [here](#)

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## 4.2.8 Ireland

### 4.2.8.1 *President of Ireland Young Researcher Award*

The **President of Ireland Young Researcher Award** is **Science Foundation Ireland's (SFI)** most prestigious award to **recruit and retain early career researchers to carry out their research in Ireland.**

The award recognises outstanding engineers and scientists of any nationality who, early in their careers, have already demonstrated exceptional potential for leadership at the frontiers of knowledge. Awardees will be selected on the basis of exceptional accomplishments in science and engineering in all areas covered by SFI's legal remit in order to **perform their research project in Ireland.**

Applicants should have received their last degree less than eight years ago and have completed at least 36 months of postdoctoral research activity. All **applications must be submitted by an eligible Irish Research Body.**

**Research projects may last up to five years and receive up to EUR 1 million in total.**

**Applications accepted on a rolling basis.**

Further information [here](#)

### 4.2.8.2 *SFI's Research Professorship Programme*

The purpose of the **Research Professorship Programme** is to **recruit global research talent to Ireland** to build the national research base. The ambitions of the appointed SFI Research Professor will be **consistent with the strategic plans of the host research body.**

**Submission of proposals will be by invitation only** following an expression of interest phase during which SFI will work closely with the research body. **Funding of up to EUR 5 million** (does not cover the professor's salary) will be provided to each successful applicant for a **five-year programme** of work.

**Applications accepted on a rolling basis.**

Further information [here](#)

### 4.2.8.3 *SFI's Industry Fellowship Programme 2015*

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

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

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

Two calls per year.



**Next deadline: 3 June**

Further information [here](#)



#### **4.2.8.4 Irish Research Council Enterprise Partnership Scheme Postdoctoral Fellowship**

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

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

**Deadline: 17 June**

Further information [here](#)

#### **4.2.9 Israel**

##### **4.2.9.1 MOST-JST Joint Call on ICT for a Resilient Society**



Japan Science and Technology Agency ([JST](#)) and The **Ministry of Science, Technology and Space of State of Israel** ([MOST](#)) are **calling for proposals** from Japanese-Israeli research teams on the theme of **ICT for a Resilient Society**.

The objective of the call is not only to **produce innovative research outcomes**, but also to **promote research exchange and networking** through research collaboration between the two countries.

The **total maximum project funding** provided under this call is **JPY 70 million** (EUR 550,000) for the Japanese side and **NIS 2.4 million** (EUR 550,000) for the Israeli side, over the **three year period** of each project.

**Deadline: 11 May**

Further information [here](#)



#### **4.2.10 Italy**

##### **2020 Researchers: Train to Move programme 2015 Call**



**2020 researchers: Train To Move** ([T2M](#)) is a new **transnational mobility fellowship programme** promoted by the **University of Turin** ([UNITO](#)) with the active support of the banking foundation Compagnia di San Paolo (CSP).

T2M programme is **open to researchers of any nationality** either in **possession of a PhD of no more than 7 years** or having a track record of at





T2M is cofounded within the FP7  
People specific programme –  
COFUND Actions.

least 4 consecutive years of full time equivalent research experience up to 10 years. **All research fields** are considered, **except Architecture and Engineering**.

Successful applicants will be employed by UNITO for a **duration of 24 months**. The fellowships will cover **monthly salary, mobility allowance** and part of the **research costs**.

**Deadline: 5 May**

Further information [here](#)

#### **4.2.10.1 Scuola Normale Superiore PhD courses**

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

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

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

Two calls per year.

**Next deadline: 31 August**

Further information [here](#)

#### **4.2.11 Latvia**

##### **4.2.11.1 Latvian government scholarships**

The [Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Latvia](#) welcomes **applications for bachelor, master's and PhD study stays** from foreign students (including **Japanese students**).

Scholarships for **bachelor and master's studies** are granted for a period of **up to 10 months**; for **PhD students up to 11 months**, with the exception of master's students engaging in a course on Latvian culture or history, who can be granted a scholarship for up to two academic years.

The amount of the scholarship is EUR 500 per month for bachelor and master's students; EUR 670 for PhD students.

