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Dear Colleagues!

Welcome to the September issue of our Newsletter. The summer months have passed unbelievably fast and we are back at our desks filled with a lot of energy to share with you all until the end of this year! Hope you will feel it not only from our monthly newsletters but also from all our events, seminars and workshops we are planning to organize for you and/or be a part of.

If you walked in to our office these days, you would see nothing but **SCIENCE SLAM** all over the place. We are finishing the preparation for our very first [EURAXESS Science Slam North America 2013](#). Unfortunately, we are not able to share the results just yet but what we included into this issue is the list of the 5 finalists who will be presenting their project on stage in a maximum of 10 minutes. What we can also tell you now is that there will be some dancing, singing, music, searching and other creative parts of the Slam. We hope, though that you can join us during this evening of the 24th of September and celebrate the first EURAXESS Science Slammer 2013 who will win a free trip to Europe! The only thing we know for sure is that it will be a lot of fun and we are very excited to be organizing such an occasion in Washington, D.C.

Another important event we will be participating in is the [Neuroscience 2013](#) Conference taking place in San Diego on November 9 – 13. EURAXESS Links North America can be visited at our own booth and during a satellite event on Sunday, November 10, which we are co-organizing with the [Delegation of the EU to the US](#) on the topic of [Horizon2020](#) – The EU's Framework Program for Research and Innovation.

Last but not least, read through the many calls for proposals, fellowships and grants (over 60!!!) offered to you in the coming months by several member and associated states as well as by European programs. You will also find helpful hints on research jobs and funding opportunities across North America topped with very interesting news, developments and events happening here and on the other side of the Atlantic.

Your EURAXESS Links North America Team



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1 EU Insight

1.1 The Innovation Union

In his final ‘State of the Union’ speech European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso touches on the key priorities for the European Union. For the work of the Parliament and the Commission, jobs and growth remain issues of highest importance. Barroso further emphasizes the significance of finding “innovative ways to create jobs” and the longer-term challenge of boosting Europe’s innovation capacity.

One of the seven flagship initiatives in the Europe2020 strategy to promote smart, sustainable and inclusive growth is the Innovation Union. It places innovation as overarching policy objective and as the best means of successfully tackling major societal challenges, such as climate change, energy and resource scarcity or health and ageing.

Figures 1 and 2 show the innovation performance of selected countries compared with EU27 and within the EU, respectively. Innovation is the main driver of economic growth in the EU. By 2050 Europe’s share of world GDP is likely to be half of today’s 29%.

What is innovation?

Innovation refers to the creation of new or significantly improved products, marketing, processes and organization that add value to markets, governments and society.

“Innovation is the ability of individuals, companies and entire nations to continuously create their desired future”

John Kao, “Innovation Nation”

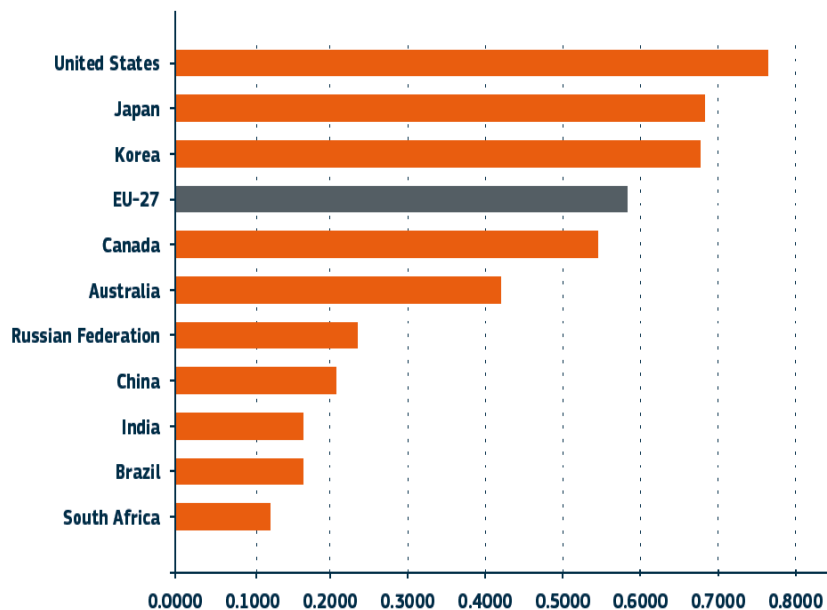
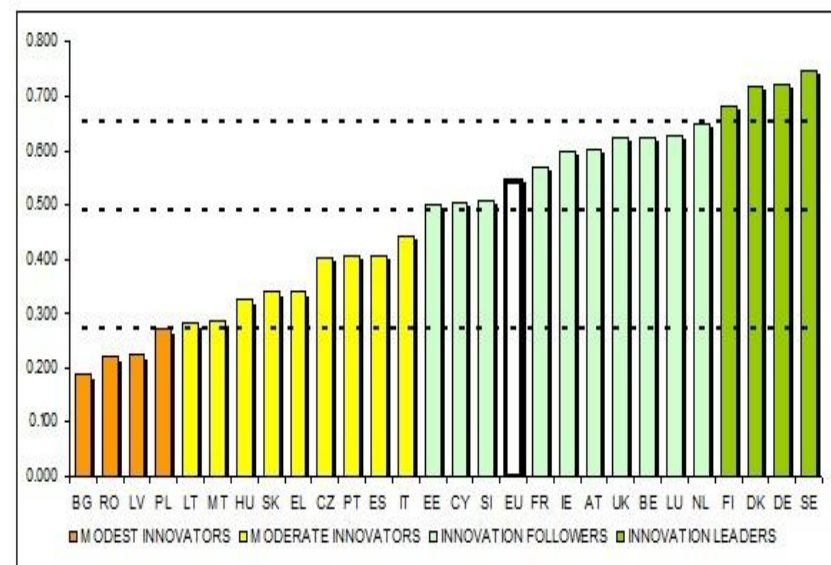


Figure 1: EU27 performance in innovation compared to other key innovating countries [1]



Figure 2: Innovation Performance within EU member states in 2012 [2]



Almost all EU countries have become better at fostering innovation, but progress is slowing. The EU not only has to close the innovation gap among its member states, it also has to keep up with the international leaders, namely the US, Japan or South Korea. On top of that, emerging economies such as China, Brazil, and India have been catching up over the past 5 years. The scoreboard makes clear that the EU will have to increase efforts to stimulate and speed up innovation if it is to boost – let alone maintain – its competitiveness.

