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Dear Colleagues,

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

Great news! Now you can mark your agendas for our two flagship events of the second semester:

- EURAXESS Science Slam Japan 2015, 23 October, Tokyo Metropolitan University, and
- European Research(ers') Day, 11 December, Delegation of the EU to Japan, Tokyo.

Calls for contributions are open for both of these, so go and check the ELJ activities section!

Some very important developments in Europe-Japan cooperation in research strategy and exchanges happened recently, in particular through the EU-Japan Summit, and via the ERC-JSPS agreement on researcher mobility; you can read all the details in our news section!

As usual, you will also find in this newsletter a list of upcoming deadlines for mobility or funding programmes, which should keep you busy during the summer months!

Finally, this month's EU insight is about how to better integrate the scientific and technology outputs to political decision-making.

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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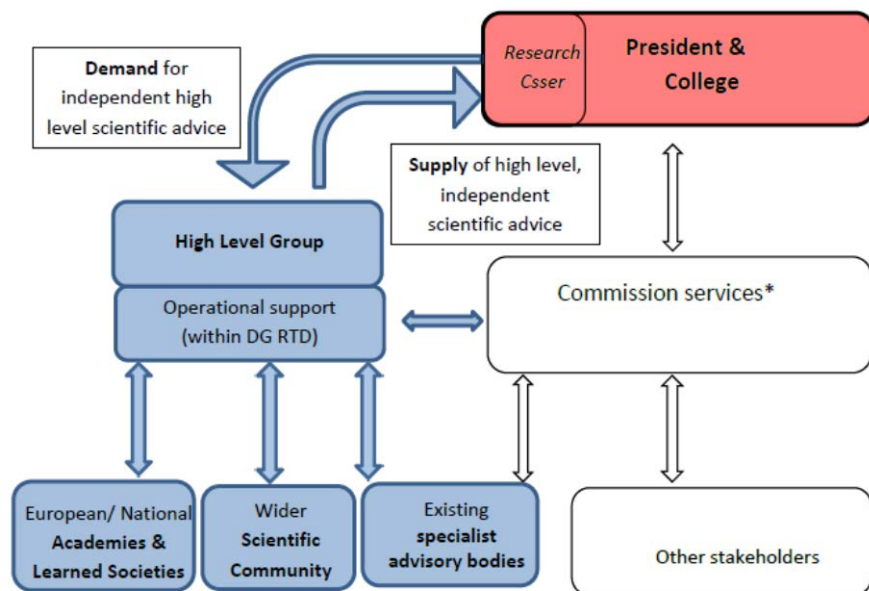
# 1 EU Insight – The new Scientific Advice Mechanism (SAM)

How should independent scientific advice be institutionalised in the European Commission (EC) after the mandate of the EC Chief Scientific Advisor (CAS) came to an end in November 2014? For several months, the EC searched for ways to answer that question, studying the various science advisory models around the globe and the “particular needs and culture of the commission”.<sup>1</sup> Finally, in mid-May 2015, EC President Jean-Claude Juncker endorsed a new instrument for high quality, timely, independent scientific advice: the so-called **Scientific Advice Mechanism (SAM)** recommended by Commissioner Carlos Moedas, responsible for Science, Research and Innovation within the college of commissioners.

## Scientific Advice across all policy areas

Key criteria of the new mechanism are **independence of institutional or political interests, bringing together evidence and insights from different disciplines and approaches, and transparency.**<sup>2</sup> For specific policy areas, the EC already has access to extensive scientific advice through 1) the Joint Research Centre (JRC) providing in-house scientific support, 2) external experts (groups, contracted studies, and standing, independent advisory committees), and 3) Horizon 2020 financed research projects in support of EU policies (societal challenges). However, the new mechanism is envisioned to provide timely, independent, high level scientific advice to meet needs **across all policy areas.**<sup>3</sup>

Figure 1.1: SAM's two main features are: (1) a structured relationship with scientific advisory bodies in Member States (e.g. national academies) – to benefit from the wealth of knowledge and expertise; (2) a High-Level Group of eminent scientists supported from within DG RTD – to improve the interaction with scientific community, and to ensure independence, scientific integrity, and transparency. The high-level group and the Commission services (incl. JRC) provide scientific advice to the EC president and the college of commissioners.



\* Including the Joint Research Centre which provides in-house scientific support

Source: “A new mechanism for independent scientific advice in the European Commission.”



### The Scientific Advice Mechanism’s features

This future mechanism will draw on the wide range of scientific expertise in Europe through a **close relationship with national academies and other bodies**, coordinated by a **High-Level Group of Independent Scientists**.<sup>4</sup>

The group will consist of seven members, who can come from anywhere in the world, and who will receive operational support from within the Directorate-General for Research and Innovation (DG-RTD) in the form of a 20 to 25 person-strong secretariat. Commissioner Moedas’ role will be that of an “intermediary” between the future high-level panel and the EC president as well as the EC commissioners.<sup>5</sup>

### Implementation timeline

In the coming months, Commissioner Moedas’ task will be to implement this new arrangement involving other Commissioners and making the most of effective cooperation between Commission services. The figure below is taken from the NCP Brussels website<sup>6</sup>, indicating the envisioned timeline for the set-up of the Scientific Advisory Mechanism until autumn 2015.

Figure 1.2: Timeline for the set-up of the Scientific Advisory Mechanism: May to December 2015.



Source: NCP Brussels.

According to *Science*, “The advisory panel’s members will be recruited by a[n] [...] ‘identification committee,’ through a process modelled after the [European Research Council’s search for scientific council members](#)”.<sup>7</sup>

A budget of up to EUR 6 million of EU funding is envisioned to support the Scientific Advise Mechanism, but this has yet to be confirmed.

The mechanism will be in place by autumn 2015.

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## 2 EURAXESS Links Japan activities

### 2.1 EURAXESS Science Slam Japan 2015

We are proud to announce that the third edition of the **EURAXESS Science Slam Japan** finals will be hosted by the **Tokyo Metropolitan University** on **23 October afternoon**.

Located in Hachioji town, the Tokyo Metropolitan University campus is a three-minute walk from the Minami-Osawa station, 45 minutes away from Shinjuku by train!

**The call for submission of videos for the pre-selection of finalists is open!**

**Young and less young researchers, PhD and master students** with a current research activity, **any nationality, any discipline** including social sciences and humanities: **this science communication contest is for you!**

**To participate: very simple!**

- **Be creative and entertaining**, and explain your research project in a **3-minute video** that should be representative of your slam at the finals,

- **Follow instructions on our [webpage](#)** and send the file to us!



Watch the [EURAXESS Science Slam: Get Inspired](#) video on our YouTube Channel!

**ARE YOU READY FOR THE EURAXESS Science Slam Japan 2015?**

Science communication contest for graduate students and researchers of all disciplines, all nationalities!

**LIVE FINALS!**  
23 October 2015  
Tokyo Metropolitan Univ.

How to enter the contest?

- Read the terms and conditions on our website.
- Create a 3-minute video of your presentation.
- Send it to us at [japan@euraxess.net](mailto:japan@euraxess.net)
- Wait until the end of the selection process.
- If you're selected, we cover your trip to the finals!

Winner gets a trip to Europe!

Organisation: EURAXESS Links Japan  
Host: Tokyo Metropolitan University

More information at: [scienceslamjapan2015.splashthat.com](http://scienceslamjapan2015.splashthat.com)

Share information with your colleagues!





