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Dear Colleagues!

Welcome to the March issue of our newsletter. First of all, let us thank you for taking your time and filling in our yearly satisfaction survey. We have received almost 100 responses which we will carefully analyze and improve our services according to your suggestions and comments. In the meantime, we will continue sending you the monthly newsletter with funding opportunities in many European countries.

This issue brings you over 50 open calls for proposals in more than 20 European countries. Our news and development section includes recent and very interesting R&D news from the European Research Area, Canada and the United States.

On 8 March 2015, International Women's Day was celebrated around the world. Gender equality is a cornerstone of the European Union and applies to all European policies including research and innovation. Therefore this month's **EU Insight** focuses on the topic of 'Creating Gender Equality in Science & Research.'

Enjoy reading the newsletter!

Your EURAXESS Links North America Team

This newsletter is also intended as a **communication tool with you all**, so please **do not hesitate to contact us** at northamerica@euraxess.net for comments, corrections or if you want to advertise for a particular funding scheme or event.





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1 EU Insight – Creating Gender Equality in Science & Research

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

Gender equality in the European Research Area (ERA)

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

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

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

Gender Equality in Horizon 2020

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

1. Gender balance in decision-making

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



2. Gender balance in research teams at all levels

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

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

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

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

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

Facts and figures: *She Figures*

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

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

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

Sources and further information:

[European Research Area - homepage](#)

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

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

[She Figures 2012](#)

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

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



2 EURAXESS Links North America Activities

2.1.1 EURAXESS Links North America at the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) Annual Meeting 2015, 18-22 April 2015, Philadelphia, PA, USA

The AACR Annual Meeting 2015 will highlight the latest, most exciting discoveries in every area of cancer research and will provide a unique opportunity for investigators from all over the world to meet, interact, and share their insights. This year's meeting theme – “Bringing Cancer Discoveries to Patients” – underscores the vital and inextricable link between discovery and treatment, and it reinforces the fact that research underpins all the progress being made in the field toward cancer cures. For everyone – presenters, early-career and established researchers, clinicians, and advocates – the Annual Meeting is a must-attend event, with a comprehensive and multidisciplinary program, an outstanding roster of speakers, hundreds of invited talks, and more than 6,000 proffered papers from researchers all over the world.

EURAXESS Links North America will be present together with colleagues from the European Research Council (ERC) team from Brussels. A workshop will be held on the ERC Grants and EURAXESS – Researchers in Motion on **Sunday, 19 April 2015 from 4:00 to 5:30 PM**. A representative of EURAXESS Links North America will also be present at the ERC booth #1665 on Sunday (19 April) and Monday (20 April) for further consultation.

More information about the conference can be found on their [website](#).

2.1.2 7th EURAXESS CONFERENCE, 27 – 29 April 2015, Heraklion, Crete, Greece

The biennial [EURAXESS](#) Conference 2015 will welcome lots of forward-looking discussions about our EURAXESS activities.

The conference programme contains important policy updates and their impact on EURAXESS activities, a series of interesting workshops and lots of networking opportunities. All this aims to shape the future of EURAXESS in terms of enlarging the service provision to researchers while enhancing the quality at the same time.

Participation by invitation only.





3 News & Developments

3.1 EU and Member States

3.1.1 High-Level Event on Women's Empowerment and Sustainable Development

As part of the [EYD2015](#) events, to highlight the importance of women and girls as central actors in moving towards sustainable development and to combine proposals for unlocking women's full economic potential in context of post-2015 framework, a high level political event was organized in Riga on March 2 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs together with the European Commission, the Latvian government, and in close cooperation with civil society, specially women's movement and private sector.



Girls and women over the world are eager to contribute to research and innovation in their respective country. How long will they have to wait until their rights to education and equal pay for the same job are part of the reality and their - *our* - dream fulfilled? What about facilitating access of female researchers? EURAXESS Links Network is committed to putting its share on it. We take seriously supporting female researchers too.

Read more: [European Year for Development 2015](#) and [EURAXESS Links](#)

3.1.2 EU European Parliament takes an important step towards gender equality

The European Parliament has adopted a resolution which supports the fight for wage impartiality, parental leave proposals and promote educational policies that encourage women to make their careers in science, technology and ICT sectors.

Read more: [European Parliament](#)





3.1.3 European Commission's Report on Equality between Women and Men – 2014



"The present report outlines the progress achieved in 2014 in the six priority areas of the Commission's 2010-15 strategy for equality between women and men. It is a way for the Commission to review EU and Member State action on gender equality and identify remaining challenges and gender gaps, on the basis of updated information and statistics.

It strengthens the EU's accountability and lays the ground for evidence-based policies. Although gender gaps have narrowed in recent decades, inequalities within and between Member States have grown overall and challenges remain in critical areas such as:

- Men drop out of school more often and perform less well in reading. Women are more likely to have a higher education degree but are significantly under-represented in STEM studies and careers, in research and in senior posts at all levels of education, including higher education;

Find out other critical areas and the Full Report here: [European Commission](#)

3.1.4 10 years of commitment to better working conditions for researchers



European Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation, Carlos Moedas, was joined by former Commissioners Philippe Busquin, Janez Potočnik (in the picture) and Máire Geoghegan-Quinn.

These key players in setting up and promoting the Charter & Code discussed its development and the importance of empowering researchers and attracting talent to Europe.

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

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

"I congratulate the 206 Deans and Rectors who were the first to take up the Human Resources Strategy for Researchers. Attracting and keeping the best minds in Europe is essential for competitiveness," said Research, Science and Innovation Commissioner Carlos Moedas. "The Charter and Code have done well in making working conditions for researchers far more appealing. We want Europe to remain a popular destination for the most talented researchers to pursue their careers. It's very encouraging that more than 1500 research institutions and funders from 40 countries in Europe have endorsed the Charter and Code to improve their human resources policies. This is building a strong foundation of research excellence from which we will benefit long into the future."

Researchers relentlessly highlight the importance of mobility for their careers: at EU level, 80 % of internationally mobile researchers believe mobility has strongly increased the advancement of their research skills and 62 % believe mobility has had a positive impact on the quality of their research publications

Read more: [European Commission](#) and [EURAXESS](#)



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



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

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

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

Read more: [ERC Press release](#)

3.1.6 New MSCA Individual Fellowships (IF) Call launched



If you have more than 4 years research experience or you have a doctoral degree (PhD) this is for you.

The goal of Individual Fellowships is to enhance the creative and innovative potential of experienced researchers wishing to diversify their individual competence in terms of skill acquisition at multi- or interdisciplinary level through advanced training, international and intersectoral mobility. This call will close on 10 September 2015.

Read more: [Participant Portal](#) or under *Grants & Fellowship* section of this newsletter.

3.1.7 Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions (MSCA) blog with FAQ

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

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

Access the blog: [here](#)



3.1.8 EU Prize for women innovators 2016 | Call open



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

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

Read more: [European Commission](#)

Watch video: [European Commission](#)

3.1.9 Positive role models are key to gender equality

Female role models are an important way to promote gender equality among senior scientists, according to Professor Caroline Dean, a plant biologist at the John Innes Centre, in Norwich, UK.

Prof. Dean is the winner of the 2015 European Molecular Biology Organization (EMBO) and Federation of European Biochemical Societies (FEBS) Women in Science Award for her work in plant biology and working to promote women in science.