Ingredients for innovation

The EU's innovation leaders are Sweden, Denmark, Germany and Finland. The 4 countries tend to have:

- above-average R&D expenditure, especially in the business sector
- higher investment in skills and finance
- strong national research and innovation systems with a key role for partnerships between public and private sectors
- better results in turning technological knowledge into products and services.

The scoreboard is part of the EU's strategy to create an Innovation Union where entrepreneurs find the support they need to turn their ideas into commercial products and services.

The main goals set by the Innovation Union are:

- make Europe into a **world-class science performer**;
- remove obstacles to innovation** – like expensive patenting, market fragmentation, slow standard-setting and skills shortages – which currently prevent ideas getting quickly to market; and
- revolutionise the way public and private sectors work together**, notably through **Innovation Partnerships** between the European institutions, national and regional authorities and business.

The first partnership – launched last year – aims to encourage new products and services that can help active and healthy ageing.

Sources and further information

[1] [Innovation Union- A Pocket Guide on a Europe2020 Initiative \(2012\)](#)
 [2] [Innovation Union Scoreboard 2011: The Innovation Union's Performance](#)
 [3] [European Commission "Innovation Union"](#)

Impact of the Innovation Union for researchers and engineers

- Attractive careers
- Training of a high-standard
- Improved cross-border mobility
- More open access to research results
- Enhanced public-private collaboration
- Access to EU research and innovation programs



2 EURAXESS Links North America Activities

2.1 1st EURAXESS Science Slam, 24 September 2013, Washington D.C.



The lucky researchers are:

5 finalists were selected for the 1st EURAXESS Science Slam North America 2013. Out of many submissions, 5 videos were chosen to be presented during the final Science Slam which will take place in Washington, D.C. on September 24, 2013 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm in the Abramson Recital Hall in the Katzen Arts Center on the campus of the American University.

Mr. **Venanzio CICHELLA** – PhD Candidate at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA, field: Mechanical Engineering

Mr. **Alexander FERWORN**, CD, PhD – Professor, Associate Chair and Graduate Program Director at the Department of Computer Science, Ryerson University in Toronto, Canada

Ms. **Katrien KOLENBERG**, PhD – Marie Curie Fellow at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, Cambridge, USA

Mr. **Martin SKARZYNSKI** – PhD Candidate at the Georgetown University and a Predoctoral Research Fellow at the National Institutes of Health, Washington, DC and Maryland, USA

Ms. **Federica VILLA**, PhD – Marie Curie Fellow at the Center for Biofilm Engineering, Montana State University, USA

Jury members:

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Jerome Pischella - Science and Technology Counselor; Head, Innovation and Technology Group at the Embassy of Canada

Dr Norbert König - Director General of the Project Management Agency at German Aerospace Center

The results of the competition will be communicated to you in our next newsletter.



2.2 EURAXESS Links North America Linked-In group

EURAXESS Links North America Linked-In sub group is one of the 6 EURAXESS Links – Internationally Mobile Researchers [sub groups](#) created recently to further expand and highlight various opportunities, developments and issues for internationally mobile researchers. Our sub-group has already over 70 participants; Please [join us!](#)

2.3 EURAXESS Links North American at the 246th American Chemical Society National Meeting & Exposition, September 8-10, 2013, Indianapolis, Indiana

From 8 to 10 September EURAXESS Links North America had a booth at the 246th ACS National Meeting Career Fair having taken place in Indianapolis, Indiana. This was an opportunity to facilitate networking opportunities and to promote EURAXESS to chemist researchers and professionals, while strengthening links with ACS International Center for mutual promotion of activities. The whole event was attended by around 10,000 people, including 2,600 researchers and students and 1,400 international attendants. Over 300 visitors from all over the world stopped by the EURAXESS booth looking for funding opportunities in Europe of all kinds: fellowships, job offers and research collaboration opportunities. The next ACS meeting will take place in Dallas, March 16 - 20, 2014.

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2.4 EURAXESS Links North America at the Johns Hopkins University on 17 September, 2013, Baltimore, Maryland

EURAXESS Links North America participated in the "European Funding Opportunities" seminar organized by the [Johns Hopkins University Medical Institutions's Professional Development Office](#) (JHMI's PDO). The PDO, established in 2001, offers a full curriculum of workshops and formal courses in the areas of skill development and career planning. The event was prepared by Donna Vogel, the PDO's director since 2007, and Gaele Kolb, PhD, Assistant Director, Student Career Counselor, who provided an extensive presentation of European Research Council grants and MarieCurie Actions under the future EU research and innovation programme [Horizon 2020](#). EURAXESS Links North America representatives presented EURAXESS and the various research cooperation opportunities existing in Europe at European and national levels.



