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Dear colleagues!

Welcome to the February issue of our newsletter. We have had a wonderful opportunity to be part of the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual [European Career Fair](#) at MIT on 1 February 2014 in Cambridge, MA, USA. The booth of EURAXESS was visited by hundreds of researchers of all nationalities seeking funding opportunities in Europe. A warm welcome to all who joined the EURAXESS Links North America community that day!

We are finally ready to announce our very first event taking place in 2014. It will be a EURAXESS Share: Broaden your Horizons! European-Funded Research and North America. In collaboration with the Marie-Curie Fellows currently based in North America and Columbia University, we will be offering a wonderful opportunity for those wishing to learn more about the European programs (Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions, European Research Council grants, EURAXESS and Horizon 2020) by presentations from EURAXESS Links North America, EU Delegation to the USA and 5 finalists – researchers who will share their European-funded research projects and mobility experience with the audience. The event will be held at **Columbia University in New York City on 27 March 2014**. Registration is now [OPEN](#). More information can be found on our [website](#).

In this issue you will have a chance to read a testimony from a French scientist currently based at Yale University in the US who takes us along his professional as well as personal journey. You will also find **over 50 open calls for proposals** in more than 20 European countries. Some deadlines are approaching very fast, thus read them carefully.

Last couple of days for filling in the online survey on how EURAXESS Links North America performed last year. Take this opportunity to give us your very much valued [feedback](#).

Happy reading!

Yours,

EURAXESS Links North America Team



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# 1 EU Insight – Mobility in Higher Education and Research

The increasing mobility of students in tertiary education and researchers, is a key feature of the global science system. This issue of *EU Insight* will touch on



recent mobility trends in tertiary education and explore the implications of the different aspects of mobility developed in one of the science policy briefs by the European Science Foundation’s Member Organisation Forum ‘European Alliance on Research Careers Development’ entitled *New Concepts of Researcher Mobility – a comprehensive approach including combined/part-time positions*.

In 2011 the number of students in tertiary education enrolled outside their country of citizenship reached 4.3 million, which is more than double when compared to the year 2000 (see Figure 1).

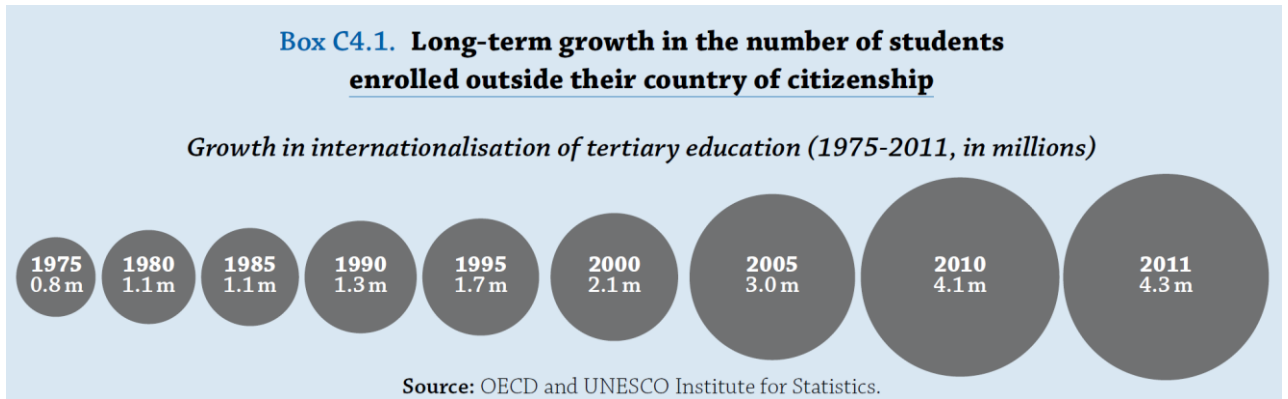


Figure 1: Growth in internationalisation of tertiary education [2]

Europe is the top destination for students at the tertiary level of education enrolled outside their country of origin, hosting 48% of these students, followed by North America, which hosts 21% of all international students.

The factors driving the general increase already in student mobility include the exploding demand for higher education worldwide, the perceived value of studying at prestigious post-secondary institutions abroad, specific policies that aim to foster student mobility within a geographic region and countries’ and institutions’ efforts to attract students from outside their boundaries. The top five source countries for internationally mobile students are China, India, South-Korea, Germany and France. Overall, 53% of the world’s mobile students come from Asia.