Read full interview: [Horizon-The EU Research and Innovation magazine](#)

3.1.10 The 17th edition of the L'Oréal-UNESCO Awards

Although not a European Union award, with the inclusion of the announcement of the latest edition of the L'Oréal-UNESCO Awards, EURAXESS Links Network wants to contribute to the recognition of the contribution to science and society of five exceptional women honoured for their ground-breaking discoveries in the physical sciences. The five scientists were selected in the 5 regions of the world by an independent International Awards Jury made up of 12 prominent international scientists who were personally chosen by the President of the Jury and 1999 Nobel Prize winner, Prof. Ahmed Zewail.

These five exceptional (women) researchers are:

AFRICA AND THE ARAB STATES: Prof. **Rajaâ Cherkaoui El Moursli** - *High Energy Physics and Nuclear Physics*. Professor, Mohammed V- Agdal University, Rabat, MOROCCO

ASIA / PACIFIC: Prof. **Yi Xie** – *Inorganic Chemistry*. Professor, University of Science & Technology of China, Hefei, CHINA

EUROPE: Prof. **Dame Carol Robinson** - *Physical Chemistry - Mass Spectrometry*. Professor, University of Oxford, UNITED KINGDOM



LATIN AMERICA: Prof. **Thaisa Storchi Bergmann** – *Physics and Astronomy*. Professor, Federal University of Rio Grande Do Sul, Porto Alegre, BRASIL

NORTH AMERICA: Prof. **Molly S. Shoichet** – *Polymer Chemistry*. Professor of chemical engineering and applied chemistry, chemistry and biomaterials & biomedical engineering, University of Toronto, CANADA

Read more: [L'Oréal](#)

3.1.11 Women in Science | Horizon | The EU Research and Innovation Magazine

Where are the women?

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

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

Read more: [Horizon | Women In Science](#)

3.1.12 Inadequate Childcare Policies Affect Scientists' Careers

European Platform of Women Scientist (EPWS) Vice-President Prof. Claudine Hermann has been interviewed for a recent article on Euroscientist - Inadequate Childcare Policies Affect Scientists' Careers.

It is not due to science but due to the cultures of the different countries that the problem of childcare is more on the shoulder of women than men. But the role models and the family models are changing slowly and that affects scientists and other high educated women," says Claudine Hermann , vice-president of the European Platform of Women Scientists, retired professor of physics at the Ecole Polytechnique in Paris, France, with three children.

Hermann claims that scientific institutions should invest more money to support female and male scientists with children to compensate the fact that the number of scientists with children varies much from country to country."

Read full article: [Euroscientist](#)

3.1.13 Massive migration from the steppe was a source for Indo-European languages in Europe

[Article available to be read from the source on the screen]

Read full article: [Nature](#)

3.1.14 Report | Growing a Digital Social Innovation Ecosystem for Europe

According to Fabrizio Sestini, European Commission Directorate-General Communications Networks, Content & Technology , this report is like an open



window looking out onto a wholly new, and largely unexplored, world. The emerging applications that we globally call “digital social innovations” are fascinating examples of how humans can find new ways to collaborate in amazing manners, overcoming geographical, cultural and social barriers, and reinventing the way society can thrive in a world with ever decreasing availability of natural resources.

There is only one natural resource that is now available in larger amounts than in the past: humans. Connecting them, in novel, pervasive, widespread and affordable manners, is perhaps the biggest breakthrough enabled by digital technologies.

Several names have been given to this: network effects, collective intelligence, hyperconnected societies. This hyperconnectivity is generating a new currency, more sustainable and ethical than money: data – open data. Open data increases awareness and coordination, creates new opportunities for innovation, and strengthens inclusion, participation and, ultimately, human well-being.

Society, economy, and even human psychology itself are undergoing an irreversible change, which we as citizens and policymakers are still struggling to understand. This understanding is key to anticipating possible developments, while at the same time to maximising the positive impacts on society, as well as averting the risks of misuses that inevitably accompany any step of human evolution.

This study has been prepared for the European Commission DG CONNECT by [Digital Social Innovation](#). Read full report: [NESTA](#)

3.1.15 Report I Statistical Data on Women Entrepreneurs in Europe – 2014

This report presents the key findings of an analysis of available data on women entrepreneurs in 37 countries, which include the 28 EU Member States, Albania, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM), Iceland, Israel, Turkey, Liechtenstein, Montenegro, Norway and Serbia. This group of countries is referred to as Europe-37.

The study objective was to collect, analyse, and systematically present the most recent data on women entrepreneurs in Europe-37. These data will be used to develop evidence-based policy and actions, and thus include number of women entrepreneurs, the type of entrepreneurship, the sectors in which women entrepreneurs are mainly active, age cohort and educational level.

Full report: [European Commission](#)



3.2 Canada

3.2.1 Technology from Canada's most famous robot, Canadarm, to help Doctors care for children

Children undergoing surgery will get help from robotic arm technology used on the International Space Station

Canadarm, the robot that established Canada's proud international reputation for robotics innovation, has inspired several generations of scientists and engineers to develop new technologies for industry, medicine, and other applications.

This month, Industry Minister James Moore visited The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids) in Toronto to witness first hand how Canada's investment in space science research and development will be used to help drive improvements to surgical care for children.

KidsArm, a descendant of Canadarm, is the first image-guided robotic surgical arm in the world, specifically designed for surgery for children. KidsArm is a medical tool that will enable surgeons to safely and rapidly perform minimally invasive surgical procedures on children. It is capable of working in small and delicate spaces and will offer enhanced dexterity and precision.

The KidsArm robotic arm system was developed using technology built for Dextre and Canadarm2. It is the result of collaboration between SickKids' Centre for Image Guided Innovation and Therapeutic Intervention (CIGITI) and private-sector partners including [MacDonald, Dettwiler and Associates Ltd. \(MDA\)](#), the Canadian company that built these Canadian world-renowned space robots. Other partners include Philips and other companies.

[Read more](#) (Source: Canadian Space Agency)

3.2.2 Governments Invest \$2 Million at the Canadian International Grains Institute

Manitoba's place as a leader in the global grains industry will be strengthened by a \$2 million investment in new, specialized equipment at the Canadian International Grains Institute (Cigi) in Winnipeg, Federal Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz and Food and Rural Development Minister Ron Kostyshyn announced this month. With this funding, Cigi can replace outdated equipment and also create new capabilities. [Read the article to know more about these capabilities.](#)

Ministers noted this investment is part of the Grain Innovation Hub, which was announced by the governments of Canada and Manitoba in May 2014. Its goal is to leverage \$33 million in government and industry funding to re-establish Manitoba as a leader in grain research, production and processing.

Cigi has promoted Canadian field crops around the world for over 40 years. Hundreds of international grain customers visit their Winnipeg facility every year for specialized training programs and technical expertise. For more information about Cigi's role in the grains industry, visit www.cigi.ca.

The federal and provincial governments are investing \$176 million in Manitoba under Growing Forward 2, a five-year, federal-provincial-territorial policy



framework to advance the agriculture industry, helping producers and processors become more innovative and competitive in world markets.

[Read more](#) (Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada)

3.2.3 Governments Invest in Innovative Project to Support Biosecurity

A Manitoba company will receive \$825,000 to expand and redevelop its truck washing facilities to improve biosecurity in the agricultural sector, Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Development Minister Ron Kostyshyn and Member of Parliament Ted Falk, on behalf of Federal Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz, announced this month. The funding will allow Blue Water Wash to upgrade both its Blumenort and Brandon facilities. Blumenort will add five state-of-the-art washing bays, a baking bay and an undercarriage washing system and Brandon will add a baking bay. These upgrades are expected to create 20 new jobs and respond to a growing demand for these specialized services. [...]

