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Dear Colleagues,

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

We are happy to announce that we have finalised, in cooperation with the EU Delegation to Japan, a new version of the Funding Guide, which now features all the latest information you need on funding and mobility schemes! For this occasion we will hold a launch party in Tokyo on 22 April evening. Check the relevant section for more details!

For those of you who may be interested, and for those who are close to the Kyushu region, please also check out our next EURAXESS Share event in Hakata, on 15 April!

Lots of activities in sight for all, since many new calls and offers are available this month: no fewer than 58 new entries in the Grants and Fellowship section, along with the usual information regarding the flagship EU Programmes H2020, ERC, MSCA and Erasmus+!

We also have a number of very interesting pieces of news for you, with ERC revealing the names of the 372 newly selected Consolidator Grantees, and MEXT unveiling its statistics for researcher mobility to and from Japan!

Finally, this month's EU insight is about the European policies for gender equality research and innovation.

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 for comments, corrections or if you want to advertise for a particular funding scheme or event.





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1 EU Insight – Creating Gender Equality in Science & Research

On 8 March 2015, International Women's Day was celebrated around the world. Gender equality is a cornerstone of the European Union and applies to all European policies including research and innovation. The [Strategy for equality between women and men \(2010-2015\)](#), adopted in September 2010, is the European Commission's (EC) comprehensive work programme on gender equality and pursues three objectives, namely: gender equality in careers, gender balance in decision-making and the integration of the gender dimension in the content of research.

Gender equality in the European Research Area (ERA)

To create the very best conditions for researchers and scientists, the 28 member states of the European Union (EU) are working towards the creation of single [European Research Area \(ERA\)](#). Their common goal is to establish a unified research area which is open to the world, and in which researchers and knowledge circulate freely. Creating equal opportunities for women and men is an integral part of ERA, and a key priority since 2012.

To this end, EU member states are invited to remove barriers to the recruitment, retention and career progression of female researchers, address gender balance in decision-making and strengthen the gender dimension in research programmes. The European Commission encourages EU member states to create the appropriate legal and policy environment to incentivise institutional changes.

Funding agencies, research organisations and universities are on the forefront in the implementation of institutional changes, in particular through Gender Equality Plans. Scientists themselves can contribute to change practices: Networking among practitioners and professional associations, platforms of women scientists and other networks play a key role in this context.

Gender Equality in Horizon 2020

Gender is a cross-cutting issue in Horizon 2020. The promotion of gender equality in research and innovation is a commitment of the European Commission. It is enshrined in the core documents establishing Horizon 2020, with the following three objectives:

1. Gender balance in decision-making

The Commission has set a target of 40% of the under-represented sex in expert groups and evaluation panels. Whereas H2020 Advisory groups have a target of 50% for the under-represented sex in expert groups and evaluation panels. For 2014-2015, there is a 52% representation of women.



2. Gender balance in research teams at all levels

Applicants for funding are encouraged to promote gender balance at all levels in their teams and in management structures. Gender balance in teams will also be taken into account when ranking proposals with the same evaluation scores.

By signing the grant agreement, beneficiaries commit to promoting equal opportunities between men and women in the implementation of their action. They also commit to aim, as far as possible, for gender balance at all levels of personnel assigned to the action, including at supervisory and managerial level.

3. Integrating the gender dimension in the content of R&I

R&I needs to adequately take into account the needs, behaviours and attitudes of both women and men.

In Horizon 2020, the gender dimension is explicitly integrated from the outset in many of the specific programmes. So far, more than 100 topics out of 610 are concerned with gender. These topics are spread across 13 different programmes out of 20. For each of these topics, one or more proposals will be selected. This gives a promising outlook on the number of projects that will be developing a gender dimension and on the new knowledge that they will bring about.

In 2009, the European Commission published a selection of European women scientists' profiles. "[Women in Science](#)" highlights compelling stories of some of the heroines of European science throughout the ages.

The book can be accessed online and free-of-charge [here](#).

Facts and figures: *She Figures*

What is the proportion of female to male researchers in Europe, and how is this proportion evolving over time? In which scientific fields are women better represented? Do the career paths of female and male researchers follow similar patterns? Are statistics on women in science comparable across Europe? How many women occupy senior positions in scientific research in Europe?

Published every three years since 2003, *She Figures* replies to these questions. This publication presents human resource statistics and indicators in the research and technological development (RTD) sector and on gender equality in science.

The [She Figures 2012](#) show that despite progress, gender inequalities in science tend to persist. The publication provides an overview of the scientific fields where women are better or less represented, and compares the research workforce in different economic sectors (e.g. higher education, government, and business sectors). In 2015, the next edition of *She Figures* will be published.

Sources and further information:

[European Research Area - homepage](#)

[Horizon 2020 - Promoting Gender Equality in Research and Innovation](#)

European Commission's [Strategy for equality between women and men \(2010-2015\)](#)

[She Figures 2012](#)



2 EURAXESS Links Japan activities

2.1 EURAXESS Share Kyushu 2015

The next edition of our Share networking event series will take place on **15 April in Hakata, Kyushu**. This event is focused on providing you an **opportunity to connect with colleagues** working in the same region and with similar interests in international cooperation or mobility opportunities to Europe.



EURAXESS Share Kyushu 2015

Kyushu's networking and information platform for researchers and stakeholders interested in Japan-Europe opportunities



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Learn about research opportunities in Europe, Japan and between the two
EURAXESS Links Japan, the EU Delegation to Japan as well as EUIJ-Kyushu will provide you with a short overview of the research landscape and collaboration possibilities between Japan and Europe.

Get insights from researchers mobile between Europe and Japan
Learn from the experience of two researchers who have been active in both Europe and Japan. Discuss the positive aspects of mobility, get insights on working conditions in different environments and tips to obtain grants!

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

**Bring your colleagues!
Drinks and food on the house!**

EURAXESS Share Kyushu 2015 Schedule:

- + 17:00 Registration Desk Open
- + 17:30 Opening Address
- + 17:35 EUIJ-Kyushu's activities | Prof Machiko HACHIYA, EUIJ-Kyushu, Kyushu University
- + 17:40 EURAXESS and European Programmes for Mobility and Research Cooperation | Dr Matthieu PY, EURAXESS Links Japan; Dr Tom KUCZYNSKI, Delegation of the EU to Japan
- + 18:00 Feedback session 1: Sharing experiences abroad: international mobility of Japanese researchers | Prof Eri KASAGI, Kyushu University
- + 18:10 Feedback session 2: South, North and East: my experience in Italy, the UK and Japan | Dr Marco VISENTINI SCARZANELLA, Kagoshima University
- + 18:20 Networking session | You all!