**Deadline: 1 May**

Further information [here](#)

##### **4.2.11.2 Latvian Government Fellowships for Research**

The [Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Latvia](#) welcomes **applications for research fellowships** from **Latvian and foreign academic staff** of a number of European countries and from Japan.



Fellowships are awarded for periods of **up to 5 months**, and cover allowance and accommodation.

**Deadline: 1 May**

Further information [here](#)

#### **4.2.11.3 Summer Schools for PhD Students, Researchers and Teaching Staff**

The [Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Latvia](#) welcomes **applications to summer schools**:

The Latvian Government is inviting **applications for scholarships for summer schools**. Scholarships are **available to students, researchers and teaching staff** of several countries (including **Japan**)

**Six (6) scholarships are available for each summer school**: “Arcadia” organized by Riga Technical University, “Da gava River. Visible. Invisible” by Latvian University of Agriculture and “Latvia – Place for Creative Development” by Vidzeme University of Applied Sciences.

The scholarships cover a monthly allowance but not travel expenses.

**Deadline: 4 May**

Further information [here](#)

### **4.2.12 Luxembourg**

#### **4.2.12.1 INTER Mobility Programme: Call for Proposals**

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

Specifically, the programme aims to **support post-docs and senior researchers working in Luxembourg to visit the foreign leading research institutions** in the field, or the **visit of established foreign senior researchers in Luxembourg** public research institutions.

**No thematic or geographic limitations**. Funds salary, travel and mobility costs for stays of a **duration of 6 weeks to 12 months**.

Two calls per year.

**Next deadline: 30 June**

Further information [here](#)



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Recherche Luxembourg





## 4.2.13 Netherlands

### 4.2.13.1 NWO's Visitor's Travel Grant



The aim of this grant, provided by the **Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO)**, is to facilitate cooperation between Dutch and foreign researchers.

**Researchers with a tenured position at one of the Dutch universities, KNAW institutes, NWO institutes, NKI, MPI Nijmegen, researchers from the Dubble Beamline at the ESRF in Grenoble, NCB Naturalis, and the Advanced Research Centre for NanoLithography (ARCNL) can apply for a visitor's grant.** With this grant, highly qualified **senior researchers from abroad who hold a PhD can stay in the Netherlands for a maximum of four months.**

**Applications reviewed continuously**

Further information [here](#)

## 4.2.14 Norway

### 4.2.14.1 RCN's Personal Visiting Researcher Grant



The **Research Council of Norway (RCN)** funds this grant, the objective of which is to help strengthen Norwegian research groups by **offering visiting foreign researchers (postdoctorate level or higher) the opportunity to perform research in Norway.** The grant may cover stays for visiting researchers **from one to 12 months.** The **applicant must be from a Norwegian research institution.**

**Next deadlines: 27 May; 9 September**

Further information [here](#)

### 4.2.14.2 FRIPRO Mobility Grants



The **FRIPRO Mobility** grant scheme, provided by the **RCN**, is designed to **promote mobility and enhance career development among young researchers.**

The grants have a **3 years duration**, with the **first two years spent at a research institution abroad** and the third year at a Norwegian research institution. They cover researchers's salary, travel costs and part of the research expenses.

Candidates of **any nationality** and discipline, currently **affiliated with a Norwegian research institution** and presenting **no more than 6 years of post-doctoral experience** may apply.

**Deadline: 27 May**

Further information [here](#)

FRIPRO mobility grants are jointly funded by the RCN and the Co-funding of Regional, National, and International Programmes (**COFUND**) – Marie Curie Actions under the EU Seventh Framework Programme (FP7).



## 4.2.15 Poland

### 4.2.15.1 IDEAS For Poland

The objective of this program is to **encourage young, brilliant researchers from around the world to choose Poland as the place to carry out research projects successfully funded by the ERC Starting Grant scheme.** The programme is designed for people whose previous scientific record demonstrates that they are highly independent as researchers, and warrants that they will conduct world-class quality research.

Subsidies can be granted directly after winning an ERC grant and during the project. The maximum subsidised period is 3 years.

#### Applications accepted on a rolling basis

Further information [here](#)

### 4.2.15.2 Thesaurus Poloniae

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

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

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

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

Two calls per year.