Government funding is sourced from Growing Forward 2's Growing Value – Transformation program, which provides financial assistance to existing agri-businesses to adapt to market forces and environmental considerations, and to increase competitiveness in domestic and international markets.

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[Read more](#) (Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada)

3.2.4 Canada Accelerator and Incubator Program (CAIP)

Recipients: Ryerson University and The Next 36

In 2013, the Government of Canada allocated \$60 million over five years through the Economic Action Plan, with an additional \$40 million in 2014, to help outstanding incubators and accelerators expand their services to small and medium-sized businesses.

Over the next five years, two Toronto organizations will receive funding through Canada Accelerator and Incubator Program (CAIP) to provide Canadian entrepreneurs with the resources and expertise needed to develop their business plans and seek follow-on financing.

- Ryerson University, in partnership with Simon Fraser University and the University of Ontario Institute of Technology, will receive up to \$10.7 million in CAIP funding over the next five years to establish a national research-driven incubator network – the Zones of Incubation and Innovation (ZI²) to amplify the universities' existing research and incubator facilities and to create an expansive ecosystem which will drive technology-enabled innovation, productivity and job creation. The Pan-Canadian project targets digital technology and gaming leveraging deep expertise at the partner institutions and will create soft landing support



for Canadian companies going global and international companies investing in Canada.

- The Next 36 will receive up to \$2.7M in CAIP funding over the next five years. The Next 36 operates a national accelerator and incubator program for Canada's most promising young entrepreneurs. Through an unparalleled combination of mentorship, education and seed investment, it fast-tracks the development of Canada's most talented innovators and supports the creation of industry-changing businesses that will grow Canada's long-term prosperity.

The one-time request for the proposals for the Canada Accelerator and Incubator Program was launched on September 23, 2013. It ended on October 30, 2013, with close to 100 applications received. All proposals were assessed and presented for evaluation and recommendations to the independent Canadian Venture Capital Expert Panel, a five-member panel with extensive experience in the venture capital asset class, business, and finance.

[Read more](#) (Source: National Research Council Canada)

3.2.5 Canadian Excellence in Space Innovation Contributes to International Next Generation Observatory

Ottawa based Neptec Design Group built precision optics technology for Japan's Next Generation Space Observatory

The Canadian Space Agency (CSA) has officially delivered its contribution to ASTRO H, the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency's (JAXA's) flagship space astronomy mission. The Canadian ASTRO-H Metrology System (CAMS) arrived at JAXA's Tsukuba Space Centre in late January 2015, and has since been integrated into the space telescope. ASTRO-H marks the first time Canada is part of an X-ray astronomy mission. The telescope is designed to explore mysterious phenomena in the universe in unprecedented detail and will advance scientists' knowledge of black holes, supernova explosions, neutron stars, and how galaxies like our own Milky Way were formed.

Built by Neptec Design Group Ltd., CAMS is a laser measurement system that will calibrate measurements taken with the observatory's Hard X-ray Telescope, significantly enhancing the quality of its images. Neptec designed, manufactured, assembled and tested CAMS in just four years.

As part of the partnership in the international project, three Canadian astronomers from Saint Mary's University, the University of Waterloo and the University of Manitoba and their teams will be part of the mission's science working group. The astronomers will have access to the proprietary data during the first year of the observatory's operations, after which the entire Canadian community will have opportunities to propose ideas for further space-based investigations.

The Government of Canada supports Canada's contribution to the ASTRO H observatory, which promotes Canadian innovation by positioning our space industry as a global leader in cutting edge space activities in optics; furthers Canada's exploration of space in the quest for new knowledge and opportunities;



and strengthens a strategic relationship with an international partner. This project aligns with Canada's Space Policy Framework—a plan that is focused on delivering results and builds on Canada's strengths and historic achievements.

[Read more](#) (Source: Canadian Space Agency)

3.3 United States of America

3.3.1 National Science Foundation announces plan for comprehensive public access to research results

The National Science Foundation (NSF), announced its continued commitment to expand public access to the results of its funded research through the publication of its public access plan, [Today's Data, Tomorrow's Discoveries](#). NSF's public access is intended to accelerate the dissemination of fundamental research results that will advance the frontiers of knowledge and help ensure the nation's future prosperity.

"Scientific progress depends on the responsible communication of research findings," said NSF Director France A. Córdova. "NSF's public access plan is another effort we have undertaken to emphasize the agency's central mission to promote the progress of science."

NSF will require that articles in peer-reviewed scholarly journals and papers in juried conference proceedings or transactions be deposited in a public access compliant repository and be available for download, reading and analysis within one year of publication.

This announcement follows a request from the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy last year, directing science-funding agencies to develop plans to increase access to the results of federally funded research. NSF submitted its proposal to improve the management of digital data and received approval to implement the plan.

"NSF's public access plan reflects input from the scientific community, recognizes the diversity among the scientific fields that the agency supports, and seeks to minimize burden on both awardees and staff," said Dan Arvizu, Chairman of NSF's National Science Board.

NSF will continue to consult with the scientific community, academic institutions, publishers and other federal agencies to implement this plan.

[Read more](#) (Source: National Science Foundation)

3.3.2 Canopy researcher goes out on a (tree) limb to promote public understanding of science

When most people think of prominent women in science, Barbie doesn't usually cross their minds. This is hardly surprising since Barbie has long been known for primping rather than for publishing. But the Barbie doll--one of the most popular dolls ever produced--remains an important role model for the behavior and appearance of young girls all over the world.



NSF's public access is intended to accelerate the dissemination of fundamental research results.
Credit: iStock



Nadkarni explains tree biology to medium security inmates at the Stafford Creek Corrections Center in Washington state as part of a science lecture series.

Credit: Benj Drummond and Sara Joy Steele



Treetop Barbie dressed for canopy research, with or without Ken.

Credit: Martin Kane, The Evergreen State College

Barbie goes up a tree

That's why [Nalini Nadkarni](#), a canopy ecologist at the University of Utah, wanted to help reinvent Barbie as a symbol of strength, action and academic interests. So Nadkarni, who is nicknamed the "Queen of Forest Canopy Research," created an alternative version of Barbie: "Treetop Barbie," an (evidently) serious-minded canopy climbing researcher.

Back in 2000, when Nadkarni was on the faculty of The Evergreen State College in Olympia, Wash., she started producing Treetop Barbie; Nadkarni organized a corps of local seamstresses to manufacture for the standard Barbie sporty field clothes styled after those typically worn by canopy-climbing researchers--fully accessorized with a scientific notebook, safety helmet and crossbow for shooting climbing ropes up into the trees. In addition, Treetop Barbie was packaged with a 12-page booklet about canopy wildlife and plants.

Nadkarni distributed the canopy-correct Treetop Barbie from the website of the [International Canopy Network](#), a nonprofit group she co-created in 1996.

What was the response to Treetop Barbie? Nadkarni explains, "The multiple responses to my creating Treetop Barbie were astonishing--from outrage that an ecologist would promote an icon of consumerism to positive affirmations that it was about time scientists recognized the power of a pop icon to promote science and women, to the upturned face of a 6-year-old girl who simply said 'I like to climb trees, too.' They taught me that connecting science with values that are not my own--but that resonate with others--is an effective pathway to public engagement of science."

In 2011, Nadkarni joined the University of Utah's faculty. When she moved to Salt Lake City for the position, her corps of Olympia-based seamstresses dissolved. Consequently, Treetop Barbie is currently on a hiatus (or research sabbatical) that will end as soon as Nadkarni can recruit a new corps of volunteer seamstresses to produce field clothing for Treetop Barbie.