This event is **open to every researcher, without limitations on nationality, discipline** (social sciences and humanities included!), or level (from PhD students to senior researchers, professors or even administrators!).

Looking forward to meeting you there!

Further information, registration: sharekyushu2015.splashthat.com



2.2 EURAXESS Links Japan Tour 2015: University of Tokyo stage report

The second stage of the **EURAXESS Links Japan Tour 2015** was hosted by the **University of Tokyo** during the first Utokyo Research Administration seminar, on 4 March. The event **attracted around 50 researchers and administrators with various profiles in terms of career level, discipline, nationality and affiliation.**

Presentations were given on the **need for Japan to internationalise** its research landscape, on **European Programmes for research cooperation and mobility**, on support services provided by Jeupiste, NCP and EURAXESS Links Japan. The **discussion panel and the networking session** at the end of the event allowed for the exploring of new ideas and for answering the numerous audience questions .

We look forward to future editions and hope they will be as interesting and stimulating as this one!

Videos of the event should be available soon. Meanwhile, you can [take a look at some of the pictures of the seminar on our website.](#)



2.3 New Funding Guide Launch Event, 22 April: save the date!

Are you looking for mobility schemes between Europe and Japan?

Are you looking for funding for a new or ongoing research cooperation?

Were you searching for a unique document featuring basic information about such programmes?

Here it is!

On the 22 April keep your evening open, because we're having a **reception at the EU Delegation to Japan** to celebrate the publication of the long-awaited new version of **The European Funding Guide for Researchers and Students in Japan!**

This 2014/2015 edition features all the new national schemes, updates previous information about funding programmes, and provides concise information about the EU programmes such as Horizon 2020, which were not featured in the last edition of this guide (2011/2012).

More details at: <http://launch-fg2015.splashthat.com> !



3 News & Developments

3.1 EU, Member States and Associated Countries

3.1.1 Ten years of commitment to better working conditions for researchers

European Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation, Carlos Moedas, was joined by former Commissioners Philippe Busquin, Janez Potočnik (in the picture) and Máire Geoghegan-Quinn. These key players, who are responsible for setting up and promoting the Charter & Code, discussed its development and the importance of empowering researchers and attracting talent to Europe



On 3 March, the first two hundred Deans and Rectors from universities and research institutes to have implemented the **European Charter for Researchers and Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers** received the 'HR Excellence in Research Award' for their **efforts to create attractive working conditions for researchers in Europe**. These two tools are at the core of the [EURAXESS Rights](#) component of the EURAXESS-Researchers in Motion initiative.

To mark the event, the European Commission hosted a conference to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Charter and Code, celebrating the creation of an attractive, open and sustainable labour market for researchers in Europe.

Research, Science and Innovation Commissioner Carlos Moedas said: "*The Charter and Code have done well in making working conditions for researchers far more appealing. We want Europe to remain a popular destination for the most talented researchers to pursue their careers. It's very encouraging that more than 1500 research institutions and funders from 40 countries in Europe have endorsed the Charter and Code to improve their human resources policies. This is building a strong foundation of research excellence from which we will benefit long into the future.*"

Researchers relentlessly highlight the importance of mobility for their careers: **at EU level, 80% of internationally mobile researchers believe mobility has strongly increased the advancement of their research skills** and 62%



believe mobility has had a positive impact on the quality of their research publications

Source: [European Commission](#) and [EURAXESS](#)

3.1.2 ERC Consolidator Grants: 372 top researchers funded to pursue their best ideas

The **European Research Council (ERC)** announced earlier in March the **372 winners of its second Consolidator Grant competition**. These excellent mid-career scientists are awarded a **total of EUR 713 million**, as part of the European Union Research and Innovation programme Horizon 2020.

Grants are **worth up to EUR 2.75 million each**, with an **average of EUR 1.91 million per grant**. The funding will enable them to consolidate their research teams and to develop their most innovative ideas.

On this occasion **Carlos Moedas, European Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation**, said: "*With every project of this calibre, we're making Europe the laboratory of the world. Our most extraordinary and creative researchers benefit from EU funding and, in turn, Europe benefits every day from its investment in knowledge and people*".

The **President of the ERC, Professor Jean-Pierre Bourguignon**, commented: "*These Consolidator Grants awarded to 372 research leaders, still in an early stage of their career, will also **back some 1,500 postdocs and PhD students as team members**. It's encouraging to see that the **share of female grantees has increased significantly***".

The **share of female grantees in this call was 28%**, an increase from the 2013 Consolidator Grant competition (24%). Furthermore, female applicants were slightly more successful than male applicants (the success rate for women was 15.2% and for men 14.9%). **Overall, 15% of applicants in this competition were successful.**

The ERC grants are targeted at top researchers of any nationality based in, or willing to move to Europe. In this call, **researchers of 38 different nationalities are amongst the grantees**. The highest number of grants goes to German (69 grants) and French (44) scientists, followed by British (37), Spanish (33), Italian (29), Dutch (21) and Belgian (16) researchers. Amongst the grantees, there are also over **30 non-Europeans including 2 Japanese**.

All **grantees will conduct their research in host institutions** in 24 European countries, with eleven of them hosting five grantees or more. In terms of geographical location, the UK (86 grants), Germany (66), France (53), Spain (32) and the Netherlands (32) are in the lead.

Source: [ERC](#)



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3.1.3 European Research Council backs additional 47 top researchers in 2014 Starting Grant call

In addition to the 328 early-career scientists awarded **ERC Starting Grants** in December, the **European Research Council announced another 47 winners** as part of this 2014 call. They will receive funding, worth **up to EUR 2 million per project**, to build their own research teams and to pursue their best ideas at the frontiers of knowledge.

ERC Starting Grants are intended for the best junior researchers to help them fully develop their potential and become a new generation of European research leaders.

ERC funding is part of the EU Horizon 2020 framework programme for research and innovation.

Source: [ERC Press release](#)

3.1.4 EU Prize for women innovators 2016 -- Call open



The **EU Prize for Women Innovators** was launched in 2011 to give public recognition to outstanding women entrepreneurs who brought their innovative ideas to the market. After two successful editions in 2011 and 2014, the European Commission is launching the third edition of the prize on 9 March 2015. **Three prizes will be awarded** at the end of the competition: 1st prize: EUR 100,000; 2nd prize: EUR 50,000; 3rd prize: EUR 30,000. Contestants will be able to **submit their entries until 20 October 2015**.

"Gender equality is not only a moral imperative but it also makes economic sense", said Věra Jourová, European Commissioner for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality. "Diversity is good for innovation and entrepreneurship, because it brings new talent and fresh ideas. The EU Prize for Women Innovators showcases female talent and can encourage other women to pursue careers in science and entrepreneurship where women are still underrepresented."