Interestingly, 90% of the mobile students in Europe are European and 75% originate from EU member states. This data is not surprising, as the Bologna process has been strongly encouraging the bidirectional student mobility within Europe for the past 20 years.

It is widely accepted that international researcher mobility and cross-disciplinary research collaboration are indispensable for fruitful scientific research and also essential for the realization of the European Research Area. As the Science Policy Briefing *New Concepts of Researcher Mobility – a comprehensive approach including combined/part-time positions* explains,

*Mobility is not a goal in itself, but rather a means for international research collaboration across fields and sectors.*

The [European Science Foundation](#) is currently focusing on the responsible winding down of its traditional research instruments and the transfer of policy activities to [Science Europe](#), an association of European Research Funding Organisations (RFO) and Research Performing



At the same time brain drain from less scientifically attractive areas should be counteracted.

The paper introduces four different types of mobility:

*International mobility* which means physical mobility across countries and is hampered by the challenges in establishing smooth immigration and work permit procedures for incoming researchers, or the incompatibility of different systems for social benefits, pension rights, etc.

Two further aspects of mobility, *intersectoral* and *interdisciplinary mobility* refer to mobility across academia, industry or the public sector and mobility across different research fields, respectively. While both forms of mobility are widely encouraged, they can imply later disadvantages caused, i.e., by the limitation on research publications due to stricter IPR rules in industry or by individual and thus disciplinary review procedures.

A last form of mobility introduced in the report is *virtual mobility*, which encompasses virtual platforms, such as multidisciplinary network research centers. Such platforms facilitate the collaboration between excellent research groups worldwide without the need for physical mobility. Such flexible opportunities should be encouraged, stimulating the effective use of human and financial resources in research.

Mobility leads to the diversification of careers that will require new concepts when it comes to researcher positions or transnational institutional research collaboration. Examples for transnational institutional research collaboration include the existing European Molecular Laboratories, the Nordic Centres of Excellence or the first schemes for industrial PhD degrees.

One of the new concepts presented to address researcher mobility is based on a Harvard University/MIT scheme: the implementation of a 'Professor 2' combined/part-time position scheme. Here full professors could have a 20% position at another university or employees in industry have a 20% position in academia. Such schemes could be introduced as part of existing EU instruments, i.e. the Marie-Curie-Skłodowska-Actions or in combination with the proposed ERA Chairs programme. As stated in the Science Policy Brief „such combined part-time positions may also counteract brain drain by preserving the link to frontline research institutions for future collaboration.“

Sources:

[1] [European Science Foundation](#)

[2] [Science Europe](#)

[3] [European Science Foundation Science Policy Briefing: New Concepts of Researcher Mobility](#)

[4] [OECD Education at a Glance 2013](#)

[5] [University World News, 2 February 2014: Special Report on student mobility](#)

## 2 Feature

### 2.1 International mobility – a testimony

*For this issue of our newsletter we interviewed Sylvain Zorman, from Yale University, Connecticut. Sylvain and his family moved to the USA four years*



ago, as he was offered a post-doc position in the Department of Cell Biology at Yale University. Sylvain was one of the participants at the last ['Destination Europe'](#) event in Cambridge on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2014.

Sylvain Zorman with his little son.

Photo: Sylvain Zorman



**Q: Sylvain, please tell us a bit about your background and your research in the US.**

A: I grew up in Grenoble, in France and as far as I remember, I always wanted to be a physicist. It was quite late in my studies that I realized that some parts of biological science were accessible to physical and mathematical approaches.

After receiving my Masters in Theoretical Physics, I started a PhD in Biophysics. During my PhD, I studied the structural and mechanical properties of protein for the regulation of chromosomal replication in bacteria. I used magnetic tweezers, a technique that allows the manipulation of individual molecules, to directly monitor the physical properties of the protein involved in the initiation of replication.

For my post doc, I wanted to work more closely with biologists. In 2010, I joined the lab of Dr. Jim Rothman, in the department of Cell Biology at Yale University. Jim Rothman was awarded in 2013 the Nobel price of Medicine for discovering the SNARE protein. At Yale, using high-resolution single molecule approach, I have been studying how SNARE proteins assemble and provide energy to drive membrane fusion.