[Read more](#) (Source: National Science Foundation)

3.4 Cooperation EU/Canada – EU/USA

3.4.1 ERA-Can+ Webinar on Legal and Financial Issues of H2020

The ERA-Can+ project held a webinar on legal and financial issues in Horizon 2020 (H2020) on March 17, 2015 at 11 am.

The webinar was hosted by PT-DLR and targets Canadian researchers who already have knowledge about the new EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, Horizon 2020. If you are not yet familiar with Horizon 2020, you may watch the recording of the previous webinar 'Introduction to H2020', available on the ERA-Can+ website <http://www.era-can.net/news/era-can-webinar-on-horizon-2020> or follow this link directly:



<https://webconf.vc.dfn.de/p39onein2oe>.

Nina Schüle, Administrator at PT-DLR, presented legal and financial issues of H2020 covering therewith Rules for Participation, Funding Conditions and Agreements as well as Financial Management & Payment Modalities, Financial Rules and Reporting/Audits. The panelist will also be available to answer questions raised by the audience. This webinar was organized in cooperation with BILAT USA 2.0.

Watch the recording of the ERA-Can+ Webinar here: <https://webconf.vc.dfn.de/p69sqoae6gn/>

Download the [presentation](#) and the [question and answer document](#) here.

Source: [ERA-Can+](#)

3.4.2 ERA-Can+ Webinar for Europeans on programs by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)

ERA-Can+ Canadian [project partners](#) are hosting a live webinar about research opportunities for Europeans to participate in programs offered by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research. The webinar is open to European researchers, research managers, and representatives from universities, colleges, government agencies and the private sector.

Canada's Public Policy Forum and the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada will host a webinar to introduce the ERA-Can+ project and Horizon 2020—the European Union's current Framework Programme for Research and Innovation. The second part of the webinar will feature the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) and explore its research opportunities open to Europeans.

Date: April 9, 15:00 – 16:30 Central European Time (CEST)

Speaker: Michel Perron, Vice-President, External Affairs and Business Development, Canadian Institutes of Health Research

For more information and to register: <http://ppforum.ca/webinar-opportunities-european-researchers-canadian-research-and-research-training-programs>

The panelist will be available to answer questions from audience members following his presentation.

For further information please contact Danielle Lenarcic Biss at dbiss@ucc.ca. Any technical questions pertaining to ERA-Can+ of Horizon 2020 can be directed to the ERA-Can+ helpdesk at helpdesk@era-can.net.

Source: [ERA-Can+](#)

3.4.3 Towards Smart Cities and Intelligent Transportation Seminar

Under the theme of smart transportation and smart cities, Investissement Québec's Stockholm office, in collaboration with the Canadian embassy, organized a seminar in Stockholm, Sweden on March 19, 2015 that brought together decision-makers and leaders of innovative businesses from Canada,



Sweden and Nordic countries. Business opportunities in Québec as well as Nordic countries have been discussed during the seminar. Québec has enviable expertise in the fields of energy efficiency, smart grids and sustainable development.

Read more at the [Investissement Québec website](#)

3.4.4 Developing infrastructure for data sharing around the world

NSF-supported organization coordinates US participation in global data-sharing and infrastructure-building effort



Giridhar Manepalli from the Corporation for National Research Initiatives speaks at RDA's 4th Plenary meeting in Amsterdam.

Credit: Inge Angevaare

How can we support agricultural productivity around the world? How can we develop public health models that leverage social data, health data and environmental data? What are best practices to ensure the stewardship of research data today and tomorrow?

Solutions to these and other critical challenges are being advanced through the sharing and exchange of research data. To increase data sharing and overcome the critical challenges associated with making data accessible, an international group of leaders in the data community joined together in 2013 to form the Research Data Alliance (RDA).

With support from the U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF), the European Commission and the Australian government, RDA has grown in just two years from a core group of committed agencies to a community that now comprises more than 2,600 members from more than 90 countries, all dedicated to pragmatically removing the barriers to data sharing and raising awareness of those challenges among regions, disciplines, and professions.

NSF supports U.S. participation in RDA as part of a grant to promote coordination and develop infrastructure for data sharing.

Twice a year, RDA members meet face to face at plenary meetings held in various locations worldwide to coordinate activities and advance their efforts. At these meetings, researchers, policymakers and representatives from funding agencies speak on pressing data issues, and members meet to collaborate on projects through interest and working groups.

RDA holds its [5th Plenary](#) through March 11 in San Diego, hosted by the U.S. members of RDA. The event featured an "Adoption Day", focusing on the use of new RDA-developed products and guidelines in various domains.

[Read more](#) (Source: National Science Foundation)



4 Grants & Fellowships

4.1 Europe

4.1.1 Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions



The Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions, named after the double Nobel Prize winning Polish-French scientist famed for her work on radioactivity, support researchers at all stages of their careers, regardless of nationality. Researchers working across all disciplines, from life-saving healthcare to 'blue-sky' science, are eligible for funding. The MSCA also support industrial doctorates, combining academic research study with work in companies, and other innovative training that enhances employability and career development.

In addition to generous research funding, scientists have the possibility to gain experience abroad and in the private sector, and to complete their training with competences or disciplines useful for their careers. More information about various funding schemes and requirements for applying is available [here](#).

Open call:

- [H2020-MSCA-RISE-2015](#) – Marie Skłodowska-Curie Research and Innovation Staff Exchange (RISE)

Deadline: 28 April 2015

- [H2020-MSCA-IF-2015](#) – Individual Fellowships (IF)

Deadline: 10 September 2015

4.1.2 Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions: Pocket guide

Considering a doctoral degree? Looking for partnerships between academic and non-academic organisations or staff exchanges? Keen on outreach activities? There is a Marie Skłodowska-Curie action for you.

The EU's Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions fund all kind of opportunities for researchers from Europe and beyond. This starter booklet gives you the needed information to make the right first choice.

Guide available for downloading or online reading [here](#).

4.1.3 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 U.S. 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](#)





European Research Council
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**Supporting top researchers
from anywhere in the world**

About [ERC](#)

Set up in 2007 by the EU, the [European Research Council](#) is the first pan-European funding organization for frontier research. It aims to stimulate scientific excellence in Europe by encouraging competition for funding between the very best, creative researchers of any nationality and age. The ERC also strives to attract top researchers from anywhere in the world to come to Europe.

It funds young, early-career top researchers ('[ERC Starting grants](#)'), already independent excellent scientists ('[ERC Consolidator Grants](#)'), and senior research leaders ('[ERC Advanced Grants](#)').



About [EMBO](#)

Incoming / outgoing

Long term: the receiving institute or the applicant's nationality must be from one of the [EMBC Member State](#).

Short-Term Fellowships are awarded for exchanges between two laboratories in different countries, one of them being an [EMBC Member State](#). On completion of the fellowship applicants must return to their home laboratory for at least six months.

4.1.4 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 over 300 ERC grantees out of nearly 4,000 are non-Europeans. Research teams set up by ERC grantees are highly international – an estimated 20% of team members are non-Europeans.

Open calls:

- [ERC Advanced Grant](#) | ERC-2015-AdG

Deadline Date: 2 June 2015

- [ERC Proof of Concept](#) | ERC-2015-PoC

Deadline Dates: 28 May 2015 and 1 Oct 2015

More information: [European Research Council](#)

4.1.5 Jean Monnet Postdoctoral Fellowships

The Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies (RSCAS) offers one or two-year fellowships to postdocs 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.