Source: [European Commission](#)

Watch video: [European Commission](#)

3.1.5 Women in Science - Horizon - The EU Research and Innovation Magazine

Where are the women?

Regarding **women in science**, some countries are leading with more than **30% of women holding full academic positions**, while others are waybehind. More women are reaching senior levels in science and engineering, however **gender equality is not yet fulfilled in the EU. Addressing this situation is a priority for the European Commission.**



Women In Science is one of the four key themes within Horizon magazine; the other three being Bioeconomy, Horizon 2020 and Innovation Union.

Source: [Horizon | Women In Science](#)

3.2 Japan

3.2.1 First changes in universities budget allocation policy

The **Japanese Government will allow** in JFY2015, for the first time in Japanese history, all **86 national university presidents to have a budget to be used at the presidents' discretion**. As a result of this historic decision, national university presidents will have a discretionary fund of somewhere between millions and billions of yen (between thousands and millions of euros).

This initiative is **part of the efforts to improve the traditional government's non-competitive budget allocation to the national universities**, which is calculated based on the number of faculty members and students.

The **way the budget is allocated** to the national universities will **gradually change to ultimately being a performance-based evaluation in JFY2018**. This change will be made along with another large-scale reforms for the national universities to be designated as one of three groups: (1) world-class research and education university; (2) world-class research and education university in a particular field; and (3) center for vitalizing the local area (see previous editions of this newsletter for more details).

Source: Nikkei Shimbun, NSF Tokyo Weekly Wire

3.2.2 MEXT hopes to increase incoming foreign students by easing conditions for entry into universities

MEXT has decided to **ease the conditions for entry into Japanese universities for foreign students**. Up until now, MEXT has maintained that in order to enrol in Japanese universities, **foreign students would need 12 years of education** just like Japanese students. However, taking into consideration the differences between countries, **MEXT hopes to reform relevant laws in early FY2015** so that students can be admitted starting in the fall of this year.

With this reform, **MEXT hopes to achieve their goal to double the number of foreign students to 300,000 by 2020**. According to JASSO, out of 135,000 foreign students in Japan for FY2013, students from China and South Korea made up 70%, while students from different education systems such as Russia and India remained low at 0.3% and 0.4% respectively.

Source: [Nikkei Shimbun](#) (Japanese only)



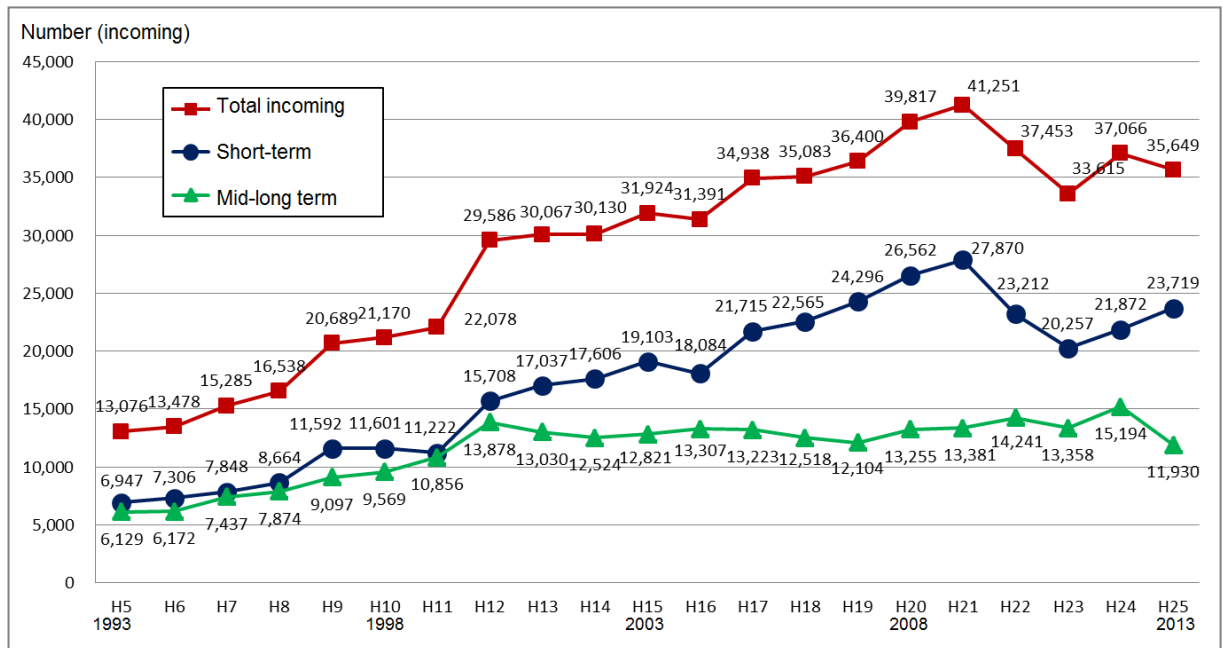
3.2.3 International exchange of researchers for FY2013

MEXT has released their annual statistics on international exchange of researchers for JFY2013 (April 2013 - March 2014). These are compiled from surveys performed at 863 Japanese universities, HEIs and research institutes. Here are some of the points from their report:

- Incoming researchers:

The number of incoming researchers for short-term (visits of less than one month) **declined after the 11 March earthquake, but since then has slightly recovered.**

Evolution of the number of incoming researchers (from abroad to Japan).
Source: MEXT



The number of **incoming researchers for mid-to-long term** (longer than one month, including post-doctoral stays) is **roughly stable at 12,000-15,000 per year since 2000**. There was a slight decrease in FY2013 but this could be due to the fact that MEXT started eliminating duplicates (researchers with multiple affiliations in Japan).

This shows, at least, that **Japan's attractiveness has not evolved for 15 years**, while other asian countries, or western countries, have seen a sharp increase in long-term academic exchanges these last years.

The regional breakdown shows a sharp rise of incoming researchers from Asia since the 2000's, other regions showing approximately flat tendencies during the whole period. **Asian researchers** now account for roughly **half of all incoming researchers, European for 30%** and **North Americans for 18%**.