I came to Yale with my wife and my then 10-month-old son. My wife is a graduate student in the immunobiology department.

**Q: Thank you Sylvain for telling us about your life here in the USA and your research work. What did you learn in particular at 'Destination Europe'?**

A: At this stage of my career, I am looking for a junior faculty position within a research-intensive institution in Europe. Having worked for three years in the US it is hard to keep up with opportunities in Europe. Different countries have different organizations and it is easy to get lost. For instance, in France the





application process is cumbersome with very little open positions. Without prior knowledge of this peculiar system and good support within France, it is very hard to compete. Interestingly, at “Destination Europe”, I realized that other countries do offer very competitive career opportunities in fundamental research and that efforts are made to attract international researchers. Representatives and researchers from various countries were available for informal discussion.

**Q: Would you consider conducting research in Europe again?**

A: Definitely. There is a lot of great research being done in Europe. This is where my roots are. I miss the culture and the way of life.

**Q:What would you say to those researchers that have never been to Europe? Is it worthwhile? Will you be able to use the knowledge gained to further enhance your research career after returning to Europe?**

A: I left Europe for a postdoc in the US to acquire more experience and broaden my fields of expertise. Although it is something hard to evaluate at this stage of my career, I believe that it was a worthwhile move. Nevertheless, I think that it is fundamental in academia to have worked abroad.

The European Union and some European countries are committed to fundamental research. For instance, while the US government funding for fundamental research has sharply decreased during the time I have lived here, the Marie Curie framework will see a significant budget increase in the upcoming years. This is on top of national funding opportunities. Overall, the funding opportunities are not so bad compared to the US.

Most European countries offer great benefits such as cheap daycare, free university, efficient health care system and social security. This is definitely something to be looked at carefully when comparing salaries with other part of the world.

Finally, living and working abroad has been highly rewarding, and essential for high-quality research. With its wide variety of countries and culture, everyone can find in Europe a great place to live and perform research.

*Sylvain liked learning about the different funding schemes operating in Europe and enjoyed chatting with the speakers implementing these programmes during the small breaks. The ‘Destination Europe’ Conference was truly a great source of information to him and many other participants.*

*Thank you for sharing a bit of your brilliant research career!*



## 3 News & Developments

### 3.1 First "ERA Chairs" to boost research excellence in 11 regions

Eleven universities and technical institutes in Europe are to receive up to €2.4 million each in EU funding to boost their research capacity through the appointment of the first ever "ERA Chairs", Maire Geoghegan-Quinn, European Commissioner for Research, Innovation and Science, announced recently. The initiative aims to bridge Europe's innovation divide by attracting top academics to organisations so that they can compete with centres of excellence elsewhere in the European Research Area (ERA).

[More information](#)

### 3.2 Capital of Innovation: six finalist cities announced

Barcelona, Espoo, Grenoble, Groningen, Malaga and Paris are the six cities shortlisted for the first European Capital of Innovation award, or iCapital. An independent panel of experts has agreed on the six finalists for the €500000 prize. The money will go to the city building the best "innovation ecosystem" - connecting citizens, public organisations, academia, and business - with a view to helping the city scale up its efforts in this field. The winning city will be announced at the [Innovation Convention 2014](#), Europe's premier innovation event which will take place in Brussels on 10 and 11 March.

[More information](#)

### 3.3 Nearly 5 million jobs in European app sector by 2018, says EU report

The EU's app sector has gone from zero to digital superhero in less than five years. By 2018 it could employ 4.8 million people and contribute €63 billion to the EU economy according to a report presented in Brussels. The study, carried out by GIGAOM and NUI Galway for the European Commission, shows that Europe's app developers are up to the challenge of taking the global lead. Currently, EU and North American developers generate the same levels (42% each) of app revenues in crucial EU and US markets. Although the future is bright, developers have raised concerns about the skills gap, connectivity and fragmentation which could put the app boom at risk.

Today the app economy employs 1 million developers, and 800,000 people in marketing & support posts. This could rise to 2.7 million developers + 2.1 million support staff by 2018. EU buyers and advertisers spent €6.1 billion on apps in 2013, 30% of total global app spending, growing to €18.7 billion in 2018. Consumer spending combined with advertising and contract work could lead to €63 billion annual revenue for the app sector within five years.