[More information](#)

4.1.6 EMBO: Fellowships

The European Molecular Biology Organisation (EMBO) brings together more than 1500 leading researchers within 27 Member States and promotes excellence in the life sciences.

Young scientists actively seek [EMBO Long-Term Fellowships](#) for **postdoctoral research** to fund and support their internationally mobile careers. The EMBO Long-Term Fellowships are awarded for a **period of up to two years** and support **post-doctoral research visits** to laboratories throughout Europe. International exchange is a key feature in the application process.

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

Deadlines: **Rolling basis** (Short-Term)



4.1.7 European Respiratory Society/EU RESPIRE2 postdoctoral Marie Curie Fellowship

ERS/EU RESPIRE2 postdoctoral Marie Curie Fellowship opportunities in the broad field of respiratory science, co-funded by the European Union. The programme is aimed at experienced researchers from any discipline and will help fellows to become the future leaders in respiratory research.

Next deadline: 31 July 2015

[More information](#)

4.1.8 Erasmus+ joint Master Degrees

Scholarships for 116 different Joint Master Degree programmes starting in September 2015. Between 13 and 20 student scholarship holders and 4 invited scholars/guest lecturers per intake can take part. Find out more about Joint Master Degrees [here](#) as well as the list of participating universities [here](#).

4.1.9 2015 Erasmus+ call for proposals

Open to any public or private body active in the fields of education, training, youth and sport may apply for funding within the Erasmus+ Programme. **See the [Erasmus+ Programme Guide](#) for the 2015 General Call for Proposals for detailed conditions for participating in the call for proposals, as well as information on the priorities for funding. It constitutes an integral part of the [2015 Erasmus+ Call for Proposals](#).** Depending on the action and thematic line, deadlines vary from **4 February 2015 to 1 October 2015**.

4.1.10 National EURAXESS portals

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

4.2 EU Member States and Associated Countries

4.2.1 Austria: Franz Werfel Grant

Franz Werfel, who was born 1890 in Prague and died 1945 in California, is one of the most famous representatives of Austrian Literature. Therefore the Franz Werfel Grant addresses itself to young university teachers whose work focuses on Austrian Literature. The grant programme, which was initiated in 1992, is open to applicants from all over the world. Recipients of Werfel grants can work as visiting researchers at university departments and carry out specialist studies in libraries, archives or at research institutions.



This grant does not only offer material support for up to 18 months but through follow-up support also guarantees sustainability.

Closing date for application: March 1st and September 15th (new)

[More information](#)

4.2.2 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](#)

4.2.3 Austria: ISTFELLOW*: Call for Postdoctoral Fellows

Are you a talented, dynamic, and motivated scientist looking for an opportunity to conduct research in the fields of BIOLOGY, COMPUTER SCIENCE, MATHEMATICS, PHYSICS, or NEUROSCIENCE at a young, thriving institution that fosters scientific excellence and interdisciplinary collaboration?

Apply to the ISTFellow program

Applications are accepted at any time for the IST FELLOW program, but fellows will be selected twice a year in October and April. The application deadlines for each selection are the **15th of September** and the **15th of March**, respectively.

* IST FELLOW is partially funded by the European Union.

[More information](#)

4.2.4 Austria: The Austrian Science Fund and funding categories

The Austrian Science Fund (FWF) is Austria's central funding organization for basic research.

The purpose of the FWF is to support the ongoing development of Austrian science and basic research at a high international level. In this way, the FWF makes a significant contribution to cultural development, to the advancement of our knowledge-based society, and thus to the creation of value and wealth in Austria. One of the FWF's most important goals is to promote the internationalisation of basic research in Austria by taking special organisational measures, creating suitable framework conditions, and offering concrete funding instruments for this purpose.

[More information](#)

4.2.5 Austria: Richard Plaschka Scholarship

The grant is named after the Austrian historian, who died in 2001 and who worked at the University of Vienna as a university professor for Eastern European history





from 1967 to 1993. In 1981/1982 he was the rector of the University of Vienna. Moreover he was the head of the Austrian East and Southeast Europe Institute from 1958 to 1988. Throughout his life Richard Plaschka committed himself to a cross-border and joint way dealing with the history in the eastern and south-eastern European area. The grant recipients should place emphasis on cross-border collaboration in their scientific activities.

Applications are open to university lecturers of history whose main focus of academic interest is Austrian history. Recipients of Plaschka grants can work as visiting researchers at university departments and carry out specialist studies in libraries, archives or at research institutions.

Grants are awarded for up to 18 months; follow-up support is scheduled for grant recipients who have consumed at least 12 scholarship months.

Deadline: March 1st and September 15th (new)

[More information](#)

4.2.6 Austria: Vienna Graduate School of Economics

The grant of the Austrian Science Fund (FWF) allows VGSE to offer attractive fellowships to the best applicants. VGSE is highly selective with all types of students. Students who receive a full fellowship scored highest on the selection criteria. The criteria we use to select students can be found under [application](#). The application for the program automatically includes the application for a fellowship.

Deadline: April 30th

[More information](#)

4.2.7 Belgium: Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique Brief Outgoing Fellowships

This funding is devoted to researchers working in a university of the Wallonia-Brussels Federation who would like to go abroad for a short stay to acquire new knowledge. Various research fields. All nationalities. **Deadline/Request 3 months prior to the stay outside Europe.**

[More information](#)

4.2.8 Belgium: Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique (F.R.S.-FNRS) - Post-doctoral temporary fellowship

This funding aims to finance a research fellowship (up to 3 years) for a non-Belgian PhD holder coming from abroad to work for a research programme financed by F.R.S.-FNRS. Various Research Fields.

[More information](#)

4.2.9 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](#)

4.2.10 Belgium: BEWARE Fellowships



These funding schemes, launched in Wallonia/Federation Wallonia-Brussels, are devoted to attract highly-skilled researchers to Belgium. Recipients may decide to be hosted in a university (BEWARE “Academia”) or in a research centre/SME (BEWARE “Industry”) for a period ranging from 18 to 36 months.

Deadline for submission of applications is 30 April 2015.

Mobility criterion: all nationalities, including Belgian, the condition is to have spent less than 12 months over the last three years in Belgium.

[More information](#)

4.2.11 Czech Republic: Office of Naval Research: Visiting Scientist Program (VSP)

VSP is designed to facilitate visits by foreign technologists with Department of the Navy counterparts for the purpose of collaboration. The visits are typically to the United States, but can be to non-U.S. locations of special interest to the Department of the Navy science and technology community. Along with Liaison Visits, the Science & Technology Insertion Program is part of a process to develop international collaborations. Requests should be received at least eight weeks in advance of the proposed visit.

[More information](#)

4.2.12 Denmark: Ministry of Higher Education and Science: PhD scholarships outside the universities

The Danish Council for Independent Research invites proposals for PhD scholarships to be carried out at Danish research institutions outside the universities.

[More information](#)

4.2.13 Estonia: Scholarships

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 the master's degree or doctoral degree, but some bachelor degree scholarships are also possible.

[More information](#)





4.2.14 Estonia: EMBO Installation Grants



European Molecular Biology Organization (EMBO) Installation Grants offer benefits not only to talented scientists but also to the countries where they establish laboratories. The aim is to support the development of the local research cultures and infrastructures. EMBO Installation Grants help scientists relocate and set up research laboratories in Czech Republic, Poland, Portugal, and Turkey. Successful applicants receive an annual support of 50,000 euro and benefits similar to those of the EMBO Young Investigator Programme.