European researchers based in North America visiting our booth. Photo: EURAXESS Links NA



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3 News & Developments

3.1 EU-U.S. Research & Innovation Cooperation – Delivering in Partnership



On September 12, 2013, The European Institute in Washington D.C held a breakfast discussion with Maria Cristina Russo, Director for International Cooperation, DG Research and Innovation at the European Commission. Newly appointed to her position, Ms. Russo discussed the Horizon 2020 program and emphasized the need for the European Union and the United States to work together on shared research and innovation challenges. The Honorable Bart Gordon, Partner at K&L Gates LLP moderated the discussion.

[Read more](#)

3.2 UC San Diego and CNRS to Establish UCSD CNRS Joint Research Chemistry Laboratory

Chancellor Pradeep K. Khosla and President Alain Fuchs of the French National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS) met recently to celebrate an agreement to create an international chemical research center on the UC San Diego campus that will aid in the development of new kinds of chemical catalysts for both industry and academia.

[Read more](#)

3.3 2013 George C. Marshall Visit to Austria examines dynamics of skilled labor and innovation

From September 3-6, 2013, a group of nine delegates from prominent US government and non-governmental organizations met with stakeholders in Vienna and the Linz region for a program titled “Advanced Manufacturing: Access to Innovation, Securing the Talent Pipeline.”

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3.4 The European Commission launches new innovation indicator

Sweden, Germany, Ireland and Luxembourg are the EU Member States getting the most out of innovation, according to a new indicator proposed by the European Commission. The "Indicator of Innovation Output" measures the extent to which ideas from innovative sectors are able to reach the market, providing better jobs and making Europe more competitive.

[Read more](#)



3.5 European Research Council (ERC) takes a further step forward towards open access by joining arXiv

The European Research Council (ERC) today announced that it has joined an international partnership supporting arXiv, one of the major scientific repositories in the areas of physics and mathematics which is operated by **Cornell University Library** (New York, US). The ERC is the first European research funding organization to join the arXiv initiative. By doing so, the ERC reaffirms its commitment to open access thus ensuring that the fruits of the research it funds read and used, both by scientists working in relevant areas and by the public.

[Read more](#)

3.6 Towards next generation e-voting

Providing new directions in the field of security, Dr. Feng Hao's project aims to devise a secure and publicly verifiable system of e-voting - a "self enforcing e-voting system" - which does not rely on vote-tallying authorities. Awarded an ERC Starting grant in 2013, Dr. Hao is based at Newcastle University (UK).

[Read more](#)

3.7 Female scientist honoured for EU-funded AIDS research

The numbers of women in science, technology and innovation fields have been alarmingly low for some time. However, many initiatives across Europe are committed to addressing this imbalance, one of which is the L'Oréal Portugal Honour Medals for Women in Science, which has acknowledged an EU-funded scientist for her research on the AIDS virus and its resistance to antiretroviral drugs.

[Read more](#)

3.8 Saving energy with sustainable farming

Agriculture is at risk from climate change as temperatures, pest levels and growing seasons change. However, agriculture also contributes to these effects through emissions from fertilisers, water wastage and biological processes. A third of vegetables and fruit consumed in the EU are produced by protected horticulture. As 90% of the greenhouse growers are small and medium enterprises (SMEs), they have to compete with cheaper labour, production costs and regular supply from producers outside the EU.

[Read more](#)

3.9 Brain project gives young scientists a flying start

Through collaborative work, an EU-funded research team aims to uncover how neural circuits are genetically encoded and how neuronal computation controls behaviour. It has also set out to give some of Europe's brightest young



scientists the chance to cooperate with colleagues in other countries and push forward our understanding of the brain.

[Read more](#)

3.10 Arctic exploration provides window on future climate change

Climate model projections show that the Arctic Ocean will be completely ice-free by the summer by 2060. However, the record lows in sea ice extent of 2007 and 2012 demonstrated that these projections were too optimistic and some scientists think that we might see an ice free Arctic within this or the next decade. This momentous transformation will undoubtedly have important consequences for our climate, but opinions to the extent of the severity of this change vary.

[Read more](#)

3.11 Unravelling the secrets to achieving high-yield plants

Understanding the basic mechanics of plant growth could help Europe increase crop yield while decreasing the need for pesticides - a vitally important consideration given our growing demand for sustainable food. An EU-funded project has made significant advances in this respect, by shedding new light on the behaviour of certain plant hormones and their role in achieving successful crops.

[Read more](#)

3.12 Quantifying the ocean's effect on Europe's climate

Europe's moderate climate is strongly influenced by the North Atlantic thermohaline ocean circulation (THC) that transports heat from the tropics to the shores of Europe. In 2005, research suggested that the THC may be slowing down, which could have dramatic effects on climate, in particular in Northern Europe. Further investigation was needed. For four years, "Thermohaline Overturning: At Risk?" (THOR), a project under the FP7, explored the dynamics of this circulation. Coordinated by Prof. Detlef Quadfasel at the University of Hamburg, THOR comprised a consortium of 21 scientific groups from 9 European countries. Together, they studied the stability of this oceanic circulation and quantified its impact on the regional climate.

[Read more](#)

3.13 Personalising deep brain stimulation treatment for Parkinson's disease

Parkinson's disease is the second most common neurodegenerative disease after Alzheimer's. Its main symptoms are: shaking, rigidity, slowness of movement and difficulty maintaining an upright posture. More than one million people suffer from the effects of this disease in Europe today, and this is



forecast to double by 2030. Economically, the impact is significant: Parkinson's costs Europe an estimated € 14 billion a year.

[Read more](#)

3.14 Fixing the economy by rewarding long-term investment in innovation

The world's economy has yet to fully recover from the global financial crisis, now a half-decade since it began. Economists are not finished debating its causes and solutions, and they likely will continue for years to come.