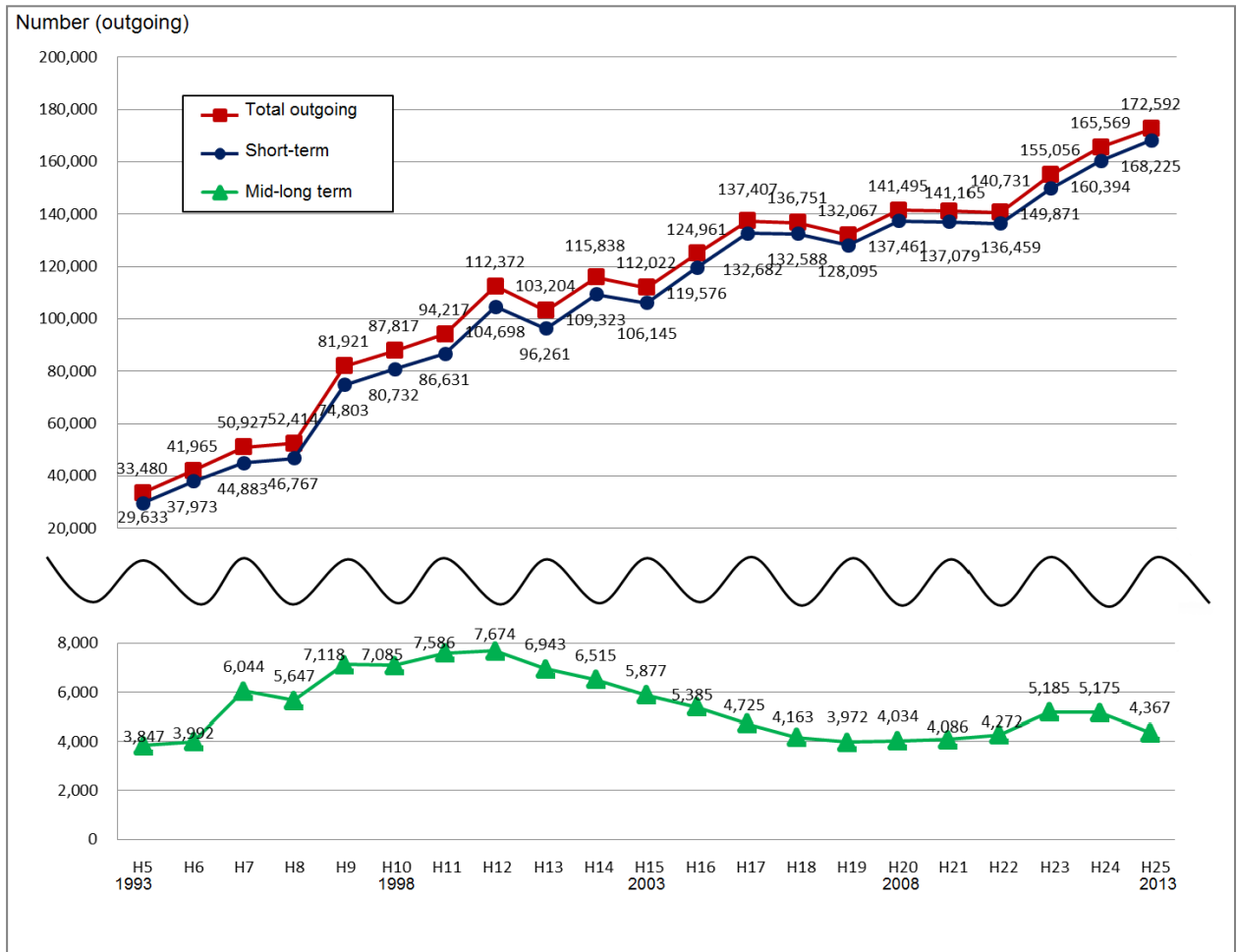
- Outgoing researchers:

The **number of outgoing researchers** for short-term (less than one month) is **increasing constantly**, but the numbers for **mid-to-long term mobility** (more than one month) **have been stable or decreasing since 2008**, at roughly 4,000-5,000 per year. Regional breakdown shows that **Asia is the most popular for the short-term** (at 37.5%), **followed by Europe** (31%) and North



America (24%). For the **mid-to-long term**, **Europe leads (41%)**, followed by North America (30%) and Asia (16%).

Evolution of the number of outgoing researchers (from Japan to abroad).
Source: MEXT



Most interestingly, while **short-term outgoing researchers outnumber incoming researchers 7 to 1**, mid-to-long term mobility seems to be of extremely low interest for Japanese researchers: there is **less than half the number of mid to long-term outgoing researchers than incoming researchers**. This unbalanced profile is **typical of the Japanese academic landscape and career practices**, where long term foreign mobility is perceived (except in exceptional cases) as a disadvantage when applying for tenured positions at many universities and research institutes.

Source: [MEXT](#) (Japanese only)

3.2.4 Japan to promote big data experts

The **government, companies and universities** are trying to meet the challenge of **producing more data scientists**. Compared to other countries, Japan has been weak in the field of so-called big data.

The **Internal Affairs and Communications Ministry plans to launch a free online course on basic data science**, which will focus on giving students a basic understanding of analysis, including how to view and understand data.



According to a survey conducted by the Japan Users Association of Information Systems, **only slightly more than 8% of companies currently utilize big data in their systems** (including those in the process of doing so). A major factor contributing to this is that **Japanese university and other educational institutions' students have few opportunities to learn statistics**, especially those in the arts and humanities fields.

According to a government report on information and communications, **only about 3,400 graduates of Japanese universities had received training as of 2008**. Universities have also begun reconsidering methods of instructing students.

Source: [Japan News](#)

3.2.5 Patent income of universities surpass 2 billion JPY for the first time

Patent income of universities and research institutions in Japan have been gradually increasing. In FY2013, the total amount **surpassed JPY 2 billion for the first time** as a result of universities reinforcing their IP division, which lead to **closer collaboration with industries**.

The **number of patent applications, however, remain roughly the same**, meaning that universities have started to become more selective and cost efficient in deciding which patents to pursue.

According to a survey by MEXT for 1,073 institutions (professional schools, universities and research institutions), the patent income for FY2013 has increased by JPY 650 million to JPY 2.21 billion compared to the previous year. The **University of Tokyo ranks at the top** with JPY 650 million **followed by Kyoto University** at JPY 410 million, **accounting for roughly 50% of the total**. Kyoto University commented that “more than half of the patent income is related to iPS cells”. Kyoto University also outranked the University of Tokyo in income per patent.

Source: [Nikkei Shimbun](#) (Japanese only)

3.2.6 Osaka University International Joint Research Promotion Programme 2015 edition

As a measure for promoting its academic initiatives, **Osaka University** established the **International Joint Research Promotion Program** in 2013. In order to enhance research quality and promote globalization of Osaka University, Osaka University hence supports advanced research between international researchers and Osaka University researchers. Twenty-two projects are currently running.