## 2.2 European Research(ers') Day, 11 Dec., Tokyo

This will be the very first edition of our event targeting the community of

European researchers in Japan: the [European Research\(ers'\) Day](#) will give you an opportunity to showcase your research work, to discuss your career experience and to get insights and tips to improve it, to network within the European Diaspora (and beyond...) in Japan!

The event will take the form of a workshop across a full day on 11 December 2015.

### Features of the event:

- A short session on possibilities with Europe (funding / cooperation / mobility / relocation),
- Presentation and poster sessions by European researchers on: their research work, their career and personal experience especially in Japan; and their future plans (in relation to Europe when relevant),
- One or several discussion panels/sessions on researcher careers and mobility / challenges of relocating to Europe,
- A networking reception.

The main part of the event will be the presentations given by the researchers themselves (you!!): 15 to 20 speakers and 5 to 10 posters, from a wide range of disciplines, profiles and countries within the EU-28.

Call for abstracts to the European researchers active in Japan

Present your research, provide insight on your grant/employment situation, discuss of your future career, learn from others, connect and exchange!

European Research(ers') Day

Submit to: [japan@euraxess.net](mailto:japan@euraxess.net)  
Call deadline: September 2015  
Event: 11 Dec.2015, Tokyo

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### To be eligible you must:

- Be a national from one of the EU-28 countries,
- Currently have an affiliation with a Japanese research institution, university, or have an R&D position at a company based in Japan,
- Be able to attend the event on 11 December 2015 in Tokyo (Delegation of the EU to Japan).

To apply, follow the instructions on our [webpage!](#)

Share this with colleagues from Europe: the more apply, the better the event will be for you!



## 2.3 Reminder: New Funding Guide available online!

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 for you too.

You may soon check out 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 online through our [website](#)!**

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

**A Japanese version should be available soon, too.**





## 3 News & Developments

### 3.1 EU, Member States and Associated Countries

#### 3.1.1 SME Instrument latest results: 42 innovative SMEs to share EUR 68.5 million under Horizon 2020

**Horizon 2020 SME Instrument Phase 2**  
Grant requested and number of SMEs per country  
(March 2015 cut-off)

Country	Grant Requested (€ m.)	Number of SMEs
Spain	12,62	7
Finland	9,09	4
Israel	7,22	3
United Kingdom	7,05	4
Italy	6,68	6
France	6,24	4
Netherlands	5,11	4
Germany	3,59	2
Estonia	2,49	1
Slovenia	2,45	2
Denmark	1,89	1
Hungary	1,7	1
Sweden	1,41	2
Ireland	0,99	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>68,53</b>	<b>42</b>

42 SMEs from 14 countries have been selected in the latest round of Horizon 2020 SME Instrument Phase 2. For each project, the participants will receive up to €2.5 million (up to €5 million for health projects) to finance innovation activities and the development of their business plans. The companies will also be entitled to benefit from up to 12 days of [business coaching](#).

The European Commission received 614 proposals under Phase 2 by the first cut-off date of 2015 on 18 March. 230 received an evaluation score above the application threshold and 37 or 16.1% have been selected for funding.

Spanish SMEs have once again been particularly successful with 7 beneficiaries on track to receive over €12.6 million. They are closely followed by firms from Italy, Finland, France, Netherlands and the UK.



Since the launch of the programme on 1st January 2014, 214 SMEs from 22 countries have been selected under Phase 2 of the SME Instrument sharing more than €294 million.

Read more (Source: [European Commission - Research & Innovation – Press Centre](#))

### 3.1.2 Text and data mining freedom at stakes in copyright reform



The work of European Scientists could be hampered by proposed copyright law. Scientists digging in the haystack of research publications for patterns, trends or other information, increasingly rely on text and data mining (TDM) techniques. Without these tools, it is impossible to systematically analyse the rapidly growing volume of scientific knowledge. Yet, European scientists cannot apply TDM as widely as they wish. Due to legal restriction, they fear that Europe may fall behind other countries with respect to TDM. As the commission is expected to propose a reform of existing regulations later this year, the debate on TDM and copyright law is gaining momentum. Scientists hope a reform will harmonise copyright regulations across the EU member states in favour of TDM. But traditional scientific publishers continue to [support existing regulations](#).

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

### 3.1.3 MyScienceWork launched POLARIS, a digital platform for the promotion of research



MyScienceWork announced the launch of POLARIS, customized online platforms to maximize the dissemination and communication of research. POLARIS is a versatile tool that allows institutions to make their research accessible, communicate about their latest findings, establish collaborations and have decision-making tools for their research priorities.

For further information, please consult [the French version of this news item](#).

(Source: Luxembourg Portal for Innovation and Research)

Read also [Research institutions need visibility. Luckily, there's POLARIS!](#)

## 3.2 Japan

### 3.2.1 THE Asia University Rankings 2015

While Japan's **University of Tokyo** is the highest-placed institution in the [Times Higher Education Asia University Rankings 2015](#), the country has **lost ground overall**, with the balance of power now tilting towards mainland China.



THE Asia ranking 2015. The two columns at the left are the Asia rankings of each university in 2015 and 2014.

2015	2014	World University Rankings 2014-15	Institution	Country
1	1	23	University of Tokyo	Japan
2	2	25	National University of Singapore	Singapore
3	3	43	University of Hong Kong	Hong Kong
4	5	48	Peking University	China
5	6	49	Tsinghua University	China
6	4	50	Seoul National University	South Korea
7	9	51	Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	Hong Kong
8	8	=52	Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST)	South Korea
9	7	59	Kyoto University	Japan
10	11	=61	Nanyang Technological University	Singapore

**Japan has 19 universities in the prestigious top 100, down from 20 last year and 22 in 2013**, and 15 of those have slipped down the list, by an average of 5.8 places.

By contrast, **mainland China now has 21 representatives, up from 18 last year and 15 in 2013**, and many of these are rising up the table, including Peking University (fourth) and Tsinghua University (fifth), which have both moved up a place. Wuhan University has also climbed an impressive 15 places to joint 49th.

The shift in power towards China takes place against a **backdrop of investment in research and development while Japan wrestles with cuts** as a result of its crippling level of public debt.

Gerard Postiglione, director of the Wah Ching Centre of Research on Education in China at the University of Hong Kong, said that Japan’s declining performance is **due to a combination of “a lot of inbreeding”** at its universities ([graduates teaching at the same university at which they studied](#)); research funding being concentrated at its top-tier institutions; and **fewer promotion opportunities for young academics**.

Phil Baty, *THE* Rankings editor, added: “*Now is not the time for [Japan] to rest on existing reputation – it must act, and quickly, if it is to arrest its decline.*”

Source: [THE](#)

### 3.2.2 JSPS KAKENHI to Expand Support for International Collaboration

The **Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS)**, one of the main funding agencies for basic research in all academic fields in Japan, runs a long-



standing basic research program named **KAKENHI** (see previous editions of our newsletter for more details).

This programme alone weighs with **JPY 230 billion (EUR 1.7 billion) per year**. The **award value per project** (allocated to a university or research institute through a PI) usually varies between JPY 500 million (EUR 3.6 million) and less than JPY 1 million (EUR 7,000) **depending on the scale and needs** of the project.