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3.15 Promoting the development and implementation of eco-innovation in Europe

One of the fundamental challenges in modern society is the need to decouple environmental impact from economic growth. This is essential not just for fast-growing countries such as China or India, but also for the United States and Europe. Already a leading force in environmental technologies during the last decade, the European Union aims to further increase its competitiveness by promoting research and development on eco-innovation and thereby creating a strategy for sustainable economic growth.

[Read more](#)

3.16 CE PoliMaT (Ljubljana, Slovenia) and ABIA (Akron, Ohio, USA) collaborating on innovation for health

The collaboration between Center of Excellence for Polymer Materials and Technologies - CE PoliMaT (Ljubljana, Slovenia) and Austen Bioinnovation Institute of Akron - ABIA (Akron, Ohio, USA) represents an important step in bringing together the competencies of both partners, namely the expertise in biopolymers on the side of CE PoliMaT and expertise in value driven engineering in health from the side of ABIA. The innovation collaboration which began in November last year aims at supporting innovation projects with a clear objective of developing advanced applications for health by addressing the market needs.

ABIA: <http://www.abiakron.org/>

CE PoliMaT: <http://en.polimat.si/1/co-polimat.aspx>



4 Grants & Fellowships

4.1 International: Call for SCHOLARSHIP nominations 2014: Dan David Prize - deadline February 28, 2014

The Dan David Prize laureates annually donate twenty scholarships of US\$15,000 each to outstanding doctoral and postdoctoral students of exceptional promise in the chosen fields for the current year.

Ten scholarships are awarded to doctoral and post-doctoral students at universities throughout the world and ten scholarships at Tel Aviv University.

The Dan David Prize is granted according to merit, without discrimination based on gender, race, religion, nationality, or political affiliation.

[More information](#)

4.2 Call for PRIZE nominations 2014: Dan David Prize - deadline November 30, 2013

The Dan David Prize is awarded to individuals and institutions with proven, exceptional excellence and contributions to humanity in the sciences, arts, humanities, public service and business.

[More information](#)

4.3 Europe: European Cooperation in Science and Technology (COST)

COST invites researchers throughout Europe to submit proposals for research networks and use this unique opportunity to exchange knowledge and to embark on new European perspectives. A continuous Open Call for Proposals is used to attract the best proposals for new COST Actions.

[More information](#)

4.4 Europe: European University Institute (Italy)

4.4.1 Max Weber Fellowships

The Max Weber Programme offers 1- and 2-year fellowships. Two year fellowships involve additional academic activities in the EUI departments, such as limited graduate teaching. The annual deadline for applications for these Max Weber Fellowships is **25 October**.

[More information](#)

4.4.2 Jean Monnet Postdoctoral Fellowships

The Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies (RSCAS) offers one or two year fellowships to post-docs in an early stage of their academic career.

The main criteria of selection are the CV of the applicant, the overall scientific quality of the proposal, and the fit of the proposal with the Centre's research



programme. The annual deadline for applications for these Max Weber Fellowships is **25 October**.

[More information](#)

4.5 Europe: EMBO: Short-Term Fellowships

Short-Term Fellowships fund research visits of up to three months to laboratories in Europe and elsewhere in the world. The aim is to facilitate valuable collaborations with research groups applying techniques that are unavailable in the applicant's laboratory. Short-Term Fellowships are not awarded for exchanges between two laboratories within the same country. Short-Term Fellowships are intended for joint research work rather than consultations.

Next deadline: **open**

[More information](#)

4.6 Austria: Database of scholarships and research grants available

Austria's most comprehensive database for scholarships and research grants in German and English language offers an overview of about 1200 funding opportunities for incoming and outgoing researchers, graduates and students.

[More information](#)

4.7 Austria: The 2014/15 Marshall Plan Chair Announcement

CenterAustria at the University of New Orleans hosts the Marshall Plan Anniversary Chair. The Chair is filled annually with a visiting scholar whose expertise and research interests will help to fulfill the mission of CenterAustria and the program of the Marshall Plan Anniversary Chair.

[More information](#)

4.8 Belgium: a comprehensive web portal

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

[Further information](#)

4.9 Belgium: EMBO Long-Term Fellowships

Young scientists actively seek EMBO Long-Term Fellowships for postdoctoral research to fund and support 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.

[Further information](#)



4.10 Czech Republic: Fulbright Grants for U.S. Citizens

The prestigious Fulbright Program sponsored by U.S. and Czech governments provides U.S. citizens with the opportunity to study, teach, or conduct research in the Czech Republic.

[Further information](#)

4.11 Denmark: Funding programmes for research and innovation

The Danish Ministry of Science, Innovation and Higher Education has published an exhaustive guide to Danish funding programmes.

[More information](#)

4.12 France: Overview of research exchange programs

The Office for Science and Technology (OST) located in the French Embassy to the United States (Washington D.C.) has published an overview of research exchange programs addressing all categories of researchers in various areas. A specific section of the OST website contains current calls for proposals, career opportunities, and information on French higher education programs.

[More information](#)

4.13 Germany: funding and resources opportunities for graduate and doctoral students, postdocs and faculty and researchers

The German Center for Research and Innovation based in New York compiles all existing funding and resources opportunities for graduate and doctoral students, postdocs and faculty and researchers.

[More information](#)

4.14 Malta: University of Malta: Educational and Cultural Affairs Fellowships

- Junior Research Fellowships
- Associate Fellowships
- W.F. Albright Associate Fellowships

Awards are subject to availability of funds.

Next deadline: **open**

[More information](#)



4.15 The Netherlands: Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO): Caribbean research: a multidisciplinary approach

Researchers holding a Dr.'s degree can submit applications for projects focussing on the Caribbean region in the fields of climate and earth sciences, life sciences, humanities and social sciences. Interdisciplinarity is seen as a plus. Up to three PhD students and/or post-docs can be employed per project.

