Postdoctoral Fellowship & Mobility Funding Opportunities

EPFL – Research Office
Agenda

- Postdoctoral Fellowships – Overview
  Dr. Vanessa Terrazzoni-Daudrix

- MSCA Individual Fellowships
  Dr. Pascale Menu

- SNSF Mobility Fellowships
  Dr. Géraldine Canny

- Q&A Session
EPFL’s Research Office

Mission

◆ Transmission belt between research and funding
  ◆ Support researchers in their funding applications
  ◆ Assist with the operational management of large projects
  ◆ Coordinate the acquisition of scientific equipment
  ◆ Safeguard EPFL’s interests and reputation in research

Goal

◆ Make EPFL increasingly successful in competitive funding
◆ Contribute to EPFL’s attractiveness for top researchers
Postdoctoral Fellowships - Overview

By Dr. Vanessa Terrazzoni-Daudrix
The Academic Path

PhD
3-5 years

Postdoc
2-6 years

Professorship
Senior
Researcher
How to fund a postdoc?

Fellowship programs

- Application to fellowship programs
  - Swiss National Sciences Agency - SNSF
  - European Commission - Horizon 2020 - MSCA
  - Other national science agencies
  - Foundations
  - Academic Institutions
  - Industries

Research network

- Find a lab which will fund your postdoc
  - Employing you on its lab funds
  - Including you on a research project

Job offers

- Examples
  - Euraxess website
  - University websites
  - Nature.com
  - Myscience.ch
  - Researchgate.net
  - Academicpositions.eu
  - Jobs.sciencecareers.org
Overview of some opportunities
## Step 1 – Be aware of the eligibility criteria

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<td><strong>MOBILITY</strong></td>
<td>The researcher must move in another country or have recently moved to EPFL</td>
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| **RESEARCH TOPIC**   | • Bottom-up approach: defined by the Researcher  
                        • Top-down approach: defined by the Funding Agency |
| **HOST INSTITUTION** | Eligibility of the host institution: country, partnerships, etc. |
| **FELLOW**           | • Experience - PhD degree  
                        • Publication  
                        • Previous contact with the host institution  
                        • Nationality |
Step 2 – Your strategy to get a fellowship

1. Networking
   - Identification of potential faculty mentors
   - Identification of potential fellowship opportunities
   - First contact with potential mentors

2. Eligibility
   - Mobility
   - Relevance to the fellowship mission
   - Eligibility of the researcher and host institution

3. Writing
   - According to the applicant guidelines
   - Criteria of the reviewers must be taken into account
   - Collaboration with the mentor is highly recommended

4. Submission
   - Support letter from the host institution/mentor may be required
Most popular international fellowships
Overview of some opportunities
Marie-Sklodowska-Curie COFUND Actions
MSC COFUND Actions are regional, national and international fellowship programmes co-financed by the European Commission:

- in Ireland
- in UK
- in Portugal
- in Spain
- in Switzerland
- in Denmark
- in Netherland

And many other…

- [http://cordis.europa.eu/projects/result_en?q=(contenttype%3D'project'\%20OR\%20result/relations/categories/resultCategory/code%3D'brief','report')\%20AND\%20programme/pga%3D'H2020-EU.1.3.4.*](http://cordis.europa.eu/projects/result_en?q=(contenttype%3D'project'\%20OR\%20result/relations/categories/resultCategory/code%3D'brief','report')\%20AND\%20programme/pga%3D'H2020-EU.1.3.4.*)
## EPFL COFUND Action – EPFL Fellows

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<th>Provide state-of-the art conditions for research, to develop Fellows' leadership potential and position them for success as future research leaders</th>
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<td>How long</td>
<td>24 months</td>
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| Main eligibility rules | • MSCA mobility rules  
• PhD degree |
| When to apply | Call Open: 1 July 2016  
Call Deadline: 1 October 2016 |
| Link | [http://research-office.epfl.ch/funding/internal-non-profit/epfl-fellows-marie-curie](http://research-office.epfl.ch/funding/internal-non-profit/epfl-fellows-marie-curie) |
## Other COFUND Actions (non-exhaustive)