**Next deadline: 15 July**

Further information [here](#)

## 4.2.16 Switzerland

### 4.2.16.1 SNSF professorships for young researchers

**Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF)** professorships address **young researchers who wish to establish their own team** to realise a research project in Switzerland.

An SNSF professorship includes the **researcher's salary**, a **research grant**, salaries of employees as well as a **contribution to infrastructure costs.** The **funding period is 4 years** and may be **extended by no more than 2 years.**

Applicants must hold a **doctorate degree**, have **two to nine years of research experience** and at least **two years' activity at a Swiss higher education institution.**

**Deadline: 1 May**





Further information [here](#)

## 4.2.17 Sweden

### 4.2.17.1 STINT Initiation Grants

STINT offers **Initiation Grants** for the **implementation of short-term projects targeting the building of new and strategically interesting international relationships.**

**Candidates shall be active at a university in Sweden** and have defended their doctorates. The **principal collaborating party shall be outside the EU/EFTA area.** The proposed activities within the project shall be completed within **twelve months from closing date of the call** and the applied amount shall not exceed SEK 150,000 (EUR 15,750).

**Applications accepted on a rolling basis.**

Further information [here](#)

## 4.2.18 Turkey

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

Three types of visits are granted within this programme: **Short-term (up to 1 month), Long-term (up to 12 months) and Sabbatical Leave (from 3 months to 12 months).** All types of grants cover monthly stipend and travel costs.

**Applications accepted on a rolling basis**

Further information [here](#)

## 4.2.19 United Kingdom

### 4.2.19.1 Leverhulme Trust Visiting Professorships

The [Leverhulme Trust](#) **Visiting Professorships** are awarded to UK institutions that wish to **invite an eminent researcher from overseas** to enhance the knowledge and skills of academic staff or the student body within the host institution.

**Applications in all subject areas are considered,** with the exception of clinical and pharmaceutical research.

**Applications must be made by a member of academic staff, based in the UK.** The host institution must agree to administer the grant, and to provide appropriate facilities for the Visiting Professor.

The scheme **covers maintenance, travel expenses and research costs.** Visiting Professorships can last for **3 to 12 months.**



**Deadline: 14 May**

Further information [here](#)

#### **4.2.19.2 Royal Society's International Exchanges Scheme**

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

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

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

**Deadline: 1 June**

Further information [here](#)

### **4.3 Japan**

#### **4.3.1 JSPS Invitation Fellowships Programmes for Research in Japan**

The **JSPS** carries out programmes which provide overseas researchers who have an excellent record of research achievements with an opportunity to conduct collaborative research, discussions, and opinion exchanges with researchers in Japan. These programmes are intended to help advance the overseas researchers' research activities, while promoting science and internationalisation in Japan.

This programme is designed to enable **Japanese researchers to invite their foreign colleagues to Japan to participate in cooperative work. Researchers from all countries with diplomatic relations with Japan and of any field of study are eligible.**

Applications must be submitted to JSPS by the inviting researchers who wish to host foreign researchers in Japan, through an overseas nominating authority. A list of nominating authorities in partner countries: France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway and Sweden (for Europe) are listed [here](#).

**Various fellowship categories are provided:** three for postdoctoral fellowships and three for invitation fellowships (researchers). Approximately 320 postdoctoral fellowships and 290 invitation fellowships should be awarded for 2015 through two to four calls (see [here](#) for the different categories).

**Next application rounds: 28 April - 8 May (Standard postdoctoral)**

**28 April - 8 May (Short-term invitations)**

(See [here](#) for a list of the future calls)





Further information [here](#)

#### 4.3.2 JSPS Postdoctoral Fellowships for Research Abroad

To foster highly capable researchers with broad international perspectives, this fellowship gives excellent young researchers an opportunity to carry out long-term research at an overseas university or research institution.

**Candidates must be Japanese citizens or foreign nationals with permanent resident status; be employed as full-time researcher** in a Japanese university, research institution, or national laboratory; have received their PhD degree no more than 7 years ago and present less than 5 years of full-time research experience.

Successful applicants will be paid international travel costs to and from the host country and receive a **monthly allowance during the whole duration of the 2 years contract**.