The large-scale awards already financially allow international collaboration, but the middle- and small-scale awards do not. To **make it easier for more KAKENHI projects** (which result in about 47% of the total academic production in Japan) to **conduct internationally collaborative research**, JSPS will later this year launch a **new program with a budget of JPY 6.4 billion (EUR 46 million)**. It will allow about **400 KAKENHI grantees to additionally request for add-on funds required to conduct internationally collaborative research each year**.

The details, including the amount per project, deadline and review method, will be announced in summer 2015 and the award decision will be made late fall 2015, for projects beginning as soon as JFY2016 (April 2016).

This new program would make Europe-Japan research collaboration among individual researchers much easier than before.

Source: Nikkei Shimbun, JSPS

### 3.3 Cooperation EU - Japan

#### 3.3.1 New Strategic Partnership in Research and Innovation endorsed by 23rd Japan-EU Summit



Photo: (l-r) Donald Tusk, the Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and Jean-Claude Juncker at the 23th EU-Japan Summit

On 29 May 2015, Mr Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of Japan, Mr Donald Tusk, President of the European Council, and Mr Jean-Claude Juncker, President of the European Commission, met in Tokyo for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Summit between Japan and the European Union (EU) and endorsed the joint vision on the new strategic partnership in Research and Innovation between the European Commission and the Government of Japan (see [joint press statement](#)).

The **strategic partnership** is based on the fact that the **EU and Japan face similar challenges and both see cooperation in research and innovation as necessary** to promote



research excellence, increase industrial competitiveness and effectively address common and global societal challenges.

The strategic partnership includes:

- **Promoting joint research activities in key thematic areas**, including continuing cooperation in Information and Communication Technology (ICT), aeronautics and materials (including Critical Raw Materials),
- **Increasing cooperation in health/medical research**, environment, energy and high energy physics;
  - **Establishing a mechanism for the joint funding of research and innovation projects;**
  - **Developing measures to enhance the mobility of researchers** such as the newly signed cooperation arrangement between the European Research Council (ERC) and the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS);
- Closer consultation and coordination where possible on Science, Technology and Innovation policies such as **Open Science**;
- Promoting public engagement to give further **visibility to EU-Japan cooperation** in research and innovation.

Source: [International Research Newsletter](#)

### 3.3.2 European Commission and Japan sign cooperation agreement on mobility of researchers



From left: Dr. Leonidas Karapiperis, Minister-Counsellor, Head of S&T Section, EU Delegation to Japan, Prof. Jean-Pierre Bourguignon, President of ERC, Dr. Wolfgang Burtscher, Deputy Director-General for Research and Innovation, Dr. Yuichiro Anzai, President of JSPS and Mr. Sadayuki Tsuchiya, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT).

Credit: Y.Shimazu.

On 29 May 2015, an **Implementing Arrangement between the European Commission and the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS)** was signed at Japan's Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) in Tokyo. This arrangement **encourages young top**



**scientists in Japan to join European Research Council research (ERC) teams in Europe.**

On this occasion, ERC President Jean-Pierre Bourguignon said: *"It allows teams led by an ERC grantee to draw on the excellence and new ideas of Japanese talent, whilst researchers from Japan will benefit from an international experience in a very selective environment overseas. It will stimulate scientific exchange, and I do believe that the bonds created during such collaborations are lasting and help widen researchers' horizons. Encouraging brain circulation, attracting talent to Europe and exposing European scientists to international competition lie at the heart of the ERC's mission."*

In Japan there are more than 90,000 early career researchers including doctoral students and postdoctoral researchers. Among them, about 6,000 young researchers are supported under the JSPS Research Fellowship for Young Scientists Program.

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

### **3.3.3 EU and Japan step up cooperation on 5G mobile technology**

With the new 5G agreement, the EU will join forces with Japan to cope with the increasing need for wireless Internet and complement current efforts to create a [Digital Single Market](#) in Europe.

**Günther H. Oettinger**, European Commissioner for Digital Economy and Society said: *"5G will be the backbone of our digital economies and societies worldwide. This is why we strongly support and seek a global consensus and cooperation on 5G. Our agreement with Japan is a milestone on the road to a global definition of 5G, its service characteristics and standards. It shows that our countries are ready to take leadership in building our digital future."*

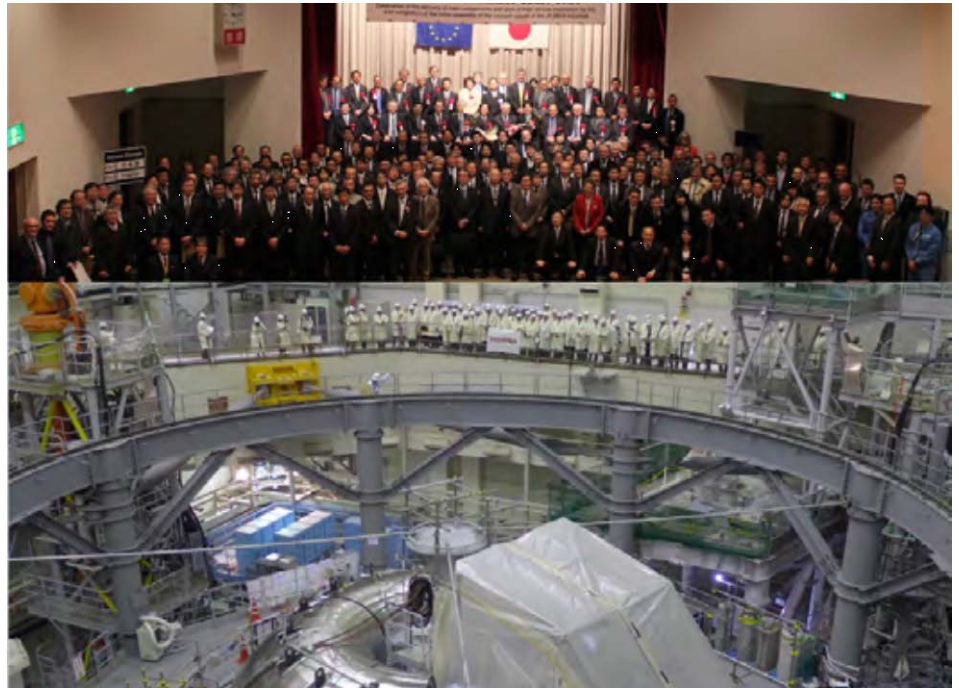
The agreement will allow EU and Japan to work towards a common understanding and standards of 5G, identify new harmonised radio band frequencies for 5G spectrum and cooperate on future 5G applications in areas like [connected cars](#) or [e-health](#). Together, the partners will also invest **€12 million** during the next two years in 5G-related projects to help develop the [Internet of Things,Cloud](#) or [Big Data platforms](#).

Source: [European Commission](#)





### 3.3.4 Arrival in Japan of key components from the EU for the new Tokamak



The delivery of some **key components for the new JT-60SA Tokamak from France, Germany and Italy** was celebrated on 20 April in a ceremony organised by the **Japan Atomic Energy agency (JAEA)** at the **Naka Fusion Institute**, Ibaraki, Japan.

Spain had already delivered another key component, the cryostat base. JT-60SA is one of the three projects being carried out under the Broader Approach (BA) between the EU and Japan. BA is **meant to prepare the ground for DEMO, the envisaged successor to ITER**. JT-60SA, will be one of the largest Tokamak in the world, comprising superconducting magnets and an advanced control system for enhanced plasma stability.

**When assembled and operational, it will support ITER, supplement ITER towards DEMO** and contribute toward the development of human resources.