For the 2015 edition, **14 projects were selected**, bringing the **total number of programs to 36**. Of the new projects, 7 are in collaboration with US-based institutions, 2 with Chinese institutions and 5 with European institutions (the University of Manchester and King's College London in the UK; University of



Amsterdam in the Netherlands; the Technische Universität Darmstadt in Germany and the Åbo Akademi University in Finland).

Source: [Osaka University](#)

3.3 Cooperation EU - Japan

3.3.1 Joint Japan-Sweden Research Collaboration Programme 2015-2019



The **Swedish Foundation for International Cooperation in Research and Higher Education (STINT)** and the **JSPS** jointly announced in February that three projects would receive funding from both partners within the **Joint Japan-Sweden Research Collaboration programme** for the time period 2015-2019.

On the Swedish side, STINT will invest **SEK 2.3 million (EUR 230,000)** over the whole period. The amount of funding from the Japanese side was not revealed.

After usual peer review processes in Japan and Sweden, both organisations decided to fund three projects involving Swedish and Japanese institutions: [Linköping University](#) - [Hokkaido University](#) (Physics dept.), [Luleå University of Technology](#) - [Tokyo Institute of Technology](#) (Engineering dept.), and [Uppsala University](#) - [Osaka University](#) (Molecular biology dept.).

Source: [STINT](#)



3.3.2 French Expert on Technological Innovation to be placed at JST

An **agreement between France and Japan** was signed in March by the French Minister of Foreign Affairs and JST representatives. This agreement will setup the frame for a **French expert on technological innovation to be placed at JST**.

Under this agreement, the expert will provide **support and counseling to French and Japanese innovation actors** (SMEs, innovative mid-sized enterprises, universities, HEIs, research institutions and clusters) regarding the **creation of partnerships in research or technological development**.

In 2016, the “France-Japan year of innovation” will start, which aims to put the focus, in both countries, on French and Japanese innovation actors. With the help of this newly designated expert, France and Japan hope to promote and go further in already existing relationships and to foster new opportunities.

Source: [Embassy of France in Japan](#) (French only), [JST](#) (Japanese only)



3.3.3 NIMS - University of Strasbourg International Cooperative Graduate Program Agreement

NIMS signed an **International Cooperative Graduate Program (ICGP)** Agreement with the **University of Strasbourg (UNISTRA)**, France. This agreement aims at **promoting exchange of students and scientists**.

NIMS delegation visited UNISTRA in March 2013 for the first time to start discussion on ICGP. As a result of continuing discussions and workshops for two years, the signing ceremony of the agreement was held on 26 January 2015 at Tsukuba, during the UNISTRA-NIMS Workshop at NIMS.

The signing of the agreement is expected to **reinforce the existing research collaborations** between NIMS and UNISTRA, and to also promote personal and academic exchanges with other institutions in France in European countries through UNISTRA networks.

Source: [NIMS](#)



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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 **69 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:

[RISE](#) (closing 28 April)

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

[COFUND](#) (open 14 April)

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 3 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 enrol.

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 bulleted 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://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus_en
Erasmus Mundus website:
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 • [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.

> 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: 15 April (ERS-EMBO Short-Term), 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.

4.1.10 National EURAXESS Portals

The **latest information on open calls for national grants and fellowships** in the 40 member countries of the EURAXESS network can be accessed on the respective **national EURAXESS 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 *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 months stay** at one of the institutes part of the [ERCIM network](#). Topics cover **most disciplines in Computer Science, Information Technology and Applied Mathematics**.

Several calls per year.

Next deadline: 30 April

Further information [here](#)





4.2.1.3 HFSP Nakasone Award for Frontier Research Call for Nominations

The **Human Frontier Science Program (HFSP) Nakasone Award** is designed to **honour scientists who have undertaken frontier-moving research in biology**, encompassing conceptual, experimental or technological breakthroughs.

The award is given on the basis of excellence in research in fields of the life sciences normally supported by HFSP (“complex mechanisms of living organisms”).

Both **senior and junior scientists of any nationality are eligible** and **peer-recognised excellence is the major criterion for selection**.

Award amount is USD 10,000.

Deadline: 2 April

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 Vienna Graduate School of Economics PhD Programme



The **Vienna Graduate School of Economics (VGSE)** focuses on the training of PhD candidates in economics. The school is the result of collaboration between the [University of Vienna](#) and the [Institute for Advanced Studies](#). It is financed by a research grant of the Austrian Science Fund ([FWF](#)).

Their **PhD programme, of a duration of three years**, embraces microeconomics, macroeconomics, and econometrics. Application for the programme automatically **includes the application for a fellowship**, which can be full or partial.

Candidates should have a MSc degree in economics and have passed the TOEFL English proficiency test.

Deadline: 30 April

Further information [here](#)

4.2.2.4 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](#)

4.2.2.5 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](#)



4.2.2.6 Vienna Biocenter PhD Programme

The **Vienna Biocenter (VBC) PhD Programme** in Life Sciences has been running since 1993, providing students from all over the world with high level training. The VBC PhD Programme is jointly organized by several Austrian institutions: IMP, IMBA, GMI and MFPL.

Successful applicants will be **hired by the research institute** where their supervisor is based with a **full-employment contract, monthly salary and benefits** for the whole programme duration, **3 to 4 years**.

Applicants must **hold a master's degree** in a relevant domain and have excellent command of English.

Two calls per year.

Next deadline: 30 April

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.

Next deadline: 30 April

Further information [here](#)

4.2.4 Czech Republic

4.2.4.1 Visegrad Group-Japan Joint Research Program on Advanced Materials

This programme is a mechanism for supporting research projects that involve scientists from the Visegrad Group countries (V4: **Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia**) and **Japan**.

For this **first Joint Call in the field of Advanced Materials**, each consortium should consist of **at least 3 partners: one from Japan and two from two**



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



different V4 countries participating in the Joint Call and present research projects for a **duration of 3 years**.

Overall Call Budget (total per project for JST, total for all project for others):

- [JST](#) (Japan): JPY 18 million (EUR 140,000) maximum
- [MEYS](#) (Czech Republic): EUR 500,000
- [OTKA](#) (Hungary): EUR 150,00, only for basic research
- [NCBIR](#) (Poland): EUR 500,000
- [SAS](#) (Slovakia): EUR 360,000
- IVF ([V4](#)): EUR 100 000 for the V4 countries

Deadline: 10 April

Further information [here](#)

4.2.5 Denmark

4.2.5.1 Danish Council for Independent Research Call for Proposals



The **Danish Council for Independent Research (DFI)** supports **independent research** based on the researchers' own ideas, within and across all the main fields of science. It supports **specific and time-limited research activities** aiming to strengthen and develop the internationalisation of Danish research. The Council therefore **welcomes applications that involve international activities**.