[More information](#)



### 3.4 Bridging the gap to the market: ERC funds 67 innovative projects

The European Research Council (ERC) has announced the winners of the latest competition for its top-up funding 'Proof of Concept'. A total of 67 researchers, who already hold ERC grants, have received up to €150,000 each to bring their pioneering 'blue sky' research closer to the market. The projects cover everything from an exploration of the molecular foundations of psychiatric disorders to technological innovations that could help rescue skiers caught in avalanches or measure extreme waves. Fundamental, 'blue sky' science – the type of research that the ERC supports – is focused on advancing knowledge, but it can sometimes generate unexpected applications. With its 'Proof of Concept' scheme, the ERC enables the full exploitation of the excellent ideas it funds. This top – up funding can cover activities aimed at commercial and societal applications, such as establishing intellectual property rights, investigating commercial and business opportunities or technical validation.

[More information](#)

### 3.5 2020 new participant portal

On this new and friendly portal you can find and secure funding for research & innovation projects under Horizon 2020. In particular the call search tool has several filtering options to help you select funding opportunities that are most relevant to your activities.

[Read more](#)

### 3.6 Innovation Union on Twitter!

@innovationunion, the only official European Commission account for #Innovation & #Research. Supplied by the Communication Unit of the #EC's Research & Innovation DG. Please follow us!

## 4 Grants & Fellowships

### 4.1 Europe: Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions research fellowships

Calls	Publication date	Deadline
<a href="#">INNOVATIVE TRAINING NETWORKS (ITN)</a>	2013-12-11	2014-04-09
<a href="#">RESEARCH AND INNOVATION STAFF EXCHANGE (RISE)</a>	2013-12-11	2014-04-24



ITN supports competitively selected joint research training and/or doctoral programmes, implemented by partnerships of universities, research institutions, research infrastructures, businesses, SMEs, and other socio-economic actors from different countries across Europe and beyond.

RISE involves organisations from the academic and non-academic sectors (in particular SMEs), based in Europe (EU Member States and Associated Countries) and outside Europe (third countries). Support is provided for the development of partnerships in the form of joint research and innovation activities between the participants. This is aimed at knowledge sharing via international as well as inter-sectoral mobility, based on two-way secondments of research and innovation staff (exchanges) with an in-built return mechanism.

## 4.2 Europe: Fulbright-Schuman Program

The Fulbright-Schuman Program, administered by the Commission for Educational Exchange between the United States and Belgium, is jointly financed by the US State Department and the Directorate-General for Education and Culture of the European Commission. The program funds graduate and post-graduate study, research, and lecture proposals in the field of US-EU relations, EU policy, or EU institutions for interested American and EU citizens.

[More information](#)

## 4.3 European Research Council Grants



Researchers from anywhere in the world can apply for a European Research Council (ERC) grant to go to Europe and conduct research (for at least 50% of their working time). Currently around 200 ERC grantees out of nearly 4,000 are non-Europeans. Research teams set up by ERC grantees are highly international – an estimated 18% of team members are non-Europeans.

Open calls:

- [ERC Starting Grant](#) | ERC-2014-StG

**Deadline Date: 25 Mar 2014**

- [ERC Consolidator Grant](#) | ERC-2014-CoG

**Deadline Date: 20 May 2014**

## 4.4 Europe: 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. Priority will be given to proposals that fit well with one or more of the Centre's core research themes: European Institutions, Governance and Democracy, Migration, Economic and Monetary Policy, Competition Policy and Market Regulation, Energy Policy and Climate Policy, Global Governance & International and Transnational Relations of the EU.

**Deadline Date: 31 October 2014**

[More information](#)



## 4.5 Europe: Max Weber Programme Fellowships

The Max Weber Programme for Postdoctoral Studies (MWP) is the largest international postdoctoral training programme in the social sciences. Each year the MWP appoints 42 fellows from all over the world for 1 or 2 years. The annual deadline for applications for these Max Weber Fellowships is 25 October but please note that, after 25 October 2013 and up to **25 March 2014**, applications for self-funded fellowships are considered on a first-come first-served basis for as long as there is capacity in the Max Weber Programme.

[More information](#)

## 4.6 Europe: EUI Fernand Braudel Senior Fellowships

Fernand Braudel Senior Fellowships provide a framework for established academics with an international reputation to pursue their research at the EUI.