Approximately 130 fellowships will be awarded this year.

**Application round: 11-14 May**

Further information [here](#)

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

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

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

Applications have to be made through the JSPS London Office.

**Deadline: 1 June**

Further information [here](#)

#### 4.3.4 Kyoto University Hakubi Researchers Call for Application 2015

[Kyoto University's](#) **Hakubi Project to Foster and Support Young Researchers** seeks to employ promising young researchers as associate professors and to support their research activities on themes of their own.

**Researchers of any nationality and any discipline**, with a doctoral degree, may apply. Selected applicants will be appointed as programme-specific full-





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

**Call to be announced soon.**

Further information [here](#)

#### 4.3.5 CIAS International Visiting Scholars Program 2015

The Center for Integrated Area Studies (CIAS), Kyoto University, welcomes applications from overseas researchers for its **International Visiting Scholars Programme** for the period April 2016 – March 2017.

The purpose of the programme is to provide **scholars currently living outside Japan** with the opportunity to perform a **three-month research stay at CIAS**. Applicants must submit project proposals of interest for the CIAS (list of [CIAS research themes](#)). This programme will cover travel costs and a monthly living allowance of the successful applicants.

**Deadline: 15 May**

Further information [here](#)

#### 4.3.6 MIF Research Fellowships Call for Applications

The **Matsumae International Foundation (MIF)** is a nongovernmental organisation that invites foreign researchers for **short research stays in Japan** to foster international cooperation and help Japan globalise its research landscape in the field of **natural sciences, engineering and medicine**.

**Researchers of any nationality** but Japanese, and holding a PhD degree may **apply for a 3 to 6 months research stay** to be performed during JFY2016. Approximately 20 fellowships comprising monthly stipend, travel and move-in allowance will be awarded this year.

**Applicants must find a host institution** in Japan prior to submitting their proposal to the Foundation.

**Deadline: 31 August**

Further information [here](#)

#### 4.3.7 Pfizer Health Research Foundation International Collaborative Research Grant

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

The **international collaborative research grant** is the funding scheme allowing collaboration with partners outside of Japan (type "A"). **Applicants**



**must be based in Japan**, and their **research project proposal** must involve the participation of **at least one researcher based in another country**.

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

**Deadline: 30 June**

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

#### **4.3.8 Sir Martin Wood Prize call for nominations**

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

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

Nominations have to come from recognised researchers in that field.

**Deadline: 1 August**

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





# 5 Jobs

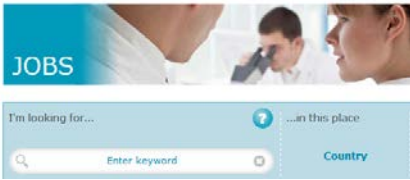
## 5.1 EURAXESS Jobs

There are currently **8841 jobs and fellowships** advertised on the **EURAXESS Jobs webpage**. They can be viewed by country, level of seniority, field of research or via free text searches. Please note that these jobs also include doctoral fellowships.

All the positions can be viewed at the [EURAXESS Jobs page](#).

You can also **advertise for jobs and fellowships at your organisation, free of charge**, on the [EURAXESS Links Japan website!](#)

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



Researchers can post their CVs for free [here](#). Do not hesitate to do it and increase your visibility.

The screenshot shows the EURAXESS Jobs homepage with the following elements:

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- Search Bar:** "I'm looking for..." with a search input field containing "Enter keyword" and a "Country" filter dropdown. It shows "8615 offers available!".
- Filters:** "...in this place" (Country), "...in this field" (Research field), and "More filters".
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  - Chair in Clinical Psychology and Experimental Psychopathology** (NETHERLANDS | AcademicTransfer | Research fields: Medical sciences)
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## 5.2 Jobs in Europe (selection)

### 5.2.1 Faculty and postdoctoral positions at UIST, Macedonia



The **University of Information Science and Technology** “St. Paul the Apostle” – Ohrid ([UIST](#)) is searching for **multiple faculty and postdoctoral positions in Computer Science, Electrical Engineering, Mathematics, Physics and Statistics.**

Depending on the applicant’s experience, they may apply to the ranks of **Assistant, Associate or Full Professor.** Additionally, a few positions of **Visiting Professors** will be open for a 12 month appointment 100 % funded (ideally for sabbatical leave) with a starting date in September 2015 or later. UIST offers a competitive salary depending on the experience.