Source: [International Research Newsletter](#)



## 4 Grants & Fellowships

### 4.1 European Union

#### 4.1.1 Open calls under 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 investment that this money will attract.

Access all **24 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.



- There is a guide, explaining the Horizon 2020 programme in greater detail available for download [here](#).

#### 4.1.2 JEUIPSTE project support actions for H2020

The **JEUIPSTE project** aims at **promoting EU-Japan cooperation in Science, Technology and Innovation** through **support to policy dialogues**, deployment of bilateral **information services**, organisation of networking events focusing on specific technologies and/or societal challenges, operation of **help desk services** (in cooperation with NCP Japan) and contribution to the development of human resources for collaborative projects.

The **JEUIPSTE project** can help if you need **advice or information regarding Horizon 2020** and Europe-Japan cooperation.

Further information: [JEUIPSTE](#)



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:



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

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).

Through various streams, **MSCAs support researcher mobility at different stages** of their career:

- **International Training Network ([ITN](#))** for **PhD studies** (for Japanese candidates mostly through application via the [EURAXESS Jobs](#) database -"more filters" tab, →"Marie Curie" link),
- **Individual Fellowships ([IF](#))** for **postdoctoral fellowships** or **research stays** (without age limit),
- **Research and Innovation Staff Exchange ([RISE](#))** for **short research stays**.

Open and upcoming MSCA calls:

[Individual Fellowships](#) (closing 10 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 objective 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 1 October)

#### 4.1.6 Interested in hosting a Japanese researcher within your ERC team?

The **European Research Council Executive Agency signed an Implementing Arrangement with the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS)** on May 29, 2015.

Under this arrangement, **ERC will provide opportunities for recipients of JSPS Research Fellowships** for Young Scientists to **pursue research collaboration with European colleagues** already supported by the ERC.

**A first ERC Call for expression of interest to ERC PIs and teams is expected to be launched later in 2015**, so that the and the first Japanese visits may take place in 2016.

Further information [here](#)

#### 4.1.7 Erasmus+ Joint Master Degrees and Joint Doctorates

**Erasmus+ Joint master degrees (JMD) and Joint Doctorates (JD)** are offered by **international consortia 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 enrol.

**JDs are doctoral-level training and research programmes** and offer **fellowships covering up to three years** of doctoral activities. **29 consortia are proposing JDs in various fields**.

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

Joint Master Degrees: further information [here](#), list of the consortia [here](#)

Joint Doctorates: further information and list of consortia [here](#)





#### 4.1.8 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 online on our website](#).

Please check it out and share with your colleagues!

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#### 4.1.9 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](#)

#### 4.1.10 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](#)





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.

### 4.1.11 National EURAXESS Portals

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

Two calls per year.

**Next deadline: 1 October**

Further information [here](#)

#### 4.2.1.2 Fellowships at NATO Defence College, Italy

The [NATO Defense College](#) offers each year **fellowships in the field of defence & security policy research** to NATO and its partners. The objective is to **promote research and political consulting** in areas of particular interest to NATO through **short research stays**.

Out of the five openings, **one is dedicated to nationals** from the "Partners Across the Globe" countries, of which **Japan** is a member.

Candidates will be **selected on the basis of their academic qualifications**, quality of research proposal, professional experience and publication record. Candidates must have a **good working knowledge of English or French**.





Successful candidates will be awarded **EUR 16,000** to cover all their travel and accommodation expenses during the **four month research stay**. The Fellow will be located at the NATO Defense College, in Rome, Italy.

**Deadline: 1 September**

Further information [here](#)

#### **4.2.1.3 Canon Foundation Europe: European and Japanese Fellowships**

The **Canon Foundation in Europe** grants up to **15 Fellowships per year to highly qualified European and Japanese researchers in all fields**.

Candidates are required to have obtained **at least a Master's degree within the previous ten years**.

The **European Fellowship holders** pursue a **period of research in Japan** whereas the **Japanese Fellows** do their research at **host institutions in Europe**. The Fellowships are awarded for **periods of three months to one year**.

Canon Fellows have to choose their host institutes and hosts abroad.

**Deadline: 15 September**

Further information [here](#)

#### **4.2.1.4 EUI Fernand Braudel Senior Fellowships**

**Fernand Braudel Senior Fellowships** provide a framework for established academics in **law and social sciences**, with an international reputation to pursue their research at the **European University Institute (EUI)**.

Fellowships cover monthly stipend for **three to ten months research stays** in one of the EUI's four Departments.

**Established academics of any nationality**, with a good command of English and of any other language relevant to their research project may apply.

Two calls per year (varying between Departments).

**Next deadline: 30 September** (Depts. of Economics, History and Civilisation, Political and Social Sciences)

Further information [here](#)

#### **4.2.1.5 EUI Max Weber Postdoctoral Fellowships**

The **Max Weber Programme is the largest international postdoctoral programme in the Social Sciences and Humanities in Europe**. It offers around 50-55 fully funded Fellowships to qualified researchers from anywhere in the world.

The Programme is **open to applicants who are within 5 years of the completion of their PhD**. The language of the programme is English and therefore applicants' expected level of English proficiency is level C1 of the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR).





The majority of **Max Weber Fellowships** are for one year.

**Deadline: 25 October**

Further information [here](#)

#### **4.2.1.6 EUI Jean Monnet Postdoctoral Fellowships**

The Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies ([RSCAS](#)) offers **one-year Jean Monnet Fellowships** (renewable for one more year) to scholars who have **obtained their doctorate more than 5 years prior to the start** of the fellowship. The Fellowship programme is open to post-docs, tenure track academics of all nationalities. The Centre offers up to 20 Fellowships a year.

The research proposal should fit well with one of the Centre's main research themes:

- Integration, Governance and Democracy
- Markets and Governing Money
- 21st Century World Politics and Europe

**Deadline: 25 October**

Further information [here](#)

#### **4.2.1.7 ERCIM Alain Bensoussan Fellowship Programme**

The **European Research Consortium for Informatics and Mathematics** ([ERCIM](#)) aims to foster collaborative work within the European research community, and features several leading European research institutes as members.

ERCIM offers **fellowships for PhD holders** from all over the world who have completed their PhD no longer than **8 years prior to the application deadline**. Successful applicants will receive a fellowship for a **12 month stay** at one of the institutes which are part of the [ERCIM network](#). Topics cover **most disciplines in Computer Science, Information Technology and Applied Mathematics**.

Two calls per year

**Next deadline: 30 September**

Further information [here](#)

#### **4.2.1.8 HFSP postdoctoral fellowships**

The **Human Frontier Science Program** ([HFSP](#)) proposes **postdoctoral fellowships** to encourage early career scientists to broaden their research skills by moving into new areas of study while working in a new country.

**Long-Term Fellowships** are for applicants with a Ph.D. in a biological discipline, who will broaden their expertise by proposing a project in the life sciences which is significantly different from their previous Ph.D. or postdoctoral work.

**Cross-Disciplinary Fellowships** are for applicants with a Ph.D. from outside the life sciences.







**HFSP fellowships are for three years.** Fellows (of **any nationality**) may choose to stay for up to three years in the host country or use the last year of their fellowship to return to their home country or to move to another [HFSP member country](#).

**Deadline: 13 August**

Further information [here](#)

#### **4.2.1.9 CERN: Postdoc Fellowship Programme**

The [CERN's](#) **Non-Member State Fellowship Programme** in **Theoretical Physics** awards **two postdoctoral fellowships per year**.