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| **RIFP** | Physics, astronomy  
Campuses of the UK Sciences and technology facilities Council  
Next deadline: 31 October 2016  
http://www.stfc.ac.uk/funding/fellowships/rutherford-international-fellowship-programme/ |
| **SIRCIW** | Sciences, technology, engineering, math, medicine or applied social sciences  
Universities of Wales  
Next deadline: 4 October 2016  
https://quantumcontrol.eu/content/sirciw-fellowship-programme |
| **NanoTrainf or GrothII** | At the Iberian Nanotechnology institute’s (INL) – portugal  
Nanosciences and nanotechnology  
2 years fellowships  
http://www.ctt.bg.ac.rs |
| **POLONEZ** | Basic research in Poland  
| **LEaDing Fellows** | Interdisciplinary: Economy, finance, innovation, life science & Public/private partnerships  
Next deadline: February 2017  
### Other COFUND Actions (non-exhaustive)

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| **TOPmed10** | Omics driven personalised medicine  
Ireland  
| **TLRH-VRF** | Arts and humanity  
Trinity college ‘art and humanity college  
[https://histories-humanities.tcd.ie/](https://histories-humanities.tcd.ie/) |
| **Career-FIT** | In Ireland ‘s technology centers  
| **EDGE** | Advance material, ICT (materials, telecommunication network, digital technology) in Ireland  
| **MWK-Fellows** | Interdisciplinary research in advanced cultural and social sciences in Germany  
[https://www.uni-erfurt.de/max-weber-kolleg/projekte/kooperative-projekte/mwk-fellows/](https://www.uni-erfurt.de/max-weber-kolleg/projekte/kooperative-projekte/mwk-fellows/) |
| **EI3POD** | Molecular biology in Germany  
Next deadline: 5 September 2016  
[http://www.embl.de/training/postdocs/08-eipod/index.html](http://www.embl.de/training/postdocs/08-eipod/index.html) |
### Other COFUND Actions (non-exhaustive)

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| **COFUND fellows DTU** | Engineering Sciences, life Science and Biotechnology at the Technical University of Denmark (DTU)  
Next deadline: December 2016  
| **TECNIOspring PLUS** | Research topics in liaison with the eligible host institutions  
Next deadline: 12 July 2016  
[tecniospring.accio@gencat.cat](mailto:tecniospring.accio@gencat.cat) |
| **InterTalentum** | In Ireland’s technology centers  
| **Medtrain** | Medical device research and development in CURAM  
[http://www.curamdevices.ie](http://www.curamdevices.ie) |
| **MWK-Fellows** | Interdisciplinary research in advanced cultural and social sciences in Germany  
[https://www.uni-erfurt.de/max-weber-kolleg/projekte/kooperative-projekte/mwk-fellows/](https://www.uni-erfurt.de/max-weber-kolleg/projekte/kooperative-projekte/mwk-fellows/) |
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Other International Fellowship Programmes
## EMBO Fellowship Programme

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<th>Support post-doctoral research visits to laboratories throughout Europe and the world in all area of life sciences</th>
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| How much | Subsistence rates - living/child/relocation allowance  
| How long | 12 - 24 months with possible additional 24 months through the EMBO Advanced Fellowship |
| Main eligibility rules | Application max. 12 months before and up to 2 years after graduation  
At least 1 first author publication accepted, in press or published  
Host country different from the one where PhD was obtained  
Maximum 7 months at the host lab at the time of the submission  
Nationals and holders of PhDs from non-EMBC Members States (MS) can only go to a EMBC MS (see ….). |
| When to apply | Every 12 February & 12 August |
| Link | [http://www.embo.org/funding-awards/fellowships/long-term-fellowships#about](http://www.embo.org/funding-awards/fellowships/long-term-fellowships#about)  
## Human Frontiers Science Program

| What | • Supports novel, innovative basic research in biological field  
| | • Two schemes: Long-Term Fellowships (LTF) for Ph.D. in a biological discipline, Cross-Disciplinary Fellowships (CDF) for applicants with a Ph.D. from outside the life sciences |
| How much | Subsistence rates (living/child/relocation)  
| How long | 36 months (renewal not possible) |
| Main eligibility rules | • Nationals of one of the HFSP supporting countries can apply to work in any country  
| | • PhD degree must have been conferred in the 3 years prior the submission deadline and before the end of the submission year  
| | • Applicants must have at least one lead author research paper – accepted, in press or published - in an international peer-reviewed journal by the submission deadline  
| | • Applicants must not have spent more than 12 months (consecutive or not) on the earliest starting date of the fellowship with their proposed host supervisor are not eligible |
| When to apply | 25 August 2016 |
## Banting postdoctoral fellowships