Fellowships last for up to ten months in one of the EUI's four Departments which in turn invite fellows to participate in departmental activities (seminars, workshops, colloquia, etc.).

There are two annual deadlines for applications - 30 March and/or 30 September.

The [Department of Law](#) and the [Department of History and Civilization](#) consider applications only for the **30 March** deadline.

the [Department of Political and Social Sciences](#) normally considers applications only for the 30 September deadline but will exceptionally accept applications for the deadline **30 March 2014**. This deadline is for applications in the calendar year 2015.

The Department of Economics considers applications for the 30 March and the 30 September deadline

## 4.7 Europe: COST open call

COST (European Cooperation in Science and Technology) 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.

For submissions in one of the nine COST Domains: **Friday 28 March 2014** at 17:00 Brussels time (GMT+1).

For TDP submissions: **7 March 2014** (Proposal Registration) and 11 April 2014 (Proposal Submission) at 17:00 Brussels time (GMT+1).

[More information](#)

## 4.8 Europe: EMBO: 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.

[Short-Term Fellowships](#) – applications accepted throughout the year

[Long-Term Fellowships](#) – next deadline: **15 August 2014**

[ERS-EMBO Fellowships](#) – next deadline: **1 April 2014** for short term

#### 4.9 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](#)

#### 4.10 Austria: Information from the Office of Science & Technology in Washington D.C.

"Building bridges of knowledge and expertise between Austria and North America" - this is the mission of the Office of Science & Technology ([OST](#)) at the Embassy of Austria in Washington, DC. The OST is the strategic interface in the sciences, research, and research policy between Austria and North America. OST staff can inform you on most relevant funding opportunities in Austria.

#### 4.11 Austria: Lise Meitner Program for Scientists from Abroad

Target group: Highly qualified scientists of any discipline who could contribute to the scientific development of an Austrian research institution by working at it. Requirements: completed doctoral studies, international scientific publications, No age limit, invitation from an Austrian research institution.

No deadline – call constantly open.

[More information](#)

#### 4.12 Austria: 2014-15 Austrian Marshall Plan Foundation Fellows in Central European Studies

The Austrian Marshall Plan Foundation Fellowships in Central European Studies enable each year two outstanding scholars to conduct research on important issues related to Central Europe at the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) in Washington, D.C. The third pair of Austrian Marshall Plan Foundation Fellows will be appointed for a nine (9) month period from either September 2014 to May 2015 or October 2014-June 2015. **Deadline: April 15, 2014**

[More information](#)



#### 4.13 Belgium: a comprehensive webportal

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

[Further information](#)

#### 4.14 Belgium: Research Foundation Flanders (FWO) International Mobility

The FWO encourages mobility among researchers and international contacts between research groups. For this purpose, FWO offers different possibilities to researchers to go abroad and to build international networks.

[More information](#)

#### 4.15 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](#)

#### 4.16 Croatia: Funding opportunities

The EURAXESS Service Centers regularly update funding opportunities for researchers from all over the world.

[More information](#)

#### 4.17 Cyprus: the Research Promotion Foundation

The Research Promotion Foundation (RPF) promotes the development of scientific and technological research in Cyprus. The RPF has established a list of research stakeholders, some offering funding opportunities.

[More information](#)

#### 4.18 Denmark: Funding programmes for research and innovation and Danish Innovation Centre in the USA

The Danish Ministry of Science, Innovation and Higher Education has published an exhaustive [guide](#) to Danish funding programmes. Innovation Centre Denmark, Silicon Valley, provides you with information about Danish research environment and funding opportunities.

[More information](#)

#### 4.19 Denmark: PhD positions available

Danish PhD scholarships are fully funded, i.e. you receive a salary and there is no tuition fee. Some PhD programmes are developed as partnerships between universities and private companies.

[More information](#)



#### 4.20 Estonia: Estonia Research portal!

Estonian Research Portal is the public section of the Estonian Research Information System. It gives an overview on various aspects of Estonian R&D including funding opportunities.

[More information](#)

The Estonian Government offers a number of scholarships intended for university students, researchers or lecturers for studying and doing research at Estonian public universities and institutions. Mostly scholarships are for master's degree and doctoral degree, but some bachelor degree scholarships are also possible.