Nationals of any country but [member states](#) (including Japan) with a PhD in theoretical physics and a maximum of 10 years of postdoctoral experience are eligible.

The fellowships cover **monthly stipend and travel expenses**, are granted for a **two-year period** and can exceptionally be extended to a third year.

**Deadline: 15 October**

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 Franz Werfel Grant and Richard Plaschka Scholarship

The **Franz Werfel Grant** addresses itself to **young university teachers whose work focuses on Austrian Literature**.

The **Richard Plaschka Scholarship** is for **foreign university lecturers** of history whose main academic focus is **Austrian history**. Grant recipients should focus on eastern and south-eastern European area history with an emphasis on cross-border collaboration.

Both programmes, provided by [OeAD](#), offers **material support for up to 18 months**, but through follow-up support also **guarantees sustainability**.

Candidates of **any nationality**, and **at least of a postgraduate level**, with a background in Austrian literature may apply.

Recipients of Werfel grants can **work as visiting researchers at university departments and carry out specialist studies** in libraries, archives or at research institutions.

Two calls per year.

**Next deadline: 15 September**

Further information [here](#)

#### 4.2.2.4 ISTFELLOW Postdoctoral Fellowships

ISTFELLOW is a programme **open to applicants from all over the world** who are interested in spending the postdoctoral stage of their scientific research career **at the Institute of Science and Technology Austria ([IST Austria](#))**. Core research areas are **physics, chemistry, and mathematics**, but this programme gives preference to scientists who have a strong interest in cross-disciplinary approaches.

The ISTFELLOW programme funds approximately **40 fellows per year for a two year stay**, which may be extended under favourable conditions.

**Next deadline: 15 September**

Further information [here](#)

#### 4.2.2.5 Marietta Blau Grant for PhD students

The **Marietta Blau Grant** offers financial support for **outgoing research stays** as part of a doctoral programme, in **any discipline**.

The programme is exclusively intended for people who do not receive any public funds for their doctoral studies apart from the Austrian study grant. **Applicants must be enrolled at an Austrian educational or research institution**. Duration of the stays can vary between **6 and 12 months** during which a **monthly allowance is awarded** (travel costs are not covered).

Two calls per year.



ISTFELLOW is partially funded by the European Union under the Marie Curie Co-funding of Regional, National and International Programmes ([COFUND](#)).



**Next deadline: 1 September**

Further information [here](#)

### 4.2.3 Belgium

#### *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](#)

### 4.2.4 Czech Republic

#### *Josef Dobrovský Fellowship*



The objective of the fellowship is **to support “Czech studies”** by means of the **financing of short-term study stays of foreign researchers** at the Institutes of the **Czech Academy of Sciences (CAS)**.

The fellowship is intended for **young researchers** who need to study the Czech historical, cultural, language, geographic or natural characteristics in the Czech Republic.

**Research stays of 15-45 days at the CAS and related costs are covered.**

Applications for the fellowship must be filed by the directors of CAS Institutes.

Two calls per year.

**Next deadline: 31 August**

Further information [here](#)

### 4.2.5 Denmark

#### *International Network Programme*



The [Danish Agency for Science, Technology and Innovation](#) has launched its 7<sup>th</sup> **International Network Programme**.

This programme is open to **researchers working at Danish institutions** wishing to engage in network activities with cooperation partners in selected countries - and Japan - and welcomes applications for the following activities:



- **Scientific workshops and conferences** with participation of researchers, scientists, research experts and PhD-students from Denmark and from one or more of the selected countries.
- **Short research stays** in order to identify potential for new collaborative projects and partnerships.

**Deadline: 25 August**

Further information [here](#)

#### **4.2.5.2 Niels Bohr professorships 2015 Call**

The **Danish National Research Foundation (DNRF)** calls for nominations in its 2015 **Niels Bohr Professorship Programme**. This programme seeks to **attract international, senior-level researchers** who are able to significantly advance the internationalization of a specific area of research in Denmark with **long-term effects**.

The programme covers **salaries for the Niels Bohr professor and associated junior researchers**, administrative support, operating costs for a nominal **period of 5 years**.

Proposals must be submitted by a researcher at the host Danish university.

**Deadline: 1 September**

Further information [here](#)

## **4.2.6 Estonia**

### **4.2.6.1 Kristjan Jaak Scholarships**

The **Kristjan Jaak Scholarship programme** supports **incoming and outgoing mobility**, both short and long-term, for **master's 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: 15 September** (Foreign Visits: short term)

**1 October** (Part-time studies)

Further information [here](#)

### **4.2.6.2 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 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 Education institutions)

Further information [here](#)

## 4.2.7 Finland

### 4.2.7.1 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 by 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](#)

## 4.2.8 France

### 4.2.8.1 Pays de la Loire: Connect Talent Call for Projects



With the **international call for projects "Connect Talent"**, the academic and economic actors of the Pays-de-la-Loire region wish to support "breakthrough projects".

**Individual mobility projects** from highly talented scientists and researchers of **any nationality**, as well as **institutional research projects or infrastructure projects** can be accepted within this call.

Successful applicants will see their projects funded by the Region for a **duration of 3 to 5 years**. There is **no maximum funding amount**, successful projects being **selected only on the basis of their quality, added value and feasibility**.

Call open until beginning of 2016

**Next deadline: 30 September**

Further information [here](#)



#### 4.2.8.2 Ifremer 2015-2016 post-doctoral grants

**Ifremer** offers post-doctoral positions to young French or foreign scientists who have completed their PhD and are motivated by development and innovation in various fields of **Marine Sciences**: technology and ecotechnology, aquaculture, fisheries, environment, risks analysis, physics of oceans, etc.

**Postdoctoral positions are contracted for a duration of 12 months, possibly renewable for 6 months**, starting in November 2015. Candidates who already performed post-doctoral research at Ifremer are excluded.

Consult the list of available subjects [here](#).

**Deadline: 10 September 2015**

Further information [here](#)

#### 4.2.8.3 Institut Pasteur Roux-Cantarini Postdoctoral Fellowships

The [Institut Pasteur](#) offers postdoctoral fellowships through the **Pasteur Roux-Cantarini programmes** to give **young scientists of any nationality** the opportunity to perform a **first or a second postdoctoral training in a laboratory of the Institut Pasteur**.

Applicants must have **defended their PhD thesis less than four years before they take up their fellowship**. The fellowships are **awarded for a period of up to two years**.

Candidates must contact, before applying, the head of the Institut Pasteur laboratory in which they would like to perform their work.

Two calls per year.

**Next deadline: 10 September**

Further information [here](#)

#### 4.2.8.4 PRESTIGE Postdoc programme

The **PRESTIGE programme**, coordinated by [Campus France](#), aims at **fostering the international mobility of post-doc researchers**.

Three mobility schemes are available:

- **Incoming**, allowing foreign researchers to carry out their post-doctoral research work in France;
- **Outgoing**, for researchers from France wishing to carry out a post-doctoral research project in another country;
- **Re-integration**, targeted at nationals of EU Member States or Associated Countries working in research for at least 3 years in another Third Country to come to France to further develop their career.



The PRESTIGE programme is co-financed under the Marie Curie Actions-COFUND of the FP7.



PRESTIGE is a **co-financing programme, funding about 1/3 of the post-doc fellow's living, mobility and research allowance**, while the remaining 2/3 are financed by another partner, either public or private.

Call for applications continuously open with four cut-off dates.