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<th>Areas of research: Health research, Natural sciences and/or engineering, social sciences and/or humanities</th>
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<td><strong>How long</strong></td>
<td>2 years (non-renewable)</td>
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| **Main eligibility rules** | • Canadian citizens, permanent residents of Canada and foreign citizens are eligible  
• Others may only hold their Banting Postdoctoral Fellowship at a Canadian institution  
• Applicants who are Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada and who obtained their PhD, PhD-equivalent or health professional degree from a foreign university may only hold their Postdoctoral Fellowship at a Canadian institution  
• Applicants who are Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada and who obtained their PhD, PhD-equivalent or health professional degree from a Canadian university may hold their Banting Postdoctoral Fellowship at either a Canadian institution or an institution outside of Canada. |
| **When to apply** | 21 September 2016 (20:00 EDT) |
# FEBS long-term Fellowships

## FEBS Long-Term Fellowships

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<th>What</th>
<th>Only Applications aimed at furthering the science of biochemistry and molecular biology are considered.</th>
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<td>How long</td>
<td>One year and may be renewed for a further year up to a maximum of three years</td>
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| Main eligibility rules | • Applicants must have a PhD and should normally be scientists with no more than three years of post-doctoral experience.  
• Applicants need to be members of a FEBS Constituent Society, to be working in a laboratory in a FEBS country and to be seeking to work in a laboratory in a different FEBS country.  
• the length of the stay does not exceed six months at the closing date of the call  
• working in a FEBS country and is seeking to work in a FEBS country. |
| When to apply | Next deadline: 1 October 2016 (system open for registration in July) |
# Branco Weiss Fellowship

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<th>What</th>
<th>Generous personal research grant for research projects having an important impact on the society</th>
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<td>How much</td>
<td>The amount granted is CHF 100'000/year. It may be used to cover all legitimate cost of research (i.e. salary and/or equipment, travel cost, consumables, personnel etc.).</td>
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<tr>
<td>How long</td>
<td>5 years (non-renewable), pioneer and exploitation phase</td>
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| Main eligibility rules      | • PhD completed by January 16 of the year of the submission  
• Record of outstanding scientific achievement  
• Demonstrate in the proposal the willingness to engage in a dialogue on relevant social, cultural, political or economic issues across the frontiers of your particular discipline |
| When to apply               | 15 January 2017 |
## CRI Irvington Postdoctoral Fellowship

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<th>What</th>
<th>Fellowships provide support to fund and train young immunologists at top universities and research centers around the world</th>
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<td>How much</td>
<td><a href="http://www.cancerresearch.org/postdoc/apply">www.cancerresearch.org/postdoc/apply</a></td>
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<td>How long</td>
<td>36 months</td>
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| Main eligibility rules | - Applicants must be working in areas directly related to cancer immunology and the project must fall into the broad field of immunology and must show relevance to solving the cancer problem.  
- Applicants must have a doctoral degree by the date of award activation  
- Applicants with 5 or more years of relevant postdoctoral experience are not  
- Only in exceptional circumstances will applicants who have already spent 3 or more years in a sponsor’s laboratory by the start date of fellowship be considered for a fellowship award.  
- The fellowship can be performed in the United States or abroad at a non-profit institution. |
| When to apply | - April 1 and October 1; when those dates fall on the weekend, applications are due the following Monday. Applications are due by 5 p.m. EST on these dates. - See more at: [http://www.cancerresearch.org/postdoc/apply#sthash.hQclVDhk.dpuf](http://www.cancerresearch.org/postdoc/apply#sthash.hQclVDhk.dpuf) |
| Link | [www.cancerresearch.org/postdoc/apply](http://www.cancerresearch.org/postdoc/apply) |
## WBI Bourses d'excellence

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<th>What</th>
<th>Research on logistic and transports, mechanics, life sciences, agr-industry, aeronautic, environment technologies</th>
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<td>How much</td>
<td>See <a href="http://www.wbi.be/fr/inwbi#.V1x9mmdf0eF">http://www.wbi.be/fr/inwbi#.V1x9mmdf0eF</a></td>
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<td>How long</td>
<td>At least one year, renewable</td>
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<td><strong>Main eligibility rules</strong></td>
<td>National of any country, PhD issued by a foreign institution recognized by the competent authorities of Wallonia Brussels</td>
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<td>When to apply</td>
<td>1 March 2017</td>
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<td>Link</td>
<td><a href="http://www.wbi.be/fr/inwbi#.V1x9mmdf0eF">http://www.wbi.be/fr/inwbi#.V1x9mmdf0eF</a></td>
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How to fund a postdoc?