Applicants of **any nationality with a PhD degree, postdoctoral experience, or working experience from the top 500 universities** according to the Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU) will be preferred.

**Application deadline: 15 June**

Further information [here](#)

### 5.2.2 ERC Research Associate positions in Leukemia Research, Spain



The **Josep Carreras Leukemia Research Institute** ([LJC](#)) is a nonprofit research institute based in Barcelona and dedicated to **advancing understanding about leukemia and related disorders.**

Pablo Menendez’s Laboratory is an **ERC-funded young, dynamic and growing research team** working on the frontiers of leukemia research and stem cell biology. They are **seeking 3 Research Associates in the areas of leukemia, stem cells and development.** They offer **5 year contracts** with competitive conditions.

**Application open until position is filled**

Further information: [EURAXESS Jobs](#)

### 5.2.3 MSCA postdoctoral position at University of Aarhus Dept. of Education, Denmark



The Department of Education, [University of Aarhus](#) invites applications for a **17 month post-doctoral position** funded under the **European Commission, Initial Training Network Marie Curie award.** The broader project in which the post is located **examines the changing roles and scope of universities in emerging global knowledge economies and regions.** The project includes 14 other fellows at six partner universities – the other members besides Aarhus are Ljubljana, Lyon, Porto, Bristol and Roehampton – and 19 Associated Partners mainly in the Asia-Pacific Rim.



There might be the possibility of a subsequent contract for undergraduate and postgraduate teaching in the Department of Education.

**Application deadline: 15 May**

Further information: [EURAXESS Jobs](#)

### 5.2.4 Other jobs in Europe

Find a wealth of career links on our [EURAXESS Links Japan web portal!](#)

## 5.3 Jobs in Japan

### 5.3.1 JREC-IN



The **Japanese job portal for researchers JREC-IN** is currently advertising **2119 positions in Japanese**, and **284 positions in English**.

All positions can be viewed at the JREC-IN portal in [English](#) or in [Japanese](#).

### 5.3.2 AIST Research Scientists Recruitment 2015

The **National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (AIST)** is one of the largest government research organizations in Japan, with about 2,300 researchers and 650 research administrative members. AIST promotes fundamental R&D activities in the pursuit of problem-solutions for industrial sciences and technologies.

AIST **recruits foreign and Japanese researchers under permanent or fixed-term contracts** in the fields of Energy and Environment, Life Science, ICTs, Materials and Chemistry, Electronics, Geological Survey and Metrology.

**Application deadline: 27 May**

Further information [here](#)



### 5.3.3 Still open positions (see previous newsletters)

-Research Associate and Research Support Staff openings at WPI-iCeMS (Kyoto University)

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

-Research Scientist and Postdoctoral Researcher positions at RIKEN

Further information [here](#)

-Tenured Principal Investigator and Tenure-Track Junior Principal Investigator, AIMR

Further information [here](#)

-Tenure-track positions at I<sup>2</sup>CNER

Further information [here](#)

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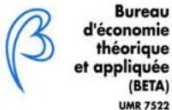
Some links to useful sources of general information and careers information are provided below.



## 6 Events

### 6.1 Events in Europe

#### 6.1.1 France - Japan Joint Forum “Innovation and the challenges of the world in transition”



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

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

Further information and registration (until 20 May) [here](#)

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

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

The conference will cover a broad range of issues including:

- the results and outcome of the '[Science 2.0: Science in Transition](#)' consultation
- the ERA Roadmap
- open labour market for researchers
- building up an innovation ecosystem
- future markets

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

ERA survey available [here](#)

Further information [here](#)

#### 6.1.3 Other events in Europe

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

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Event	Date	Location	Organised by	Field	Link
ECCA Conference	12-15 May	Copenhagen, Denmark	European Environment Agency	Climate change	<a href="#">here</a>