The deadline for applications is **15 April of each year**.

[More information](#)

4.2.15 Estonia: Scholarships for visiting PhD students (Activity of ESF DoRa programme)



The DoRa programme activity 5 „Facilitating international research cooperation by supporting short-term research projects of visiting doctoral students in Estonia“ supports the short-term study and research activities of visiting PhD students in Estonian universities. The support scheme is aimed at supporting the active participation of universities in the international exchange of knowledge and to make Estonian universities and doctoral studies more international.

[More information](#)

4.2.16 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 postdoctoral 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](#)

4.2.17 France: Overview of research exchange programs US – France

The Office for Science and Technology (OST) located in the French Embassy to the United States (Washington D.C.) 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.

Download the [USA to France Research Exchange Programs booklet in PDF format](#).

Open Calls for Proposals [here](#):



- [Pasteur Post doctoral Fellowship program: Call 2015](#)

Deadline: September 10, 2015

Three-year fellowship positions are open to U.S. citizens wishing to work in one of the laboratories of the Institut Pasteur. Located in Paris and founded by Louis Pasteur in 1887, the Institut Pasteur is one of the world's leading private nonprofit centers for scientific research including (...)



- [ANR-NSF Partnership for International Research and Education \(PIRE\) Joint Call for proposal](#)

Deadline: May 15, 2015

The French National Research Agency (ANR) cooperates with the National Science Foundation (NSF) to finance the French teams selected by the two countries as part of the PIRE "Partnerships for International Research and Education" call for proposals issued by the NSF. The PIRE program is a (...)



- [Call for projects 2015: "LIFE SCIENCES: inventing - creating - having fun"](#)

Deadline: April 19, 2015

The Office for Science & Technology of the Embassy of France in the United States of America will financially support participations to scientific competitions, contests and games specializing in Life Sciences.



- [Launch of NETVA 2015: A training program focused on the exposure of young French innovative start-ups and businesses to North-American markets](#)

Deadline: April 5, 2015

The NETVA program (New Technology Venture Accelerator) offers young French innovative startups with a guided personalized coaching program which focuses on the analysis of opportunities and the development of technological partnerships in the United States and in (...)



4.2.18 France: 15 Postdoctoral Fellowships in Biology and Information Technologies

Call for applications launched by the French Atomic and Alternative Energies Commission (CEA).

WHAT? 2 years post-doctoral fellowships on:

- Genetics and Personalized Medicine
- Functional Imaging of Plants
- 3D cell culture Imaging
- Engineered Protein based Materials





Working language is English and knowledge of French language is not necessary. The host Institutes are located in Grenoble, Cadarache and Paris-Saclay.

WHO? open to PhD in physics, informatics, biology, chemistry or engineering of all nationalities

No specific deadline: The positions are open until they are filled by appropriate candidates. Applicants are selected in a competitive process.

[More information](#)

4.2.19 Germany – Canada: Joint Funding Opportunity by the Canadian Space Agency and the German Aerospace Center



The Canadian Space Agency (CSA) and the German Aerospace Center (DLR) announced an opportunity in their Earth Observation Applications Development Program. Follow the links for

[funding information at the Canadian Space Agency](#)

[funding information at the German Space Administration \(in German\)](#)

4.2.20 Germany: DLR-DAAD Research Fellowships in the fields of Space, Aeronautics, Energy and Transportation Research

DLR-DAAD Research Fellowships is a new programme implemented by the 'Deutsches Zentrum für Luft- und Raumfahrt' (DLR - German Aerospace Center) and the 'German Academic Exchange Service' (DAAD).

This special programme is intended for highly-qualified **foreign doctoral and postdoctoral students** as well as **senior scientists**. DLR-DAAD Fellowships offer outstanding scientists and researchers the opportunity to conduct special research at the institutes of the DLR in Germany.

DLR-DAAD Fellowships are defined and awarded on an individual basis. Each fellowship announcement will indicate the specific qualification requirements and terms of the visit. The current offers are published under [DLR-DAAD Fellowships - Current Offers](#) on the homepages of the DAAD and the DLR. Currently there are open positions in Aeronautics; Space; Transportation; Energy. **The application deadline depends on the offer.**

[More information](#)

4.2.21 Germany: Anneliese Maier Research Award

The Anneliese Maier Research Award is intended as a collaboration award to promote the internationalisation of the humanities and social sciences in Germany.

Nominations for the research award can be made for researchers from abroad from the fields of the **humanities and social sciences** whose scientific achievements have been internationally recognised in their research area and from whose research collaboration with specialist colleagues in Germany a



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sustainable contribution is expected towards the further internationalisation of the humanities and social sciences in Germany.

Award winners are expected to spend a period of up to five years cooperating on a long-term research project with the nominator and / or specialist colleagues at a research institution in Germany.

The Humboldt Foundation grants up to eight Anneliese Maier Research Awards annually. An award is valued at 250,000 EUR.

Nominations may be submitted by established academics in Germany. The nomination deadline expires on **April 30, 2015**.

Find more information [online](#).

4.2.22 Ireland: Enterprise Partnership Scheme (Postdoctoral): Now open

The Enterprise Partnership Scheme is an innovative initiative whereby the Irish Research Council, in partnership with private enterprises and public bodies, awards co-funded postgraduate scholarships and postdoctoral fellowships to the most promising researchers in Ireland.

The Enterprise Partnership Scheme for Postgraduate and Postdoctoral

The Scheme offers researchers the opportunity to gain additional beneficial experience and insight into the commercial arena while completing their research.

It provides industry with flexible and easy access to an exceptional pool of competitively selected, high-calibre researchers and the opportunity to build links with relevant academic research groups.

The Scheme facilitates the establishment of new relationships and the strengthening of existing ones between enterprise and academia while offering financial support to researchers at an early stage of their career development.

Deadline: 17 June 2015

[More information](#)

4.2.23 Ireland: US-Ireland R&D Partnership Programme

The US-Ireland Research and Development Partnership, launched in July 2006, is a unique initiative involving funding agencies across three jurisdictions: United States of America (USA), Republic of Ireland (RoI) & Northern Ireland (NI). Under the US-Ireland R&D Partnership programme, a 'single-proposal, single-review' mechanism is facilitated by the National Science Foundation (NSF) and National Institutes of Health (NIH) who accept submissions from tri-jurisdictional (USA, NI and ROI) teams to a number of their existing funding programmes. All proposals submitted under the auspices of the Partnership must have significant research involvement from researchers in all three jurisdictions.

As part of this funding process, the governments and relevant research funding agencies within the Partnership contribute to the research costs of researchers based in their jurisdictions. The partner agencies in the USA are the National





Science Foundation (NSF) and the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The partner agencies in RoI are Science Foundation Ireland (SFI) and the Health Research Board (HRB). In Northern Ireland, the Health & Social Care R&D Division (HSC R&D) supports health-related projects, while the Department for Employment and Learning Northern Ireland (DELNI), and Invest Northern Ireland (InvestNI) support projects related to Sensors & Sensor Networks, Nanoscale Science & Engineering, Telecommunications, and Energy & Sustainability. InvestNI and DELNI support health-related projects in the area of Sensors & Sensor Networks and Nanoscale Science & Engineering.