DFI calls for proposals in various programmes, including **mobility grants, funding schemes** (*Sapere Aude* and *Research Project*), **fellowships** (*Individual Postdoctoral*), etc. Most of these programmes are **open to applications from Danish as well as foreign researchers**.

Two application rounds per year.

Next deadline: 23-29 April 2015

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

4.2.5.2 DFI-MOBILEX Mobility Grants

In order to increase the mobility in Danish research environments, DFI funds **mobility grants** to enable **researchers who are in the beginning of their careers** to carry out research projects based on their own scientific interests, **at research institutions in Denmark as well as abroad**.

DFI-MOBILEX mobility grants are awarded for a **period of 24 months**, within a financial framework of DKK 2,500,000 (EUR 335,000), including overhead for the hosting institution. Approximately **26 grants may be awarded in 2015**.

Applicants **must be affiliated with a Danish university** and hold a PhD degree prior to the date of the call deadline.



Deadline: end of April

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

1 June (Foreign Visits: short term)

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 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](#)

4.2.8 France

4.2.8.1 *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) in average as direct cost for Japanese teams**.

Deadline: 11 May

Further information [here](#)

4.2.8.2 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](#)

4.2.8.3 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](#)

4.2.8.4 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**.

Deadline: May

Further information [here](#)

4.2.8.5 IEA Paris Fellowships Call for Applications 2015



The **Paris Institute for Advanced Studies** ([IEA-Paris](#)) welcomes **applications from high level international scholars and scientists** in the fields of the **humanities, the social sciences** and related fields for periods of **five or nine months, during the academic year 2016-2017**.

The Paris IAS will host **around twenty guest researchers**, allowing them to work freely on the **project of their choice**.

Applicants of any nationality holding a PhD and having at least 2 years of research experience after their degree may request residencies for the following periods: 1 September 2016 to 31 January 2017 (5 months), 1 October 2016 to 30 June 2017 (9 months) or 1 February to 30 June 2017 (5 months).

Deadline: 30 April

Further information [here](#)

4.2.8.6 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: 28 April

Further information [here](#)

4.2.9 Germany

4.2.9.1 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)

4.2.9.2 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](#)



DAAD



4.2.9.3 *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 and Energy**. Application deadline varies according to the call.

List of open calls [here](#)

Further information [here](#)

4.2.9.4 *Anneliese Maier Research Award*

The **Anneliese Maier Research Award** rewards foreign researchers in the fields of the **humanities and social sciences** whose scientific achievements have been internationally recognised.

Applications for the award may only be submitted through **nominations by established academics in Germany**. Award winners are expected to **spend a period of up to five years cooperating on a long-term research** project with the nominator and/or specialist colleagues at a research institution in Germany.

The Humboldt Foundation grants **each year up to eight Awards**, each with an individual value of EUR 250,000.

Deadline: 30 April

Further information [here](#)

4.2.10 Hungary

4.2.10.1 *Postdoctoral and Research Stays, PhD Programme*

The [Hungarian Scholarship Board](#) offers **scholarships for foreign students, lecturers and researchers** in higher education institutions, research or art institutes. Among them are the **full (C1) and partial (2) PhD programmes, Postdoctoral (D) and Research (E) stays**.

Students of **any nationality and any discipline holding a master's degree** can apply to the PhD programmes. Successful applicants may receive **monthly stipends of HUF 100,000 (EUR 330)** for the whole duration of the programme - **36 months for C1, 10 months for C2**.





Researchers of any nationality and any discipline holding a PhD degree can apply for a **Postdoctoral or Research stay** of a duration of **1-10 months (D)** or **3-21 days, 1-10 months (E)** during which a monthly stipend is covered.

Deadline: 8 April

Further information [here](#)

4.2.10.2 Stipendium Hungaricum Scholarship Programme 2015/2016

The Hungarian Government launched the **Stipendium Hungaricum Scholarship Programme** in 2013 for foreign students, within its policy of global opening.

The aim of the programme is to **promote cultural understanding, economic and political relations** between Hungary and selected countries, including Japan.

Within this Programme foreign students can apply for **master's (duration: 2 years) or PhD studies (duration: 3 years)**. The scholarships cover a monthly stipend and accommodation for the whole duration of the studies.

Deadline: 15 April

Further information [here](#)

4.2.10.3 Visegrad Group-Japan Joint Research Program on Advanced Materials

(See Czech Republic)

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 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.

Applications accepted on a rolling basis.

Further information [here](#)

4.2.11.3 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 direct costs**.

Two calls per year.

Next deadline: 3 June

Further information [here](#)

4.2.11.4 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](#)



4.2.12 Israel

4.2.12.1 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](#)

4.2.13 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 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](#)

4.2.14 Latvia

4.2.14.1 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.

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



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](#)

4.2.14.2 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](#)

4.2.15 Luxembourg

4.2.15.1 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](#)

4.2.16 Netherlands

4.2.16.1 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



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Recherche Luxembourg





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](#)

4.2.16.2 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.

Several calls per year.

Next deadline: 2 April

Further information [here](#)

4.2.17 Norway

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: 15 April; 27 May

Further information [here](#)

4.2.18 Poland

4.2.18.1 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 program is designed for people whose previous scientific record demonstrates that they are highly independent as researchers, and warrants that they will conduct world-class quality research.

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



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of Norway



Further information [here](#)

4.2.18.2 Visegrad Group-Japan Joint Research Program on Advanced Materials

(See Czech Republic)

4.2.19 Slovakia

4.2.19.1 SAIA research stay scholarships for PhD students



The **Slovak Academic Information Agency (SAIA)** offers **PhD students in any discipline**, and from a selected number of countries (**Japan being part of the list**) to conduct **1-12 month-long study or research stays in Slovakia**.

These **scholarships**, funded by the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic, **cover living costs** in Slovakia during the whole stay duration, but **do not cover travel expenses** to Slovakia.

Candidates must hold a master's degree and should draft their own proposal.

Two calls per year.

Next deadline: 30 April

Further information [here](#)

4.2.19.1 National Scholarship Programme (Incoming and Outgoing)



The **National Scholarship Programme** of the Slovak Republic (**NSP**) supports study/research/teaching/artistic **mobility of foreign students, PhD students, university teachers, researchers and artists toward higher education institutions and research organisations in Slovakia**. The scholarship shall cover scholarship holders' living costs during their **1 to 12 months stay** in Slovakia with an allowance between EUR 350 and EUR 1,000 per month.