Next deadline: **15 October 2013**

[More information](#)

4.16 The Netherlands: Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO): Dutch-Belgian Beamline (DUBBLE)

The Dutch-Belgian Beamline DUBBLE grant enables Dutch and Flemish researchers to carry out experiments at the synchrotron radiation facility in Grenoble. NWO funds the DUBBLE Beamline, together with the Research Foundation - Flanders (FWO), so that Dutch and Flemish researchers to carry out experiments using synchrotron light.

Next deadline: **1 October 2013**

[More information](#)

4.17 The Netherlands: Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO): Innovational Research Incentives Schemes Vidi

Vidi is part of the Incentives Scheme. It allows researchers who have already spent several years doing postdoctoral research to develop their own innovative lines of research, and to appoint one or more researchers.

Next deadline: **3 October 2013**

[More information](#)

4.18 The Netherlands: Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO): Rubicon (Alpha, Beta and Gamma Sciences)

Rubicon aims to encourage talented researchers at Dutch universities and research institutes run by KNAW and NWO to dedicate themselves to a career in postdoctoral research.

Who can apply: Postgraduates who are currently engaged in doctoral research or who have been awarded a doctorate in the twelve months preceding the relevant deadline. Applicants who are still engaged in doctoral research may only apply if their supervisor provides a written declaration approving their thesis.



Next deadline: **28 November 2013**

[Alpha and Gamma](#) [Beta Sciences](#)

4.19 The Netherlands: Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences: Visiting Professors Program (VPP)

The Visiting Professors Programme enables outstanding foreign researchers to spend time working in the Netherlands. The programme acts as an incentive for Dutch science and scholarship.

Next deadline: **1 November 2013**

[More information](#)

4.20 The Netherlands: Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences: Evert Willem Beth Foundation: Research and Symposium Funding

The Foundation's aim is to continue and extend the work of the Dutch logician Evert Willem Beth. It encourages philosophical research and the teaching of philosophy by organising symposiums and lectures and providing funding.

Next deadline: **open**

[More information](#)

4.21 The Netherlands: Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences: Dobberke Foundation for Comparative Psychology

The Dr. J.L. Dobberke Foundation subsidises research in the fields of behavioural biology and comparative psychology, in so far as such research focuses on animal behaviour. The Foundation also awards grants to cover the cost of study trips, the organisation of symposiums, and publications.

Next deadline: **13 October 2013**

[More information](#)

4.22 Norway: The American Scandinavian Foundation (ASF): Fellowships/Grants to Study in Scandinavia

The American-Scandinavian Foundation (ASF) offers fellowships (up to \$23,000) and grants (up to \$5,000) to individuals to pursue research or study in one or more Scandinavian country for up to one year. The number of awards varies each year according to total funds available. Awards are made in all fields.

Next deadline: **1 November 2013**

[More information](#)



4.23 Norway: Fulbright Norway: The US-Norway Fulbright Grant Program

The U.S.-Norway Fulbright Foundation offers a range of mobility scholarships to students and researchers for stays with Norwegian and American host organizations.

[More information](#)

4.24 Norway: The Wenner-Gren Foundation: Dissertation Fieldwork Grants

The programme contributes to the Foundation's overall mission to support basic research in anthropology and to ensure that the discipline continues to be a source of vibrant and significant work that furthers our understanding of humanity's cultural and biological origins, development, and variation.

Next deadline: **1 November 2013**

[More information](#)

4.25 Norway: The Wenner-Gren Foundation: Post-Ph.D. Research Grants

Post-Ph.D. Research Grants are awarded to individuals holding a Ph.D. or equivalent degree to support individual research projects. The program contributes to the Foundation's overall mission to support basic research in anthropology and to ensure that the discipline continues to be a source of vibrant and significant work that furthers our understanding of humanity's cultural and biological origins, development, and variation.

Next deadline: **1 November 2013**

[More information](#)

4.26 Norway: The Wenner-Gren Foundation: International Collaborative Research Grants

The International Collaborative Research Grant (ICRG) supports international research collaborations between two or more qualified scholars, where the principal investigators bring different and complementary perspectives, knowledge, and/or skills to the project. By encouraging international collaborations, the grant contributes to the development of an international anthropology that values and incorporates different national perspectives and resources.

Next deadline: **1 December 2013**

[More information](#)



4.27 Poland: Foundation for Polish Science: HOMING PLUS

This program offers subsidies for young scholars – Polish and foreign scientist working abroad – encouraging them to take up research work in Poland.

Next deadline: **15 October 2013**

[More information](#)

4.28 Poland: Foundation for Polish Science: START

The programme is directed to young researchers, at the outset of their career, who have already achieved some success in their field. The stipends serve as recognition of the scientific attainments so far by these young scholars and as an incentive for further growth by enabling them to devote themselves fully to their research.

Next deadline: **31 October 2013**

[More information](#)

4.29 Poland: Foundation for Polish Science: PARENT/BRIDGE – grants for parents returning to research work

The objective of the programme is to enable the best researchers who are raising young children to return to advanced research work. The project to be carried under the programme may last from **1 to 3 years**. It may be carried out on a part-time basis.

Next deadline: **15 October 2013**

[More information](#)

4.30 Poland: Polish-U.S. Fulbright Commission: Fulbright U.S. Student Program 2014-15

Scholarships for graduates, Master's and doctoral candidates; intended for: research, postgraduate studies or English Teaching Assistantship

Next deadline: **15 October 2013**

[More information](#)

4.31 Portugal: Fundo Europeu de Desenvolvimento Regional (FEDER): Post-doctoral Research Grant

Candidates with PhD degree in Chemical Engineering, Chemistry, Materials Engineering or similar areas will be considered preferential. Past experience with synthesis and characterization of polymers/polymerization reactions will be considered as additional preferential conditions.