[More information](#)

4.2.24 Italy: Call for 86 posts in PhD courses at the Scuola Normale Superiore

The Scuola Normale Superiore PhD School in Pisa, Italy offers fully-funded PhD programs to both Italian citizens and students from outside Italy. Fields: Philosophy, Modern Literature and Philology, Classics, History of Art, Modern and Contemporary History, Physics, Condensed Matter Physics, Mathematics, Financial Mathematics, Methods and Models for Molecular Sciences, Neurosciences, Biophysical Sciences, Renaissance Studies, and Political Science and Sociology

All students admitted to the PhD program **receive full financial support**. This includes tuition, fees, and a cost-of living stipend (14,187 euro per year, plus free meals).

Applications for admission to the selection process must be registered online by 23:59 CET of **31 August 2015**, for the autumn session.

Click [online](#) for more information.

4.2.25 Lithuania: Lithuanian Research Council: Postdoctoral Fellowships



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Researchers from Lithuania and abroad who have been awarded a Ph.D. degree within the period of 3 years (maternal and childcare leave are not taken into account) can apply for the Postdoctoral Fellowships. The Fellowships are funded on the competitive basis with the duration of Fellowships of **up to 2 years**. Postdoctoral Fellows in the spheres of **Social Sciences, the Humanities, Physics, Biomedicine, Agriculture, and Technologies** are welcome to participate. Any higher education institution, research institute, research center or other research establishments and enterprises in Lithuania can act as a Host Institution.

[More information](#)

4.2.26 Luxembourg: National Research Fund (FNR) - INTER Mobility Call for Proposals 2015

The aim of the INTER Mobility Programme is to promote the scientific exchange between research groups of the Luxembourg public research institutions and research groups abroad in order to foster innovative, internationally competitive



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research and support the exchange of key knowledge and technological know-how.

Next deadline: **30 June 2015**

[More information](#)

4.2.27 Luxembourg: National Research Fund (FNR) - Grants for NASA-ARC

The National Research Fund Luxembourg (FNR) intends to strengthen the cooperation between Luxembourg and NASA's AMES Research Centre (NASA-ARC) in order to support the thriving national aerospace sector.

First of all, the FNR earmarks two grants for PhD candidates or postdoctoral researchers allowing them to undertake their research activities at NASA-ARC. Research projects can be done in cooperation with a Luxembourg based public or private research institution or full-time at NASA-ARC. **Funding will be granted up to 4 years for PhD candidates and up to 2 years for postdoctoral researchers** according to the rules of the AFR grant system.

The Call for Proposals is also open to researchers based in Luxembourg companies who have spent at least 5 years in Luxembourg and envisage undertaking a PhD or Postdoc project in collaboration with NASA-ARC.

[More information](#)

4.2.28 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](#)

4.2.29 Netherlands: Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO): Visitor's Travel Grant

Researchers in the Netherlands can apply for a visitor's grant for highly qualified senior researchers from abroad who hold a PhD. With this grant these researchers can stay in the Netherlands for a maximum of four months.

Next deadline: **Continuous application**

[More information](#)

4.2.30 Netherlands: Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO): Graduate Research Opportunities Worldwide (GROW)

The best PhD students from NSF's Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) can do 3 to 12 months of research abroad thanks to GROW.





GROW is a collaboration between the National Science Foundation (NSF) in the United States and 12 partner countries including the Netherlands.

[More information](#)

4.2.31 Netherlands: Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW): Evert Willem Beth Foundation: funding for research and symposiums

The Evert Willem Beth Foundation funds some research and symposiums in the following disciplines: modern logic, philosophy of science, history of logic, history of the philosophy of science and scientific philosophy in general.

Students as well as researchers can apply. Applications are now accepted.

[More information](#)

4.2.32 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](#)

4.2.33 Norway: Research Council of Norway: Graduate Research Opportunities Worldwide (GROW)

The best PhD students from NSF's Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) can do 3 to 12 months of research abroad thanks to GROW.

GROW is a collaboration between the National Science Foundation (NSF) in the United States and 12 partner countries including Norway.

[More information](#)

4.2.34 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 that they are highly independent as researchers, and warrants that they will conduct world-class quality research.

Applications accepted on a rolling basis.

[More information](#)

4.2.35 Slovakia: Slovak Academic Information Agency (SAIA): USA – The Fulbright Specialists Program (Teaching/research stays for 2-6 weeks)

Next deadline: **rolling basis**

[More information](#)





4.2.36 Slovakia: Slovak Academic Information Agency (SAIA): National Scholarship Program of the Slovak Republic – study/research stay for PhD students (1-12 months)

More information about the deadline and eligibility criteria can be found [here](#).

Next deadline: **30 April 2015**

4.2.37 Slovakia: Scholarships of the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic – study/research stay for PhD students (5 months)

More information about the deadline and eligibility criteria can be found [here](#).

Next deadline: **31 May 2015**

4.2.38 Slovakia: Scholarships of the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic – teaching/research stay for university teachers and researchers (3 months)

More information about the deadline and eligibility criteria can be found [here](#).

Next deadline: **31 May 2015**

4.2.39 Spain: Ikerbasque: Basque Research Institutions: 15 post-doc positions

Ikerbasque offers **15 contract positions** for postdoctoral researchers, within any of the [Basque Research Institution](#) (Universities, BERC - Basque Excellence Research Centres, CIC - Cooperative Research Centres, Biomedical institutions and Technology Corporations, among others). Find also specific information about some [Research Groups](#).

Next deadline: **15 April 2015**

[More information](#)

4.2.40 Sweden: VINNOVA: VINNMER Marie Curie Incoming Fellowships

The purpose of this call is to support experienced researcher careers through mobility and international collaborations.

Next deadline: **16 September 2015**

[More information](#)



4.2.41 Sweden: Swedish Research Council: Graduate Research Opportunities Worldwide (GROW)

The best PhD students from NSF's Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) can do 3 to 12 months of research abroad thanks to GROW.

GROW is a collaboration between the National Science Foundation (NSF) in the United States and 12 partner countries including Sweden.

[More information](#)

4.2.42 Switzerland: Swiss National Science Foundation: SNSF professorships

The SNSF professorships enable excellent young researchers who wish to pursue an academic career and have several years of recognised research experience to take a major step forward.

Next deadline: **1 May 2015**

[More information](#)

4.2.43 Switzerland: Swiss National Science Foundation: International Exploratory Workshops

The International Exploratory Workshops allow for researchers working in Switzerland to organize workshops with partners from abroad. The aim of this funding instrument, which is open to all fields of research, is to allow researchers working on a similar question to meet and advance their knowledge on the issue.

Next deadline: **Anytime**

[More information](#)

4.2.44 Switzerland: State Secretariat for Education Research and Innovation (SERI): Graduate Research Opportunities Worldwide (GROW)

The best PhD students from NSF's Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) can do 3 to 12 months of research abroad thanks to GROW.

GROW is a collaboration between the National Science Foundation (NSF) in the United States and 12 partner countries including Switzerland.

[More information](#)

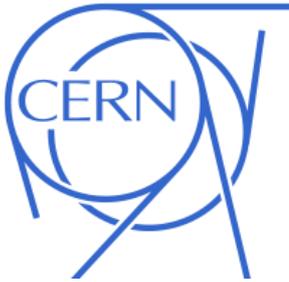
4.2.45 Switzerland: CERN: Non-Member State Postdoc Fellowship Program (Theoretical Physics)

The Non-Member State Fellowship Programme in Theoretical Physics awards two postdoctoral fellowships per year. They are granted for two years and can exceptionally be extended to a third year.