**Next deadline: 30 September**

Further information [here](#)

#### **4.2.9 PHC Sakura Programme 2016 Call**

The **PHC Sakura** is a **French-Japanese partnership for cooperation in S&T** provided by [JSPS](#) (Japanese side), [MAEDI](#) and [MENESR](#) (French side). The objective of this programme is to **foster new cooperative projects between young researchers** and teams in Japan and in France.

The **2016 call focuses on several themes**: ICTs, Mathematics, Natural Sciences, Biology and Medicine, Agronomy.

French and Japanese candidates must co-submit to the relevant institutions in their respective countries cooperative projects that favour novel, innovative concepts and involve active participation of early stage researchers.

Selected projects may receive **funding for a period of two years** (with an optional third year), mainly **covering research stays of a maximum duration of one month**.

**Deadline: September**

Further information [here](#) (French), [here](#) (Japanese)

#### **4.2.10 Germany**

##### ***4.2.10.1 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)



#### 4.2.10.2 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](#)

#### 4.2.10.3 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 Centre ([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 Transportation**. Application deadline varies according to the call.

List of open calls [here](#)

Further information [here](#)

#### 4.2.10.1 Alexander von Humboldt Foundation Sofja Kovalevskaja Award

The **Sofja Kovalevskaja Award** allows you to **spend five years building up a working group** on an **innovative research project of your own choice** at a research institution in Germany.

**Researchers from all disciplines may apply directly** to the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation which may grant **up to eight Awards annually**. The award is valued at **up to EUR 1.65 million**.

Eligible candidates are top-rank **foreign junior researchers** who **completed their doctorate within the last six years**, and have published work in prestigious international journals or publishing houses.

**Deadline: 1 September 2014**

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Further information [here](#)

#### **4.2.10.1 PhD Programmes at the International Max Planck Research Schools**

The [Max Planck Institutes](#) and German universities jointly run the **International Max Planck Research Schools (IMPRS)**. There are **60 IMPRS covering all disciplines**: 26 in the Chemistry, Physics and Technology Section, 23 in the Biology and Medicine Section, and 11 in the Human and Social Sciences Section.

The **PhD programmes are open to applicants from any country** holding a Master's degree in a relevant field. Proof of English proficiency is a plus, but is not mandatory.

**Deadlines vary from a school to another: September - November**

Further information [here](#)

#### **4.2.11 Ireland**

##### **4.2.11.1 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](#)

##### **4.2.11.2 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.



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**Applications accepted on a rolling basis.**

Further information [here](#)

## **4.2.12 Italy**

### **4.2.12.1 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](#)

## **4.2.13 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](#)

### **4.2.13.1 Lorentz Centre Workshop Proposal**

The **Lorentz Centre** is an international centre that was set up to **organise interactive workshops within the natural sciences**. One special aspect is the possibility to obtain a room to organise workshops between natural scientists and those in the humanities and social sciences

Three review sessions per year.





**Next proposal review: 15 September**

Further information [here](#)

#### **4.2.13.1 Rubicon Programme**

**Rubicon** aims to encourage **talented researchers at Dutch universities** and research institutes run by KNAW and the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research ([NWO](#)) to dedicate themselves to a career in postdoctoral research.

**Applicants holding a PhD can apply for a period of up to two years at an excellent research institution outside the Netherlands.** The minimum duration is twelve months. The eligible costs are salary including fringe benefits, travel costs and a limited amount of research costs.

Three calls per year.

**Next deadline: 1 September**

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 deadline: 9 September**

Further information [here](#)

##### **4.2.14.2 High North Programme 2013-2018**

The [SIU](#) **High North Programme supports collaboration between higher education institutions in Norway** and institutions in Canada, China, **Japan**, Russia, the Republic of Korea and the United States in order to increase knowledge about the High North.

It provides **funds to support student or staff mobility, intensive courses, joint teaching and supervisions, study programmes or degrees.** The programme is **open for all disciplines and all levels of education**, but must be related to topics such as climate change, the environment, resources, transport/logistics, economy and issues relating to indigenous people.

Accredited Norwegian higher education institutions may apply under one of these three categories:

- **Long term projects:** up to NOK 1,5 million for a three year period
- **Limited project activities:** up to NOK 300 000 for a two year period



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- **Preparatory visits:** Applicants with a partner in China, Japan or the Republic of Korea may apply for up to NOK 70 000.

**Deadline: 23 September**

Further information [here](#)

## 4.2.15 Poland

### 4.2.15.1 IDEAS For Poland

The objective of this programme 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 Slovakia

### 4.2.16.1 SASPRO International Mobility Programme

**SASPRO** is a programme of the **Slovak Academy of Sciences (SAS)** dedicated to **experienced scientists from abroad** and Slovak scientist currently affiliated abroad, who are interested in working in one of the [SAS institutions](#). SASPRO is divided into two mobility schemes:





- **Incoming scheme:** for researchers who have not resided or carried out their main activity in the Slovak Republic for more than 12 months in the last 3 years prior to the application submission;
- **Reintegration scheme:** for Slovak nationals who have carried out their main activity in a Third country for at least 3 years prior to application.

The program allows **researchers of any nationality and in any discipline** to apply for a fellowship for a duration of **12 to 36 months**.

**Deadline: 27 July**

Further information [here](#)

## 4.2.17 Spain

### 4.2.17.1 AMAROUT-II Europe Programme

**AMAROUT-II is a Marie Curie Action (PEOPLE-COFUND).** It is a fellowship programme designed to **support transnational mobility of senior researchers.**

Both "**experienced**" and "**very experienced**" researchers from any country can apply for AMAROUT-II fellowships at any of the seven [IMDEA Institutes](#) participating in the program (Energy, Food, Materials, Nanoscience, Networks, Software, and Water).

**Permanent call for applications until 30 September**

Further information [here](#)

### 4.2.17.2 Ikerbasque Research Professors Call 2015

The **Basque Foundation for Science** ([Ikerbasque](#)) has launched its annual call for attracting senior researchers to the Research Institutions in the Basque Country.

This call **offers permanent contract positions for experienced researchers within any of the Basque Research Institutions** (Universities, Basque Excellence Research Centres, Cooperative Research Centres, Biomedical institutions and Technology Corporations, etc.). Researchers **from any country, with a solid research track, senior level and international research experience may apply.**

**Deadline: 10 September 2015**

Further information [here](#)

## 4.2.18 Sweden

### 4.2.18.1 STINT Initiation Grants

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

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This Ikerbasque programme is under the SMARTbrain Project, which is co-funded by the Basque Government and the European Union under the [COFUND](#) Programme.



**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](#)

#### **4.2.18.2 VINNMER Marie Curie Incoming and Outgoing**

The purpose of this [VINNOVA](#) call is to **support experienced researcher careers through mobility and international collaborations**.

Through the **Incoming scheme**, experienced researchers of **all nationalities can apply for international mobility to Sweden** with project times of **1-3 years** and get up to **50% of their salary costs** as well as additional relevant costs relating to mobility covered.

Through the **Outgoing scheme**, experienced researchers of **all nationalities currently affiliated with industry or research institutes in Sweden** with at least four years of research experience can apply for **research stays abroad of 1-3 years**, where at least 50% of the time is spent outside Sweden, **or of 3 months**, where all of the time is spent outside Sweden. In both cases up to **50% of their salary costs** as well as additional relevant costs relating to mobility covered.