NSP also supports outgoing mobility of students and PhD students studying at Slovak higher education institutions toward higher education institutions and research organisations abroad.

Two calls per year.

Next deadline: 30 April

Further information [here](#) (Incoming and Outgoing), [here](#) (incoming PhD students) and [here](#) (incoming university teachers, researchers, artists)

4.2.19.2 Visegrad Group-Japan Joint Research Program on Advanced Materials

(See Czech Republic)



4.2.20 Switzerland

4.2.20.1 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](#)

4.2.21 Spain

4.2.21.1 Ikerbasque Research Fellowships 2015

The **Basque Foundation for Science Ikerbasque** has launched a new call offering **15 fellowships for postdoctoral researchers** within any of the Basque Research Institutions. These **Fellowships, of a duration of 5 years**, are intended to offer young promising researchers a track towards a PI role and independent research.

The applicants must have completed their PhD between 1 January 2005 and 31 December 2012, and should not have lived, worked or studied in Spain for more than 12 months out of the three years immediately prior to the time of application.

Deadline: 15 April

Further information [here](#)

4.2.22 Sweden

4.2.22.1 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.



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This call is cofinanced by the 7th Framework Programme of the European Commission.



Further information [here](#)

4.2.22.2 Formas annual open call 2015 for mobility starting grants



The Research Council [Formas](#) invites applications for funding of **mobility starting grants for young researchers** within all of Formas' areas of responsibility (**Environment, Agricultural Sciences and Spatial Planning**).

The **grants provide funding for salary and travel costs** of young researchers (with no more than 3 years of experience after completion of their PhD).

To be eligible, the **applicants must have an employment position at a Swedish educational institution or research institute**. They must **find a host abroad** which has to **welcome them for at least one third of the total grant duration (24 to 48 months)**. At least one other third of the period must be spent at the home university or research institution.

Deadline: 16 April

Further information [here](#)

4.2.23 Turkey

4.2.23.1 TÜBİTAK "2216" - Research Fellowship Programme for International Researchers



TÜBİTAK grants fellowships for international highly-qualified PhD students and young postdoctoral researchers to pursue their research in Turkey in the fields of Natural Sciences, Engineering and Technological Sciences, Medical Sciences, Agricultural Sciences, Social Sciences and Humanities.

Application is **open to candidates of any nationality**, enrolled in a PhD programme abroad or having obtained their PhD abroad, and **aged less than 35 years**. Successful candidates may receive a **monthly stipend** of TRY 2,250 (EUR 830), **travel costs and part of the research costs** of the successful candidate for a **maximum duration of 12 months**.

Two application rounds per year.

Next application round: 16 March - 20 April

Further information [here](#)

4.2.23.2 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](#)



4.2.24 United Kingdom

4.2.24.1 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](#)

4.3 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 internationalization in Japan.

This program 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: 6-10 April (Short-term postdoctoral)

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 Foreign Researchers (Long Term)

JSPS is calling for applications to its **Postdoctoral Fellowship for Foreign Researchers (Long Term)** scheme. This scheme provides the opportunity for researchers based outside of Japan to conduct collaborative research activities with leading research groups at Japanese universities and research institutions for **visits of between 12 to 24 months**.

Eligible applicants should be **citizens of the EU** and need to **have finished their PhD at an EU university or research institution** at the time of applying to start their fellowship in Japan or have obtained their PhD **after 2 April 2009**. **Fellowships must be started between 1 April to 30 November 2015**. Eligible research fields are **limited to natural sciences**.

Applications for this fellowship should be **submitted to each countries' nominating authorities**: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden and the UK are partners (a complete list of nominating authorities available [here](#)).

Deadlines: February - April (may vary upon nominating authority's policy; e.g. 16 February for UK)

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 performed through the JSPS London Office.

Deadline: 1 June

Further information [here](#)



4.3.4 JSPS Prize nominations

The **JSPS Prize** rewards **outstanding scientists in all fields of research** (natural sciences to humanities).

Nominations can be made by institutions as well as individuals, for **researchers under 45 years of age of any nationality with at least five years of research experience at a Japanese university or research institution.**

Approximately 25 prizes (of a JPY 1.1 million – EUR 8,500 value) are awarded per year.

Call for nominations: 13-15 April

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

4.3.5 RIKEN Special Postdoctoral Researchers Programme 2015



From FY 2015, this [RIKEN](#) programme will be merged with that of the [Foreign Postdoctoral Researchers Programme](#). The intent of this programme is to **invite outstanding foreign scientists** to contribute to the advancement of RIKEN's research, and to lay the foundations for a globalised RIKEN.

Foreign Postdoctoral Researchers are expected to make full use of RIKEN's research environment and to apply their innovative ideas to the research currently being conducted at RIKEN (in the fields of **physics, chemistry, biology, medical science, and engineering**).

Applicants must be **non-Japanese** and **have a PhD in the natural sciences awarded on or after 1 January 2010**. Successful applicants may start their **one-year contract, renewable twice maximum**, between April 2016 and March 2017. Contract includes competitive salary, travel costs and research budget up to JPY 1 million (EUR) per year (2013 figures).

Around 60 openings in 2015.

Deadline: 30 April

Further information [here](#)

4.3.6 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](#)

4.3.7 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](#)

4.3.8 MIF Research Fellowships Call for Applications

The **Matsumae International Foundation (MIF)** is a nongovernmental organisation which 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](#)

4.3.9 Suntory Foundation Research Support Scheme

The [Suntory Foundation](#) offers **support for ongoing research activities** with **international and interdisciplinary significance in the social science and humanities** fields.

Research support is **provided to researchers from a wide range of specialties, affiliations, and nationalities, for a period of one year**. The total amount covered by the scheme for one project is in the JPY 0.5 million to JPY 3 million range (EUR 4,000 to 23,000).

Deadline: 10 April

Further information [here](#)



5 Jobs

5.1 EURAXESS Jobs

There are currently **11432 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:

- Header:** "JOBS" title, navigation buttons for "SERVICES", "RIGHTS", and "LINKS", and a "Login / Register To post your advert or CV" button.
- Search Bar:** "I'm looking for..." with a search input field containing "Enter keyword" and a magnifying glass icon. Below it, it says "8615 offers available!".
- Filters:** "...in this place" with a "Country" dropdown, "...in this field" with a "Research field" dropdown, and "More filters" with a question mark icon.
- Latest offers:**
 - Chair in Clinical Psychology and Experimental Psychopathology:** NETHERLANDS | AcademicTransfer | Research fields: Medical sciences
 - Tenure Track Associate Professor Organization Studies; Change Management:** NETHERLANDS | AcademicTransfer | Research fields: Economics
- Fellowships & Grants external links:** Under European funding, At national level, At international level.
- National Portals:** Find your National EURAXESS Portal.
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5.2 Jobs in Europe (selection)

5.2.1 Senior Research Fellow of Computational Biology (MSCA)



Marie Skłodowska-Curie
Actions

University of Tartu (Estonia) is participating in the **SARM Marie Curie Industry-Academia Partnership** and Pathways project in the field of reproductive medicine and biology.