7th Annual International Symposium on University Rankings	20 May	Brussels, Belgium	European Commission	Academic performance - policy	<a href="#">here</a>
2015 Dublin LEAN Summit	22 May	Dublin, Ireland	Entreprise Ireland/EU-Japan Centre for Industrial Cooperation	Competitiveness	<a href="#">here</a>
EuroNanoForum 2015	10-12 June	Riga, Latvia	University of Latvia/Spinverse	Nanotechnologies, materials science	<a href="#">here</a>
Access to Finance for Research, Innovation and SMEs 2015	15-17 June	Riga, Latvia	European Commission	Innovation	<a href="#">here</a>
EU Sustainable Energy Week 2015 (FAST?)	15-19 June	Brussels, Belgium	European Commission	Energy	<a href="#">here</a>
CONNECTING R&D	23-26 June	Pisa, Italy	Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna	R&D Management	<a href="#">here</a>
Global Outreach: Enabling Cultures and Diversity in Research Management	28 June - 1 July	Leiden, the Netherlands	EARMA	R&D Management	<a href="#">here</a>
Tsunami Decision Support Systems 2015	2-3 July	Ispra, Italy	JRC	Crisis Management	<a href="#">here</a>
Public Engagement about science, technology and innovation	9-10 July	Split, Croatia	European Commission	Open Science	<a href="#">here</a>
LHCP 2015 – 3rd Conference on Large Hadron Collider Physics	31 Aug - 5 Sept	St Petersburg, Russia	NRC KI	Accelerator Science	<a href="#">here</a>
International summer school on Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS)	31 Aug - 10 Sept	Barcelona, Spain	ESA/JRC	GNSS	<a href="#">here</a>

## 6.2 Events in Japan

### 6.2.1 European Higher Education Fair 2015

This fair, organised by the **Delegation of the European Union to Japan**, will provide the **latest information on the study programmes of more than 60 academic institutions in over 10 European countries**, and on some of the **European programmes for research funding and mobility** such as H2020, ERC, MSCA or Erasmus +.



Visitors will be able to **speak directly with representatives from all participating institutions**.

**Date and place:**

**-15-16 May at Meiji University's Surugadai Campus, Tokyo**

**-17 May at Doshisha University's Imadegawa Campus in Kyoto**



Further information [here](#)



### 6.2.2 Global Symposium on Scientific Breakthroughs

The JSPS will be hosting a “**Global Symposium on Scientific Breakthroughs**,” to be held as a **side event of the 4th Annual Meeting of the Global Research Council (GRC)** in Tokyo this May.

The GRC is a **high-level forum** that **assembles the heads of leading research-promotion agencies** from around the world to discuss issues and initiatives related to commonly encountered issues. The **tandem symposium will address one of the GRC meeting’s themes: Research Funding for Scientific Breakthrough.**

This symposium will address **policy issues** and **measures to advance global research networking** through presentations and panel discussions by representatives of world-leading research funding agencies, Nobel laureates and policymakers in Science and Technology.

**Date and time: 26 May, 9:30 - 15:00**

Venue: [Hotel Okura Tokyo South Wing, B2F, Ascot Hall II](#)

Language: English (with simultaneous translation)

Further information and registration [here](#)

### 6.2.3 Transforming Japan Into an Energy Rich Country - What Needs to be Done?

After the Fukushima nuclear disaster and the consequent shutdown of all nuclear reactors, Japan has been forced to reconsider its energy and climate policies. A **stronger reliance on renewables might also come as an opportunity**, given the abundance of renewable energy resources in Japan. **Can resource poor Japan, which presently imports more than 90% of its primary energy supply, become an energy rich country?** If so, what is needed to achieve such a fundamental transformation?

These questions will be addressed in the keynote delivered by Tomas Kåberger, Professor of Industrial Energy Policy at Chalmers University of Technology, Sweden, and Chairman of the Executive Board of the Japan Renewable Energy Foundation (JREF).

**Date and time: 14 May, 18:30~**

Venue: [Deutsches Institut für Japanstudien](#), Tokyo

Further information and registration [here](#)

### 6.2.4 Other events in Japan

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Event	Date	Location	Organised by	Field	Link
<b>From Neural Circuitry to Neurotechnology</b>	11-12 May	Tokyo	RIKEN	Neuroscience	<a href="#">here</a>
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