Next deadline: **11 October 2013** [More information](#)



4.32 Slovakia: National Scholarship Program of the Slovak Republic: Study/Research stay for PhD students (1 – 12 months)

Applicants can apply for the scholarship in the following research fields: natural sciences, technical sciences, medicine, agricultural sciences, social sciences, humanities and arts.

Next deadline: **31 October 2013**

[More information](#)

4.33 Slovakia: National Scholarship Program of the Slovak Republic: Lecture/Research stay for university teachers, researchers and artists (1 – 12 months)

Applicants can apply for the scholarship in the following research fields: natural sciences, technical sciences, medicine, agricultural sciences, social sciences, humanities and arts.

Next deadline: **31 October 2013**

[More information](#)

4.34 Sweden: The Swedish Research Council Formas: Grants for environmental toxicology research with activities in collaboration with the Swedish Toxicology Sciences Institute (SweTox)

Grants can be given to researchers at Swedish universities, university colleges or research institutes. The main applicant should have at least associate professor competence and experience from project and group management. Co-applicants must be senior researchers from more than one university, university college or research institute.

Next deadline: **1 October 2013**

[More information](#)

4.35 Sweden: The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences: Institut Mittag-Leffler

Each year, Institut Mittag-Leffler, holds research programs which will give the opportunity for research projects and networking activities. Leading scientists and post-doc students are invited to collaborate in specialized areas of mathematics.

Next deadline: **2 December 2013**

[More information](#)



4.36 Sweden: Knut and Alice Wallenberg Foundation: Wallenberg Program in Mathematics

The Knut and Alice Wallenberg Foundation has in collaboration with the Academy started a programme to support Swedish research in mathematics. The aim is for Sweden to regain a position at the international cutting edge by giving the best young researchers international experience and recruiting both young and more experienced mathematicians to Sweden.

Next deadline: **15 October 2013**

[More information](#)

4.37 Sweden: Knut and Alice Wallenberg Foundation: “The MAX IV Postdoctoral Scholarship Program”

The Knut and Alice Wallenberg Foundation has set up a Scholarship Program with the purpose to allow outstanding young Swedish scientists to carry out one to two years postdoctoral studies at world-class synchrotron radiation or free electron facilities.

Next deadline: **31 October 2013**

[More information](#)

4.38 Sweden: Swedish Research Council for Health, Working Life and Welfare: Visiting researchers

The purpose of funding visiting researchers is to add qualified knowledge and competence to the Swedish research society within Fortes areas of responsibility. These financial contributions should primarily fund shorter stays (less than six months) for research, consultations, lectures and seminars (also at other institutions than the host institution). Grants for visiting researchers are exclusively for researchers active at non-Swedish research institutions.

Next deadline: **open** (for grants smaller than SEK30.000)

[More information](#)

4.39 Switzerland: Swiss National Science Foundation: International Exploratory Workshops

The International Exploratory Workshops of the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) enable researchers working in Switzerland to organise workshops with partners from abroad. The workshops can last between two and five days. Up to 30 participants from different institutions can participate. However, the SNSF will fund a maximum of ten researchers. The seminar is to take place in Switzerland, but exceptions can be granted if justified.

Next deadline: **9 October 2013**

[More information](#)



4.40 Switzerland: Swiss National Science Foundation: International Short Visits

The International Short Visits of the SNSF enable researchers working in Switzerland to go abroad or researchers from elsewhere to come to Switzerland. The visits can last between one week and three months and are limited to one person (the visiting fellow) going to one institute (the host institute). Both the visiting fellow and one person from the host institute (the host) are co-applicants of the proposal.

Next deadline: **open**

[More information](#)

4.41 Switzerland: CERN: Non-Member State Postdoc Fellowship Program (Theoretical Physics)

The Non-Member State Fellowship Programme in Theoretical Physics awards two postdoctoral Fellowships per year. Fellowships are intended for young University level postgraduates who want to work in a research group. Fellowships are granted for one year initially and are normally extended for a second year.

Next deadline: **1 December 2013**

[More information](#)

4.42 Switzerland: CERN: Technician Training Experience (TTE)

Have you recently obtained a technical diploma? Are you interested in working for one or two years in an international environment at the forefront of technology? Then you may be interested in CERN's Technician Training Experience (TTE). This is a pilot for technicians who are looking to get a great professional experience for their future career or before their advanced studies.

Next deadline: **13 December 2013**

[More information](#)

4.43 Turkey: The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK): Research Fellowship Program for Foreign Citizens

The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK) grants fellowships for international highly qualified PhD students and young post-doctoral researchers to pursue their research in Turkey in the fields of Natural Sciences, Engineering and Technological Sciences, Medical Sciences, Agricultural Sciences, Social Sciences and Humanities.

Next deadline: **11 October 2013**

[More information](#)



4.44 Turkey: TUBITAK: Fellowships for Visiting Scientists and Scientists on Sabbatical Leave

In order to contribute to the improvement of human resources and the research in Natural Sciences, Engineering and Technology, Medical Sciences, Social Sciences and Humanities (*) at Universities, Research Institutions and Industry in TURKEY, the eminent scientists/researchers are supported to visit to Turkey by giving seminars/conferences/lectures, or doing R&D activities.

Next deadline: **last working day of each month**

[More information](#)

4.45 UK: UK Government Scholarships: Applications for 2014/15 Chevening Scholarships

Chevening Scholarships are the UK government's global scholarship programme, funded by the [Foreign and Commonwealth Office \(FCO\)](#) and partner organisations. The programme makes awards to outstanding scholars with leadership potential from around the world to study postgraduate courses at universities in the UK.