- **Fellowship programs**
- **Research network**
- **Job offers**

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- Including you on a research project

### Examples
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- University websites
- Nature.com
- Myscience.ch
- Researchgate.net
- Academicpositions.eu
- Jobs.sciencecareers.org
**EURAXESS**

**RESEARCHERS IN MOTION** is a unique pan-European initiative providing access to a complete range of information and support services to researchers wishing to pursue their research careers in Europe or stay connected to it.

**EURAXESS Switzerland** provides information and assistance to mobile researchers – by means of its portal and with the support of the national EURAXESS Services Centers (http://www.euraxess.ch/maincontent/home.html)

- Information about jobs & funding opportunities
- **Personalized assistance** to researchers & their families through a network of > 500 people in 40 countries
- Information about **rights and obligations** of researchers, their employers and funders, including entry conditions, and pensions of researchers
- Networking tool for European & non-EU researchers worldwide
EURAXESS JOBS

- > 225,000 jobs adverts published on-line in 11 yrs;
- > 5,000 research offers (i.e. job positions & fellowships) daily available;
- > 8,000 research organisations (companies, universities and SMEs across Europe and beyond) registered on EURAXESS;
- > 15’000 active researcher CVs;
- All research fields covered (from Neurosciences to Sociology);
- EU funded jobs & funding opportunities systematically published at EURAXESS jobs
For more details

www.researchprofessional.com http://research-office.epfl.ch/fellowship-mobility-funding
Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowships

By Dr. Pascale Menu
Agenda

• Horizon 2020 & Status of Switzerland

• Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowships (IF)
  o Scope, eligibility criteria (EF, GF), budget, evaluation criteria, tips, submission & useful links
H2020 & Status of Switzerland

CH = associated country

**Excellent Science**
(24.4 B €)

- ERC (13.1 B €)
- FET (2.7 B €)
- Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (6.1 B €)
- Research Infrastructures (2.5 B €)

CH = third country

**Industrial Leadership**
(17 B €)

- LEIT = Leadership in enabling and industrial technologies (13.5 B €)
  - ICT
  - Nano, new materials
  - Biotechnology
  - Space

- Access to Risk Finance (2.9 B €)

**Societal Challenges**
(29.7 B €)

- Health (7.5 B €)
- Food (3.9 B €)
- Energy (6 B €)
- Transport (6.3 B €)
- Climate (3 B €)
- Inclusive Societies (1.3 B €)
- Security (1.7 B €)

**Spreading Excellence** (0.8 B €)

**Science for Society** (0.5 B €)

- EIT (2.7 B €)
- JRC (1.9 B €)
- Euratom (1.6 B €)
MSCA Overview

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S-fDoxerKeA
Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

- MSCA
  - Innovative Training Networks
    - European Training Networks
    - European Industrial Doctorates
    - European Joint Doctorates
  - COFUND
  - RISE
  - NIGHT
  - Individual Fellowships
    - European Fellowship Standard
    - EF Career Restart
    - EF Reintegration
    - EF Society and Enterprise
    - Global Fellowship
Scope

- Individual, transnational fellowships awarded to the best or most promising researchers in EU Member States or Associated Countries* (MS/AC)

- 2 main schemes:
  European Fellowships (EF) and Global Fellowships (GF)

* MS = Member State
  AC = Associated Country
Marie Skłodowska-Curie (1867-1934) moved from Poland to France in 1891. She was convinced that Science is essentially international and stated this while serving in the 1920s on the Council of the League of Nations and on its international committee on intellectual cooperation. She was the first and only woman to be awarded 2 Nobel Prizes in two different fields: Physics (1903) and Chemistry (1911).

“After all, science is essentially international, and it is only through lack of the historical sense that national qualities have been attributed to it.”
Key features

- Mobility rule
- Bottom-up schemes (all fields of science, any topic)
- Secondment option (3 to 6 months) within Europe
- 8 scientific panels + separate multidisciplinary panels for Career Restart (CAR), Reintegration (RI) and Society & Enterprise (SE) within EF
Eligibility criteria

- No age limit for researchers (but full-time equivalent research experience)

- At the time of the submission deadline, you have to be in possession of a doctoral degree or have at least 4 years of full-time equivalent research experience (measured from the date when a researcher obtained the degree which would formally allow him/her to embark on a doctorate).