**Deadline: 16 September**

Further information [here](#)

#### **4.2.18.3 Formas Funding for international Workshops**

The **Swedish Research Council [Formas](#)** award **grants towards the costs of organising conferences and workshops** within the areas of responsibility of Formas.

Meetings organized in Sweden are prioritized. The grant may be used to cover travel and accommodation costs for a limited number of participants, primarily participants from other countries. Funding from Formas may also be used to support organisational costs.

**A doctoral degree is not required** in order to apply for funding to organise workshops.

Applications continuously received; 3 reviews per year.

**Next Deadlines: 6 August, 1 October**

Further information [here](#)





## 4.2.1 Switzerland

### 4.2.1.1 SNSF International Exploratory Workshops

The **Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) International Exploratory Workshops** are aimed at **researchers in Switzerland who wish to organise workshops with participants from abroad**. The workshops are an opportunity for researchers from different backgrounds to meet, share new insights and increase their knowledge in a field.

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

Applicants must be affiliated with a Swiss university or research institute and hold a PhD degree.

Several calls per year.

**Next deadline: 7 October**

Further information [here](#)

### 4.2.1.2 SNSF Advanced Postdoc Mobility (outgoing)

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

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

**Swiss nationals** with a doctorate degree and **at least one year of postdoctoral experience** may apply.

Two calls per year.

**Next deadline: 1 August**

Further information [here](#)

## 4.2.2 Turkey

### 4.2.2.1 TÜBİTAK Fellowships for Visiting Scientists

The **Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK)** grants fellowships for **international scientists/researchers who would like to give workshops/conferences/lectures, or conduct R&D activities in Turkey**.

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](#)

#### **4.2.2.2 Graduate Scholarship Programme for International Students**

The **Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK)** grants **scholarships for international students of any country seeking to pursue a graduate degree in Turkey**. The scholarship covers fields of Natural Sciences, Engineering and Technological Sciences, Medical Sciences, Agricultural Sciences, Social Sciences and Humanities.

Scholarships may cover monthly stipends and tuition fees for Master and PhD courses with a **maximum duration of 2 years for the Master's and 4 years for the PhD program**.

**Deadline: September**

Further information [here](#)

#### **4.2.2.3 Research Fellowship Programme for International Researchers**

The **Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK)** grants **fellowships for highly qualified PhD students and young post-doctoral researchers of any nationality (except Turkish) and discipline to pursue their research in Turkey**.

The fellowships cover **monthly stipend and travel expenses** for a maximum **duration of 12 months**.

Two application rounds per year.

**Next deadline: 19 October**

Further information [here](#)

### **4.2.3 United Kingdom**

#### **4.2.3.1 Daiwa Foundation Awards/Small Grants**

The [Daiwa Anglo-Japanese Foundation](#) is a UK charity enabling British and Japanese students and academics to further their education through exchanges and other bilateral initiatives.

**Daiwa Foundation Awards can cover projects in most academic, professional, arts, cultural and educational fields in the context of an institutional relationship.** Awards seek to encourage the development and sustainability of UK-Japan partnerships. This award's amount can vary from £7,000 to £15,000 (EUR 8,700 to EUR 18,800).

**Daiwa Foundation Small Grants can cover all fields of activity, including educational and grassroots exchanges, research travel, the organisation of conferences, exhibitions, etc.** New initiatives are especially encouraged. This program grants usually between £3,000 to £7,000 (EUR 3,750 to EUR 8,700) per project.







Two calls per year: spring and autumn.

**Next deadline: 30 September**

Further information [here](#) (Awards) and [here](#) (Small Grants)

#### **4.2.3.1 STFC Ernest Rutherford Fellowships**



The **Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC)** proposes these fellowships to enable **early career researchers** without a permanent position to **establish an independent research programme**. They encourage talented researchers in UK universities to remain in the country and at the same time attract outstanding overseas researchers to the UK.

Applications must fall within the remit of the STFC core Science Programme (**astronomy, solar and planetary science, particle physics, particle astrophysics, cosmology, nuclear physics**).

Applicants, of **any nationality**, must have a **PhD and a minimum of two years postdoctoral experience**.

**Twelve funding supports of a five year duration** are granted each year.

**Deadline: 24 September**

Further information [here](#)

## **4.3 Japan**

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



The **Japanese Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS)** carries out programmes which **provide overseas researchers** who have an excellent record of research achievements with an opportunity to **conduct postdoctoral studies, collaborative research, and short research stays** in Japan.

**Researchers from all countries** with diplomatic relations with Japan and of **any field of study** are eligible.

**Applications must be submitted by the inviting researchers** who wish to host foreign researchers in Japan, **either directly through JSPS** (see [here](#)) **or through an overseas nominating authority** (France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway and Sweden: see list [here](#)). Various fellowship categories are provided:

- **Standard postdoctoral fellowships** are of a duration of **1 to 2 years**.
- **Short-term postdoctoral fellowships** are of a duration of **1 to 12 months**.
- **Pathway postdoctoral fellowships** are for **1-2 years** and should be **followed by a sustainable implantation** of the researcher in Japan.



- **Invitation fellowships** are for **research stays** of a duration of **2-10 months (Long-term), 14-60 days (Short-term), 7-30 days (Short-term S)**.

Approximately **320 postdoctoral fellowships** and **290 invitation fellowships** should be awarded for JFY2016 through two to four calls.

**Next application rounds:**

- **Postdoctoral fellowships:** **31 August - 4 September (Standard and “Pathway to University Positions in Japan”)**  
**5-9 October (Short-term)**
- **Invitation fellowships:** **31 August - 4 September**  
**(Long-term, Short-term and Short-term S)**

Further information [here](#) (pdf)

#### 4.3.2 JSPS Bilateral Joint Research Projects/Seminars 2016 Call for Proposals

The **Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS)** carries out **bilateral cooperative programs** between Japan and counterpart countries based on agreements concluded with academies, research councils and other science-promotion organizations in those countries. The aim of these programs is to **form sustained networks evolved from individual scientist exchanges** including young scientists.

JSPS provides **financial support to Japanese scientists** implementing such bilateral **joint research projects and seminars** between research teams from Japan and counterpart countries (such as: covering travel expenses, administrative costs, etc).

Counterpart agreements with the following European countries and institutions are available: Austria ([FWF](#)), Belgium ([FRS - FNRS](#), [FWO](#)), Czech Republic ([CAS](#)), Finland ([AF](#)), France ([CNRS](#), [Inria](#), [Inserm](#), [MAEDI](#)), Germany ([DAAD](#), [DFG](#)), Hungary ([HAS](#)), Italy ([CNR](#)), Netherland ([NWO](#)), Poland ([PAN](#)), Slovenia ([MESS](#)), Sweden ([STINT](#)).

**Deadline: 8 September**

Further information [here](#)

#### 4.3.3 Monbukagakusho Scholarships for Research Students 2016

The **Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology** ([MEXT](#)) offers **scholarships to international students who wish to study in graduate courses at Japanese universities** either as a (non-degree) student





or a regular student seeking a degree under the **Monbukagakusho Scholarship Program 2016**.

**Foreign applicants of any nationality** (within the list of countries holding diplomatic relations with Japan), born after April 1981 and meeting the relevant academic background conditions are eligible.

Candidates for **Master's or Doctorate courses** can apply for **fellowships covering travel expenses and monthly stipend** for an **18-month** period (if arrival in Japan in October 2016), **24-month** period (arrival in April 2016), or for the **whole duration** of their course.