Next deadline: **open**

[More information](#)

4.46 UK: Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC): US Partnering Awards

The Aim of the Award is:

- To set up partnership links between UK and overseas laboratories
- To promote the exchange of scientists, particularly early career scientists
- To promote access to facilities

Next deadline: **27 November 2013**

[More information](#)

4.47 UK: Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC): David Phillips fellowships

Aimed at scientists who have demonstrated high potential and who wish to establish themselves as independent researchers. Awards are for 5 years, up to 5 are available, and include personal salary and a significant research support grant.

Next deadline: **23 October 2013**

[More information](#)



4.48 UK: Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC): FSA Joint Call: Early Career Research Fellowships

BBSRC, in partnership with the Food Standards Agency (FSA), encourages applications for early career research fellowships (analogous to the David Phillips fellowships scheme) in areas of science that are of strategic and scientific interest and importance to the funders.

Next deadline: **23 October 2013**

[More information](#)

4.49 UK: Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC): Industry Fellowships Scheme

The scheme aims to:

- Enhance knowledge transfer in science and technology between those in industry and those in academia
- Provide opportunities for an academic scientist to work on a collaborative project with industry
- Provide opportunities for someone employed in industry to work on a collaborative project with a university department or a not-for-profit research organisation

Next deadline: **4 October 2013**

[More information](#)

4.50 UK: Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC): David Phillips fellowships

Aimed at scientists who have demonstrated high potential and who wish to establish themselves as independent researchers.

Next deadline: **23 October 2013**

[More information](#)

4.51 UK: British Academy for the Humanities and Social Sciences: BA/Leverhulme Small Research Grants

Grants are available to support primary research in the humanities and social sciences. The first recourse for funding should be to your own institution (where applicable). Applications will not be considered for less than £500. The maximum grant is £10,000 over two years. Applications for collaborative or individual projects are equally welcome under this scheme. Applications from international groups of scholars are welcome, provided there is a UK-based scholar as lead applicant.



Next deadline: **16 October 2013**

[More information](#)

4.52 UK: Journal of Cell Science: Travelling Fellowships

The Company of Biologists' journals – **Journal of Cell Science, Development, Disease Models & Mechanisms (DMM)** and **The Journal of Experimental Biology** – offer fellowships of up to £2,500 or currency equivalent to graduate students and post-doctoral researchers wishing to make collaborative visits to other laboratories. These are designed to offset the cost of travel and other expenses. There is no restriction on nationality.

Next deadline: **31 December 2013**

[More information](#)

4.53 UK: University of Cambridge: Gates Cambridge Scholarship

- A citizen of any country outside the United Kingdom may apply
- Gates Cambridge does not admit or place scholars - all applications must be made through the University of Cambridge
- Scholarships are available for a postgraduate degree in any subject at the University of Cambridge

Next deadline: **15 October 2013**

[More information](#)

4.54 UK: Marshall Scholarships

Marshall Scholarships finance young Americans of high ability to study for a degree in the United Kingdom. Up to forty Scholars are selected each year to study at graduate level at an UK institution in any field of study.

Next deadline: **early October**

[More information](#)

4.55 UK: Medical Research Council (MRC): Open Calls for Proposal

The MRC has published several calls for proposal that are currently open.

[More information](#)

4.56 UK: Natural Environment Research Council (NERC): Independent Research Fellowships

The new scheme is designed to develop scientific leadership among the most promising early-career environmental scientists, by giving all Fellows five years' support, which will allow them sufficient time to develop their research programmes, and to establish international recognition.



Next deadline: **1 October 2013**

[More information](#)

4.57 UK: The Royal Society: Royal Society Wolfson Research Merit Award

This scheme is for outstanding scientists who would benefit from a five year salary enhancement to help recruit them to or retain them in the UK.

Next deadline: **12 November 2013**

[More information](#)

4.58 UK: US-Ireland Alliance: Mitchell Scholarship Application for 2014/15

The Mitchell Scholarship application for a year of postgraduate study in Ireland or Northern Ireland is now open and study will commence in the fall of 2014.

Next deadline: **1 October 2013**

[More information](#)

4.59 UK: Wellcome Trust: Intermediate Clinical Fellowships

This scheme is for medical, dental, veterinary or clinical psychology graduates who have had an outstanding start to their research career. It will enable successful candidates to continue their research interests at a postdoctoral level in an appropriate unit or clinical research facility.

Next deadline: **4 October 2013**

[More information](#)

4.60 UK: Wellcome Trust: New Investigator Awards

The Wellcome Trust is particularly interested in receiving applications from university lecturers within the first five years of their independent research careers. New Investigator Awards are intended to support strong researchers who are in the early stages of their independent research careers and have already shown that they can innovate and drive advances in their field of study. Candidates should be no more than five years from appointment to their first academic position.

Next deadline: **22 November 2013**

[More information](#)

4.61 UK: Wellcome Trust: Senior Investigator Awards

Senior Investigator Awards support exceptional, world-class researchers, who hold an established academic position. We will support researchers who have an international track-record of significant achievement relative to their career



stage, who have demonstrated the originality and impact of their research, and who are leaders in their field.

Next deadline: **22 November 2013**

[More information](#)

4.62 UK: Wellcome Trust: Master's Fellowships in Public Health and Tropical Medicine

This scheme strengthens scientific research capacity in [low- and middle-income countries](#), by providing support for junior researchers to gain research experience and high-quality research training at Master's degree level. Research should be aimed at understanding and improving public health and diseases of local, national and global relevance.