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Next deadline: **15 October 2015**

[More information](#)

4.2.46 Switzerland: CERN: Marie Curie ITN: MCnetITN: two 1-year positions for Early Stage Researchers

MCnetITN Training Network for Monte Carlo Event Generators for LHC Physics is an Initial Training Network funded under the European Commission's 7th Framework Programme. It is coordinated by the University of Manchester. CERN is a partner. The main research focus of the successful applicants should be aligned with one of the research projects of MCnetITN: the Ariadne, Herwig, Madgraph, Pythia or Sherpa event generators or CEDAR. It should also have overlap with one of the MCnetITN CERN Staff members or CERN Users based full-time at CERN. The researcher will also have the freedom to pursue other interests.

Next deadline: **23 April 2015**

[More information](#)

4.2.47 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. The program aims to promote Turkey's scientific and technological collaboration with countries of the prospective researchers. Preference will be given to candidates who demonstrate the potential to contribute significantly to Turkey's goal of international cooperation in scientific and technological development.

Application period: **16 March 2015 – 20 April 2015**

[More information](#)

4.2.48 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 in industry in TURKEY, eminent scientists/researchers are supported to visit to Turkey by giving seminars/conferences/lectures, or doing R&D activities.

Next deadline: **applications are accepted on a rolling basis**

[More information](#)

4.2.49 United Kingdom: Wellcome Trust: Career Re-entry Fellowships

This scheme is for postdoctoral scientists who have recently decided to recommence a scientific research career after a continuous break of at least two





years. It gives such scientists the opportunity to return to high-quality research, with the potential to undertake refresher or further training.

The fellowship is particularly suitable for applicants wishing to return to research after a break for family commitments.

Next deadline: **15 May 2015**

[More information](#)

4.2.50 United Kingdom: BBSRC: International Scientific Interchange Scheme (ISIS)

The aim is to help scientists add an international dimension to their BBSRC funded research by making and establishing new contacts with international counterparts.

Next deadline: the call is currently OPEN – **apply any time**

[More information](#)

4.2.51 United Kingdom: RCUK & NSF/SBE: Co-lead Agency Agreement PILOT

The Arts and Humanities Research Council of the UK and the US National Science Foundation have been collaborating in support of research of mutual interest for several years. A Memorandum of Understanding is in place to encourage interdisciplinary research and facilitate the peer-review and joint-funding of USA-UK collaborative research in areas at the intersection of the two agencies' missions.

Next deadline: **See agreement for details**

[More information](#)

4.3 Databases and Further Information

4.3.1 Austria: Database of scholarships and research grants available

Austria's most comprehensive database for scholarships and research grants in German and the English language offers an overview of about 1,200 funding opportunities for incoming and outgoing researchers, graduates and students.

[More information](#)

4.3.2 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, D.C. 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.



4.3.3 Belgium: a comprehensive webportal

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

[Further information](#)

4.3.4 Canada: ERA-Can+ Project - Promoting Canada-EU research

The ERA-Can+ project helps you to identify funding opportunities in Canadian Programs, as well as funding opportunities in Europe for Canadian researchers.

[More information](#)

4.3.5 Canada: Government of Canada - International scholarship

Canada is committed to participation in international study and research partnerships, which build understanding among peoples, develop global citizens and leaders, and contribute to the development of nations.

[For Canadians](#): Learn about opportunities for graduate study and research abroad.

[For Non-Canadians](#): Learn about opportunities for study and research in Canada.

4.3.6 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](#)

4.3.7 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](#)

4.3.8 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](#)



4.3.9 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](#).

4.3.10 France: Find your PhD with the new website "PhD in France"

This website presents French PhD offers on one platform and is open to all foreign students.

This site aggregates the offers of the laboratories and universities in France. It helps in making research simple for all foreign and English-speaking students wishing to pursue a PhD in France.

For the majority of the scientific doctorates, the student gets a 3-year employment contract for a gross amount of approximately EUR 1,700 / month (1300 EUR net).

[More information](#)

4.3.11 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](#)

4.3.12 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 postdoctoral 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](#)

4.3.13 Netherlands: EURAXESS portal: Overview of Dutch Fellowships and Grants

[More information](#)



4.3.14 US: National Science Foundation - Science Across Virtual Institutes (SAVI)

Science Across Virtual Institutes (SAVI) is a mechanism to facilitate collaboration among teams of NSF-supported U.S. scientists and engineers and their international partners who have complementary strengths and common interests and who wish to form virtual institutes to foster enhanced research collaboration; data sharing; networking; and technical exchanges of students, postdocs, and junior faculty across borders.

[More information](#)

See the list of the International Funding Opportunities at NSF:

<http://www.nsf.gov/od/iaa/ise/index.jsp>



5 Jobs

5.1 EURAXESS Portal

There are currently over 9,900 research jobs and fellowship programmes (all over Europe, but also in other countries such as in the 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



6 Events

6.1 Europe: Forthcoming events

Event	When	Where	Organized by	Link to the event
Publication of ESOF2016 for Scientific Session Proposal	2 March – 1 June 2015	Manchester, UK	ESOF	Link
27 th DIA Annual EuroMeeting	13-15 April 2015	Paris, France	DIA – Develop Innovate Advance	Link
The Atlantic – our shared resource. Making the vision reality.	16-17 April 2015	Brussels, Belgium	European Commission	Link
EXPO Milano 2015	1 May – 31 Oct 2015	Milan, Italy	Expo 2015	Link
Joining Forces Towards Healthy and Productive Seas and Oceans – First JPI Oceans Conference	7 May 2015	Brussels, Belgium	JPI Oceans	Link
European Climate Change Adaptation Conference (ECCA)	12-14 May 2015	Copenhagen, Denmark	ECCA	Link
Nature and Urban Wellbeing – Nature-Based Solutions to Societal Challenges	18-20 May 2015	Ghent, Belgium	ALTER-Net, European Commission	Link
Future of the doctorate	28-29 May 2015	Riga, Latvia	European Commission	Link
Nanotech Europe 2015 & EuroNanoForum 2015	10-12 June 2015	Riga, Latvia	University of Latvia, SPINVERSE	Link
A new start for Europe: Opening up to an ERA of Innovation	22-23 June 2015	Brussels, Belgium	European Commission	Link
65 th Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting	28 June – 3 July 2015	Lindau, Germany	Lindau Institutions	Link



6.2 North America: Forthcoming events

Event	When	Where	Organized by	Link to the event
ERA-Can+ webinar for Europeans on programs by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research	9 April 2015	Ottawa, ON, CANADA	ERA-Can+ project	Link
Western Innovation Forum	16-17 April 2015	Vancouver, BC, CANADA	Western Economic Diversification Canada	Link
AACR 2015 Annual Meeting	18-22 April 2015	Philadelphia, PA, USA	American Association for Cancer Research	Link
NCURA International Region Meeting - Research Administration Going Global	26-29 April 2015	Chicago, IL, USA	National Council of University Research Administrators	Link
eMerge Americas Conference	4-5 May 2015	Miami, FL, USA	eMerge Americas	Link
ERA-Can+ Information Sessions	12-13 May 2015	Edmonton, AB & Winnipeg, MB, CANADA	ERA-Can+ project	
Nature Jobs Career Expo	20 May 2015	Boston, MA, USA	Nature	Link
ACFAS Congres	25-29 May 2015	Rimouski, QC, CANADA	Association francophone pour le savoir	Link
ICRA 2015 Annual Conference	26-30 May 2015	Seattle, WA, USA	International Conference on Robotics&Automation	Link
2015 CONGRESS of Humanities and Social Sciences	30 May – 5 June 2015	Ottawa, ON, CANADA	Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences	Link

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