[More information](#)

#### 4.21 Finland: Key links to Finnish funding agencies and opportunities

Funding for scientific research in Finland comes predominantly from private companies and the government. Other important sources of funding include various funds and foundations. Here are some of the biggest [funding agencies](#).

#### 4.22 Finland: CIMO Fellowships

The CIMO Fellowships programme is open to young doctoral level students and researchers from all countries and from all academic fields. Master's level studies or post-doctoral studies/research are not supported in the programme.

There are no annual application deadlines in the CIMO Fellowship programme. Applications may be considered at all times. However, please note that applications should be submitted at least 5 months before the intended scholarship period. Decisions will be made within approximately 3 months after receipt of application.

[More information](#)

#### 4.23 France: Overview of research exchange programs

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

[More information](#)

#### 4.24 France: Human Frontier Science Program (HFSP) – Young investigators' grants

Research grants are provided for teams of scientists from different countries who wish to combine their expertise in innovative approaches to questions that could not be answered by individual laboratories.

Deadline to apply is **20 March, 2014**.





[More information](#)

#### 4.25 France: INRA (agricultural research) is recruiting!

In 2014, INRA is recruiting 39 research scientists, irrespective of nationality, to join its existing teams. Applications are open from 28 January to **3 March 2014**.

[More information](#)

#### 4.26 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](#)

#### 4.27 Germany: Postdoctoral Fellowship Program, German Research Center for Environmental Health, Helmholtz Zentrum München

The Postdoctoral Fellowship Program is a newly established program for excellent early-career scientists (up to 3 years after graduation) at Helmholtz Zentrum München – German Research Center for Environmental Health. Talented postdocs who are accepted into the three-year program receive 3-year fully funded postdoctoral positions and can focus on a research project in an institute of the Center. Deadline: **March 16, 2014**

[More information](#)

#### 4.28 Iceland: Fellowships and grants

The EURAXESS service centers provides updated information on funding opportunities in Iceland for researchers from all over the world.

[More information](#)

#### 4.29 Ireland: Research opportunities

The Irish Research Council (IRC) manages a suite of inter-linked research schemes, funding scholars at various career stages, from postgraduate study to senior research project-based awards. For early stage researchers these include the Gov. of Ireland Postgraduate scholarships and Gov. of Ireland Postdoctoral Fellowships, which fund research at pre- and post-doctoral levels, and the Research Project Grants Scheme, which allows researchers and research teams to expand their activities into new research areas by way of stimulus project grants and knowledge transfer initiatives. The IRC manages and monitors all awards funded under these schemes on a bi-annual basis.

[More information](#)



### 4.30 Israel: Fellowships and grants

The EURAXESS service centers provides updated information on funding opportunities in Israel for researchers from all over the world.

[More information](#)

### 4.31 Italy: Fulbright BEST programme

Fulbright BEST promotes innovative entrepreneurship among the young generations of scientists, offering a formative opportunity in the United States. The selected candidates will receive a scholarship to attend a course in innovative entrepreneurship for the duration of up to one year in an American university and to take part in an internship at a start up with a high growth potential. The deadline for applications is **April 18, 2014**.

[More information](#)

### 4.32 Lithuania: Lithuanian Research Council: Postdoctoral Fellowships

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

[More information](#)

### 4.33 Luxembourg: Grant scheme

The FNR's AFR Grant Scheme supports PhD and postdoctoral research training projects in Luxembourg and abroad, up to 4 years for PhDs and up to 2 years for postdocs.

The AFR programme has no thematic limitations and is open to all researchers, regardless of their nationality, desirous to engage into research training in Luxembourg or abroad.

Deadlines to submit application are **20 March, 2014** for the PhD grant and **11 March, 2014** for the Postdoc grant.

[More information](#)

### 4.34 Malta: University of Malta: Junior Research Fellowships

Junior Research Fellowships are available as part of the Educational and Cultural Affairs Fellowships. Open to doctoral students and recent Ph.D. recipients who are U.S. citizens.

[More information](#)



#### 4.35 The Netherlands: Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO): Innovational Research Incentives Scheme Vici Alfa/Gama

Vici is targeted at outstanding senior researchers who have successfully demonstrated the ability to develop their own innovative lines of research, and to act as coaches for young researchers. Researchers who have obtained their PhD within the last 15 years can apply for a Vici grant.