**Applications can only be accepted through Japanese embassies in the country of origin.**

**Deadlines: various, usually April - June** (contact the Japanese embassy or consulate in your country of origin)

Further information [here](#)

#### 4.3.4 JAMSTEC Postdoctoral Fellow Programme 2016



The **Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology (JAMSTEC)** established an **international postdoctoral fellowship programme in Oceanography and Earth Sciences** to help young researchers develop their scientific excellence.

Applicants of **any nationality, holding a PhD in a relevant field** and with **less than 5 years of experience** are eligible to apply.

**5 fellowships** will be awarded this year; of a **duration of 1 year (renewable twice)**, and they cover the researchers' annual salary.

**Deadline: 21 July**

Further information [here](#)

#### 4.3.5 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 a 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](#)

#### 4.3.6 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)

#### 4.3.7 Muratec Foundation Outgoing Mobility Scholarships

The **Muratec Foundation** awards **scholarships for outgoing mobility** of **Japanese researchers and graduate students** in the fields of **law, economics, science and engineering**.

**Graduate students** can apply for as much as **two years** of scholarship and **PhD students, postdocs and associate professors for a maximum of one year**. The scholarships include a monthly stipend and travel expenses.

Applicants must find a host institution themselves. **Two to four scholarships** are awarded each year.

**Deadline: 28 August**

Further information [here](#)



## 5 Jobs

### 5.1 EURAXESS Jobs

There are currently **7888 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.

### 5.2 Jobs in Europe (selection)

#### 5.2.1 Assistant Professor in Economics, University of Rijeka, Croatia

The [University of Rijeka](#), Croatia, is opening applications for a **full-time position as assistant professor in International Economics**.

Candidates of any nationality, with a PhD degree in a relevant field and 4 to 10 years of postdoctoral experience may apply.

**Application deadline: 16 July**

Further information: [EURAXESS Jobs](#)

#### 5.2.2 ERC Postdoctoral position at Dublin City University, Ireland

The [Dublin City University](#) is opening applications for a **postdoctoral position in Imaging of Arterial Tissue** within a multidisciplinary team including PIs, clinicians, postdoctoral research fellows and postgraduate researchers in





the Trinity Centre for Bioengineering, the Trinity College Institute of Neuroscience, and St. James’s Hospital Dublin.

Candidates should **have a PhD in biomedical imaging**, bioengineering, computer science or a related discipline with specific expertise in medical imaging and computer programming.

The **duration of the offered postdoctoral contract is three years**

**Application deadline: 17 July**

Further information: [EURAXESS Jobs](#)

### 5.2.3 MSCA PhD position, LIST, Luxembourg

A **Ph.D. position** is available at the **Materials Research and Technology department** of the [Luxembourg Institute of Science and Technology](#) within the Marie Skłodowska-Curie European Training Network project [FULLCOMP](#).

The goal of this research project is to develop continuum structures capable of morphing between different stable shapes without the need for joints or conventional actuators.

Candidates of **any nationality, holding a MSc degree** in a relevant field may apply.

**Application deadline: 10 July**

Further information: [EURAXESS Jobs](#)

### 5.2.4 Other jobs in Europe

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## 5.3 Jobs in Japan

### 5.3.1 JREC-IN

The **Japanese job portal for researchers JREC-IN** is currently advertising **2873 positions in Japanese**, and **288 positions in English**.

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

### 5.3.2 Postdoctoral positions at WPI ITbM (Nagoya University)

The Kay-Hirota group at **Institute of Transformative Bio-Molecules (ITbM)**, Nagoya University is seeking highly motivated **postdoctoral researchers with a strong background of structural biology**.

ITbM is a newly founded research institute at Nagoya University that tackles important biological questions by applying original techniques of molecular synthesis.

**Candidates should have a Ph.D. degree** and strong background in structural biology including X-ray crystallography, with a solid research publication record.

The successful candidates will work on projects that apply structural biology approaches to understand mammalian circadian clock mechanisms. They will be awarded a **1 year contract, renewable maximum twice**.

**Application deadline: 31 July**

Further information [here](#)

### 5.3.3 Research Scientists Positions at WPI ELSI (Tokyo Institute of Technology)

The **Earth-Life Science Institute (ELSI)** at the Tokyo Institute of Technology is now providing opportunities for **ELSI Research Scientist positions**. ELSI is a young and innovative institute (launched Dec. 2012) with a vision to become a world-leading interdisciplinary research hub for **Origins of Earth and Life studies**.

About **five positions** will be available, each under **three-year contracts** (possibly extended to 5 years) starting between November 2015 and April 2016.

Candidates of any nationality, holding a PhD in a relevant field can apply.

**Application deadline: 30 September**

Further information [here](#)

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

- Faculty position at WPI Kavli IPMU (University of Tokyo)

Further information [here](#)



- Postdoctoral Positions at WPI MANA (NIMS)

Further information [here](#)

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## 6 Events

### 6.1 Events in Europe

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

Event	Date	Location	Organised by	Field	Link
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>
Innovation policies for Cultural Heritage Institutions	10 July	Budapest, Hungary	European Commission	Open Science	<a href="#">here</a>
QualityNano Final Event	15-17 July	Heraklion, Greece	EU Project NanoReq	Nanotechnology	<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>
EMBO Meeting 2015	5-8 Sept.	Birmingham, UK	EMBO	Life Sciences	<a href="#">here</a>
Horizon 2020 Info Day 'Secure, Clean and Efficient Energy'	14-15 Sept.	Brussels, Belgium	European Commission		<a href="#">here</a>
Horizon 2020 Info Day 'Health, demographic change and wellbeing'	18 Sept	Brussels, Belgium	European Commission	Health Sciences	<a href="#">here</a>

### 6.2 Events in Japan

#### 6.2.1 SIP Symposium: Energy Carriers

The **Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST)** is organising within its technological breakthrough research programme “Cross-Ministerial Strategic Innovation Promotion Program” ([SIP](#)) a symposium on one of the themes of this programme, **energy carriers**.

**Date and time: 2 July, 10:30 - 17:40**



Venue: [Miraikan](#) 7F, Odaiba, Tokyo

Language: Japanese only

Further information [here](#)

### 6.2.2 International workshop on renewable energies

The JST organises a workshop within the frame of the [10<sup>th</sup> renewable energy exhibition](#) which takes place in Tokyo from July 29 to 31.

This workshop will feature speakers from worldwide scientists, presenting the newest developments in their respective countries towards better, more efficient technologies for renewable energy.

**Date and time: 31 July, 13:00 - 17:00**

Venue: Tokyo Big Sight

Language: Japanese and English with simultaneous translation

Registration and further information [here](#) (Japanese only)

Please feel free to contact us at [japan@euraxess.net](mailto:japan@euraxess.net) if you want your event to be on the list!

### 6.2.3 Other events in Japan

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

Event	Date	Location	Organised by	Field	Link
Developments in European Integration	2 July	Tokyo	University of Tokyo	European Studies	<a href="#">here</a>
SIP Symposium on infrastructure management and control	24 Aug.	Tsukuba	NIMS	Material Sciences	<a href="#">here</a>
International Symposium on Frontiers in THz Technology	30 Aug. - 2 Sept.	Shizuoka	FTT (Year of Light)	Physics	<a href="#">here</a>
1 <sup>st</sup> Annual Conference of Research Administrator Network Japan	1-2 Sept.	Matsumoto	URA Network Japan	Research Management	<a href="#">here</a>



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