The candidate being sought will be a key player in **data analysis of DNA** and single-cell or bulk RNA sequencing work.

Qualified candidates will be offered the opportunity to **work semi-independently** under the supervision of a senior investigator, and contribute to the **acquisition of new and continued project funding**.

Application deadline: 10 April

Further information [here](#)

5.2.2 Postdoctoral position in political science (ERC)



The **FUTUREPOL project** (A Political History of the Future: Knowledge Production and Future Governance 1945-2010), funded by the **European Research Council (ERC)** through a **Starting Investigator Grant** is an interdisciplinary project between history, political science and science studies led by a awarded to **Sciences Po** (Paris, France) group.

FUTUREPOL is in its final stage and is **recruiting a postdoctoral researcher** on a **one year contract**, in **transnational history**, political science, sociology or science and technology studies (STS).

Application deadline: 15 May

Further information [here](#)

5.2.3 Other jobs in Europe

Find a wealth of career related 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 1862 positions in Japanese, and 223 positions in English.

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

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

The **Advanced Institute for Materials Research (AIMR)** was established in 2007 as one of the WPI research centers and aims to lead materials research beyond conventional ideas with **interdisciplinary approaches**.

Two positions are available: **one tenured PI (Professor)** and **one tenure-track junior PI (Associate Professor)**. Preference will be given to highly motivated candidates, with an outstanding academic background, participating in interdisciplinary research.

Application deadline: 31 May

Further information [here](#)

5.3.3 Tenure-track positions at I²CNER

The **International Institute for Carbon-Neutral Energy Research (I²CNER)** is one of the WPI Research Centers.

I²CNER is seeking **internationally recognized scientists** for **tenure track faculty positions**. Candidates should have expertise in the areas of physics, chemistry, geology, materials science, and system analysis underlying energy technologies.

Application deadline: 30 June

Further information [here](#)

5.3.4 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](#)

- Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology Tenure-track positions

Further information [here](#)



5.3.5 Other jobs in Japan

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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 ERC NCP Advanced Grant information session



The **European Research Council (ERC)** is part of the first pillar of Horizon 2020, which is 'Excellent Science'. The main goal is to **encourage the highest quality research in Europe through competitive funding**.

An **information session** on the ERC 2015 calls for proposals for **ERC Advanced Grants** is organised by the Fund for Scientific Research (FNRS), the Research Foundation Flanders (FWO) and the Belgian Science Policy Office (BELSPO).

The information session is **organised to support researchers in the preparation of their application** for an ERC Advanced Grant.

Date and place: 31 March, Brussels

Further information [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

ERA survey available [here](#)

Further information [here](#)



Please feel free to contact us at japan@euraxess.net if you want your event to be in the list!

6.1.3 Other events in Europe

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

Event	Date	Location	Organised by	Field	Link
Brain Conferences 2015	19-22 April	Copenhagen, Denmark	FENS	Neuroscience	here
ECCA Conference	12-15 May	Copenhagen, Denmark	European Environment Agency	Climate change	here
7th Annual International Symposium on University Rankings	20 May	Brussels, Belgium	European Commission	Academic performance - policy	here
2015 Dublin LEAN Summit	22 May	Dublin, Ireland	Enterprise Ireland/EU-Japan Centre for Industrial Cooperation	Competitiveness	here
EuroNanoForum 2015	10-12 June	Riga, Latvia	University of Latvia/Spinverse	Nanotechnologies, materials science	here
Access to Finance for Research, Innovation and SMEs 2015	15-17 June	Riga, Latvia	European Commission	Innovation	here
EU Sustainable Energy Week 2015	15-19 June	Brussels, Belgium	European Commission	Energy	here
(FAST?) CONNECTING R&D	23-26 June	Pisa, Italy	Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna	R&D Management	here

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 Japan Prize 2015 Award Ceremony

The **Japan Prize** is awarded annually to scientists and engineers from around the world who have made significant contributions to the advancement of science. **Each year two fields of scientific endeavor are honoured.**

This year, Dr Takahashi (Japan) was awarded in the field of "Resources, Energy and Social Infrastructure" and Drs Friedmann (USA) and Fischer (France) were awarded in the field of Medical Science.

This ceremony, organised by the [Japan Prize Foundation](#), will **review the achievements of these three researchers.**

Date and time: 21 April, 18:30 - 20:30

Venue: the University of Tokyo, [Ito Hall](#)

Language: Japanese with simultaneous translation

Registration required [here](#)

Further information [here](#)

6.2.3 German-Japanese Symposium on Technological and Educational Resources for the Decommissioning of Nuclear Facilities

International exchange and cooperation is essential to keep up the high standard of nuclear know-how. This symposium will address these challenges and **various R&D related aspects of decommissioning.** Ongoing decommissioning projects and technologies for dismantling, decontamination as well as strategies in the area of waste management and final disposal will be presented.

Date: 21 April

Venue: [Osaka Knowledge Capital](#)

Language: English/Japanese (with simultaneous translation)

Further information [here](#)

6.2.4 World Health Summit Regional Meeting Kyoto



The **World Health Summit (WHS)** Regional Meeting will be held in Kyoto next April, focusing on global health issues such as, "Challenges in a Rapidly Ageing Society", "Preparedness & Resilience to Disaster", and "Fostering the Future Leadership".

Date: 13-14 April

Venue: [Kyoto International Conference Center](#)

Language: English (with Japanese interpretation)

Further information [here](#)



Please feel free to contact us at japan@euraxess.net if you want your event to be on the list!

6.2.5 Other events in Japan

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

Event	Date	Location	Organised by	Field	Link
Role of Scientific Expert in Climate Change Impacts	15 April	Tokyo	Tokyo University	Climate change	here
Future talks #17	20 April	Osaka	Osaka University	Roman/Greek culture, archeology	here
Big x Open x Personal Data	24 April	Tokyo	International University of Japan	Big data	here
From Neural Circuitry to Neurotechnology	11-12 May	Tokyo	RIKEN	Neuroscience	here
Future talks #18	18 May	Osaka	Osaka University	iPS Cells	here
Global Research Council 2015	27-28 May	Tokyo	JSPS, NRF, DST, JST	Research Policy	here



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