Next deadline: **27 March 2014**

[More information](#)

#### 4.36 The Netherlands: Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO): Innovational Research Incentives Scheme Vici – Life Sciences

Vici is targeted at outstanding senior researchers who have successfully demonstrated the ability to develop their own innovative lines of research, and to act as coaches for young researchers. Researchers who have obtained their PhD within the last 15 years can apply for a Vici grant.

Next deadline: **27 March 2014**

[More information](#)

#### 4.37 The Netherlands: Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO): Innovational Research Incentives Scheme Vici – Physical Sciences and Engineering

Vici is targeted at outstanding senior researchers who have successfully demonstrated the ability to develop their own innovative lines of research, and to act as coaches for young researchers. Researchers who have obtained their PhD within the last 15 years can apply for a Vici grant.

Next deadline: **27 March 2014**

[More information](#)

#### 4.38 The Netherlands: EURAXESS The Netherlands national portal offers a great overview of available Dutch research fellowships and grants.

[More information](#)

#### 4.39 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](#)

4.40 Norway: EURAXESS Norway national portal offers a great overview of the Research Council's Scholarship Collection for Mobility

[More information](#)

4.41 Poland: Foundation for Polish Science: KOLUMB – supporting grants

Programme – supporting grants is an additional offer for the KOLUMB programme laureates (till 2009 edition). The aim of the grant is to enable young researchers to take a full advantage of gained knowledge and skills during the further work in Polish research institutions.

**Applications accepted on a rolling basis**

[More information](#)

4.42 Poland: Foundation for Polish Science: IDEAS FOR POLAND

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

**Applications accepted on a rolling basis**

[More information](#)

4.43 Poland: EURAXESS Poland national portal offers an overview of many funding opportunities for scientists in Poland

[More information](#)

4.44 Slovakia: National Scholarship Program of the Slovak Republic: Teaching/Research/Artistic Stay for University Teachers, Researchers and Artists (1-12 months)

Next deadline: **30 April 2014**

[More information](#)

4.45 Slovakia: SAIA, n.o.: Scholarships of the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the



## Slovak Republic – Teaching/Research Stay for University Teachers and Researchers (3 months)

Next deadline: **31 May 2014**

[More information](#)

## 4.46 Spain: EURAXESS Spain National Portal: Available National Fellowships

[More information](#)

## 4.47 Sweden: The Swedish Research Council Formas: Sustainable planning and building – Guest researchers

The Swedish Research Council for Environment, Agricultural Sciences and Spatial Planning (Formas) announces the availability of funding for guest researchers in the area of sustainable building and planning. The aim is to establish international collaboration of a high scientific quality within research projects or research environments at Swedish universities or research institutes.

Next deadline: **20 March 2014**

[More information](#)

## 4.48 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.

[More information](#)

## 4.49 Sweden: VINNOVA: VINNMER Marie Curie Incoming

The call targets internationally experienced researchers currently working outside Sweden who have a doctorate (or at least four years' full-time equivalent research experience) in collaborating with private and/or public sector organisations. For highly experienced researchers (more than ten years' full-time equivalent research experience) collaboration is optional.

Next deadline: **14 March 2014**

[More information](#)



#### 4.50 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](#)

#### 4.51 Switzerland: CERN: Fellowship Program

The aim of this scheme is to encourage Fellowship applications from talented engineers and should prove to be a positive step forward in showing CERN is not only an exciting place to work for physicists, but is also a leading employer in engineering fields.

Next deadline: **03 March 2014**

[More information](#)

#### 4.52 Switzerland: EURAXESS Switzerland national portal: Find a wide range of funding opportunities for incoming researchers

[More information](#)

#### 4.53 Turkey: TÜBİTAK: Fellowships for Visiting Scientists and Scientists on Sabbatical Leave

In order to contribute to the improvement of human resources and the research in Natural Sciences, Engineering and Technology, Medical Sciences, Social Sciences and Humanities (\*) at Universities, Research Institutions and 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](#)

#### 4.54 Turkey: TÜBİTAK: Research Fellowship Program for International Researchers

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

Next deadline: **17 March 2014 – 21 April 2014**



[More information](#)

4.55 Turkey: EURAXESS Turkey national portal offers many opportunities of research funding in Turkey

[More information](#)

4.56 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](#)

4.57 UK: British Academy & Royal Society: Newton International Fellowships

The Newton International Fellowship scheme will select the very best early stage post-doctoral researchers from all over the world, and offer support for two years at UK research institutions.