Next deadline: **10 December 2013**

[More information](#)

4.63 UK: Wellcome Trust: Sir Henry Dale Fellowships: Basic Biomedical Fellowships

For outstanding postdoctoral scientists wishing to build their own UK-based independent research career addressing an important biomedical question.

Research can range from the molecules and cells vital to life and their role in the global spread of disease, to clinical and public health research seeking to improve the quality of healthcare. It can be based in the laboratory, clinic or field, and may involve experimental or theoretical approaches.

Next deadline: **1 November 2013**

[More information](#)

5 Jobs

5.1 EURAXESS Portal

There are currently over 6000 research jobs and fellowship programmes (all over Europe but also in other countries such as in USA/Canada and in all disciplines) accessible via the [EURAXESS Jobs](#) database.

Check out the latest jobs offered on the portal or search positions by keyword, research profile, country or field.

[Online Jobs and Fellowships](#) on the EURAXESS Links North America website. Research organisations (public and private) can upload their job vacancies located in Canada and the US. It is free of charge.

Example:

- [Associate Editor, Oncology](#) (full-time, remote contract position, Texas, USA)



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5.2 Other Research Career Sites

5.2.1 USA

[Science careers from the Science journal](#)

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

5.2.2 Canada

Career opportunities in Canada: [National Research Council Canada](#)

[ERA-Can](#) project (EU-Canada Science and Technology Cooperation)

5.2.3 Europe

Find A Postdoc: <http://www.findapostdoc.com/>

Find Scholarships in Europe: <http://www.scholarshipportal.eu/>

Find PhDs in Europe: <http://www.phdportal.eu/>

Career.edu: <http://www.career.edu/index.php>

Academic Jobs EU: <http://www.academicjobseu.com>

Euro Science Jobs: <http://www.eurosciencejobs.com/>

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

[European Personnel Selection Office](#) (EPSO)

European Personnel Selection Office (EPSO), [Non-permanent Posts](#)

EMBO Excellence in Life Sciences: [EMBO](#)

EuroBrussels: <http://www.eurobrussels.com/>

Jobs at ITER: <http://www.iter.org/jobs>

Jobs.ac.uk: www.jobs.ac.uk

Research Jobs in the Netherlands: <http://www.academictransfer.org/>

[Research Jobs in Germany](#)

[Scholarship Database](#) of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

Max-Planck Job offers: <http://www.mpg.de/jobboard>

Brainpower Austria: <http://www.brainpower-austria.at/>

Talent Scotland: <http://www.talentscotland.com>

Elsevier Jobs: <http://www.recruitment.elsevier.com/register/default.aspx>

[Job vacancies](#) in Poland



6 Events

6.1 Europe: Forthcoming events

Event	When	Where	Organized by	Link to the event
5 th Annual European Innovation Summit	30 September – 3 October	Brussels, Belgium	Knowledge4Innovation	Link
Science for the Environment 2013	3-4 October	Aarhus, Denmark	Aarhus University and the Partnership for European Environmental Research (PEER)	Link
International Cooperation in Transport Research: the way forward - EUTRAIN Project Final Conference	9-10 October 2013	Brussels, Belgium	EUTRAIN (European Transport Research Area International Cooperation activities)	Link
iMed 5.0	11-13 October 2013	Lisbon, Portugal	Student's Association of the Faculty of Medical Sciences of NOVA University	Link
Euraxess Conference: Raising Researchers' Voices - opinions on jobs, careers and rights	21– 2 November 2013	Brussels, Belgium	European Commission	Link
Joint EC/European Green Cars Initiative Workshop 2013	23 October 2013	Brussels, Belgium	European Commission and the European Technology Platforms ERTRAC and EPoSS	Link
2013 NEM Summit	28-30 October 2013	Nantes, France	Sigma Orionis and Eurescom on behalf of the NEM European Technology Platform	Link
Aquaculture conference: To the Next 40 Years of Sustainable Global Aquaculture	3 -7 November 2013	Las Palmas, Gran Canaria, Spain	Elsevier	Link
International Conference on Regional Climate - CORDEX 2013	4-7 November 2013	Brussels, Belgium	The World Climate Research Programme (WCRP), the European Commission (EC) and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)	Link
EMBO EMBL Science and Society conference	7-8 November 2013	Heidelberg, Germany	EMBO	Link
2nd GRF One Health Summit	17-20 November 2013	Davos, Switzerland	GRF Davos	Link



6.2 North America: Forthcoming events

Event	When	Where	Organized by	Link to the event
Campaign of 'Study abroad fairs' in Canada - Fall 2013	21-28 September 2013	Canada (5 cities)	Study and Go Abroad Fairs	Link
ASCE 143rd Annual Civil Engineering Conference	10-12 October 2013	Charlotte, NC, USA	ASCE	Link
Nordic Innovation: What Can America Learn from the Scandinavian Innovation Ecosystem?	16 October 2013	Washington D.C, USA	The Information Technology and Innovation Foundation	Link
Canadian International Aluminium Conference (CIAC)	21-25 October 2013	Montréal, Canada	Aluminium Association of Canada (AAC)	Link
2013 SRA International Annual Meeting	26-30 October 2013	New Orleans, Louisiana, USA		Link
Materials Science & Technology 2013	27-31 October 2013	Montréal, Canada	ACerS, AIST, ASM, MetSoc and TMS	Link
57th Annual Conference on Chemical Research	28 - 29 October 2013	Houston, Texas, USA	The Welch Foundation	Link
CAGS 51st Annual Conference	3-6 November 2013	Montréal, Canada	CAGS	Link
Neuroscience	9-13 November 2013	San Diego, California, USA	Society for Neuroscience	Link



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