**Next deadline: 10 March 2014**

[More information](#)

4.58 UK: EURAXESS United Kingdom national portal offers a wide selection of many funding opportunities

Search for international funding opportunities, including travel to conferences, organising meetings, short research visits, fellowships etc.

[More information](#)

4.59 UK: EURAXESS Jobs portal: Individual Fellowship Opportunities

[More information](#)

EURAXESS National [Fellowships&Grants](#)



#### 4.60 National EURAXESS portals

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

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

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.







## 5 Jobs

### 5.1 EURAXESS Portal

There are currently over 8,000 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.

### 5.2 Other Research Career Sites

#### 5.2.1 Canada

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

#### 5.2.2 Europe

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Careers with the European Union: [European Personnel Selection Office](#) (EPSO)

Careers with the European Union (EPSO), [Non-permanent Posts](#)

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

#### 5.2.3 USA

AAAs support: [Science careers from the Science journal](#)

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

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

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

Funding opportunities at [researchusa.com](http://researchusa.com)



## 6 Events

### 6.1 Europe: Forthcoming events

Event	When	Where	Organized by	Link to the event
Smart Cities International Exhibition	5-7 March 2014	Inter Expo Center, Sofia, Bulgaria	Via Expo	<a href="#">Link</a>
Innovation Convention 2014	10-11 March 2014	Brussels, Belgium	European Commission	<a href="#">link</a>
Funding student mobility - Scholarships, grants and loans	10 April	Brussels, Belgium	Academic Cooperation Association	<a href="#">Link</a>
Industrial Technologies 2014 conference	9-11 April 2014	Athens, Greece	Greek EU Presidency event	<a href="#">Link</a>
Transport Research Arena (TRA) 2014: Innovate Mobility, Mobilise Innovation	14-17 April 2014	Paris, France	TRA	<a href="#">link</a>
Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions satellite event at ESOF 2014 Conference	19-20 Jun 2014	Copenhagen Business School, Copenhagen, Denmark	European Commission	<a href="#">Link</a>
EuroScience Forum 2014 (ESOF)	21-26 June 2014	Copenhagen, Denmark	Euroscience	<a href="#">Link</a>

### 6.2 North America: Forthcoming events

Event	When	Where	Organized by	Link to the event
Calendar for Spring 2014 Study and Go Abroad Fairs in major Canadian Cities	From Feb 28 to March 2, 2014	Canadian cities	Study and Go Abroad Fairs	<a href="#">Link</a>
Growing Sustainable Bioeconomies – Making it Happen	March 3 and 4, 2014	London Convention Centre, London, Ontario, Canada	GTM	<a href="#">Link</a>
247th ACS National Meeting and Exposition	16-20 March 2014	Dallas, Texas	American Chemical Association	<a href="#">Link</a>
BILAT USA 2.0 @ NCURA Pre-Award Research Administration Conference	March 18-20, 2014	San Francisco, CA	BILAT USA 2.0 Project	<a href="#">Link</a>
EURAXESS Share Event: BROADEN YOUR HORIZONS! European-Funded	27 March, 2014	Columbia University, NY, NY	EURAXESS Links North America and U. of Columbia, SIPA	<a href="#">Link</a>



Research and North America				
Fifth biennial INORMS	April 10, 2014	Washington D.C.	International Network of Research Management Societies	<a href="#">Link</a>
Turkish American Scientists and Scholars Association (TASSA) Annual Conference	22-23 April 2014	University of Maryland, College Park	TASSA	<a href="#">Link</a>

## 7 About EURAXESS Links North America

EURAXESS Links North America is a network of thousands of European and non-European researchers, scientists, and scholars throughout North America. This multidisciplinary network includes members at all stages of their careers. It allows them to connect with each other and with Europe, ensuring that they are recognized as an important resource for European research whether they remain in the United States or return to Europe.

For further information about EURAXESS Links North America, please visit: <http://northamerica.euraxess.org>.

To sign up for membership in our network, and in the virtual SINAPSE community of researchers abroad, please go to our website and click on the Join the EURAXESS Links North America community hyperlink on the right-hand side of the [page](#). Membership is free!

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