Depending on the scheme (EF or GF):

- Mobility
- Nationality
Mobility rules

- **EF-ST**: the ER shall not have resided or carried out their main activity in the country of their future host organisation for more than 12 months in the 3 years prior to the reference date (deadline for submission of proposals)

- **GF**: same rule, concerns the country of the «outgoing phase» only

- **CAR, RI and SE**: not more than 36 months in the last 5 years
Standard European Fellowships (EF-ST)

- Duration: 12 to 24 months
- 8 Scientific panels
- Any nationality
- Open to ER either coming to Europe or moving within Europe
Global Fellowships (GF)

- 8 Scientific panels

- Duration: 12 to 24 months in a Third Country (TC) for the outgoing phase + mandatory 12 months return phase in Europe (MS or AC)

- The ER must be national or long-term resident of a MS or AC
  Long-term residents = researchers who spent a period of full-time research activity of at least 5 consecutive (without breaks in research) years in one or more MS or AC.

- Commitment letter needed from the “partner organisation” (outgoing phase)
Career Restart (CAR)

- Multidisciplinary panel of the EF
- To resume research in Europe after a career break (no research ≥12 months prior to the deadline due to parental leave, working outside research, etc.)
- Duration: 12 - 24 months
- Any nationality
Reintegration (RI)

- **Multidisciplinary panel** of the EF

- To return and reintegrate in a longer term research position in Europe

- Duration: 12 - 24 months

- National or long-term resident of a MS/AC

- Mobility from a third country (TC) to a MS/AC
Society & Enterprise (SE)

- **Multidisciplinary panel** of the EF

- Host organization from the non-academic sector according to its registration in the EC database

- Duration: 12 - 24 months

- Any nationality
Secondments

- Clearly justified and described in the proposal
- Significant contribution of the TOK to the impact of the project
- Single period or divided into shorter mobility periods (max 6 months)
- Can be at more than one partner organisation
- Can be at an institution in the country of the beneficiary
- Can be in the same sector (academy-academy)
- Is not a short visit
How does it work?

- Joint application ER / Host institution (HI)
- Grant Agreement signed between HI and EC
- Recruitment of the researcher by the HI
## EU Contribution – monthly amounts in Euro

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**ALL Social charges are included**

**Country Correction Coefficients (applicable to Living Allowance):**
- CH: 113.1% (5’259€)
- DE: 98.8%
- FR: 111.0%
- IT: 106.7%
- UK: 120.3%
- US: 99.4%
**GF Budget**

### 3 - Budget

Is the Researcher eligible for family allowance?  
- Yes  
- No

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Partner Organisation from Third Country does not sign the Grant Agreement, does not recruit the researcher and does not directly claim costs from the action. The entire EC contribution is transmitted to the Host organisation located in Members States or Associated Countries.
Submission via the Research Participant Portal
Proposal structure – Part A

Part A (to be completed on the Research Participant Portal)

Section 1: **General information** about the proposal (including the abstract)
Section 2: **Administrative data** of participating organisations
Section 3: **Budget**
Section 4: **Ethics** issues table
Section 5: **Call specific questions** (declarations on eligibility, personal data, secondment, etc.)
Proposal structure – Part B

Part B (use the templates)

*Document 1 (13-pages limit applied)*

- Start page (max. 1 page)
- Table of content (max. 1 page)
- List of participating organisations (max. 1 page)

Sections 1-3 (max. 10 pages)
- 1. Excellence
- 2. Impact
- 3. Quality and efficiency of the implementation

*Document 2 (No page limit)*

- 4. CV of the researcher
- 5. Capacities of the participating organisation(s)
- 6. Ethical aspects
- 7. Letter of commitment of participating organisation (for GF only)
Proposal

- Written by the researcher

- Realistic and well-defined objectives in terms of career advancement

- A concrete plan of training-through-research for 12 - 24 months at the host organisation’s premises under the guidance of the supervisor
Evaluation criteria

**Implementation**
- Coherence
- Management
- Competences
  - 20%

**Impact**
- Career
- Society
- Dissemination
  - 30%

**Excellence**
- Originality
- Knowledge
- Supervision
  - 50%
Panels

- Chemistry (CHE)
- Social Sciences and Humanities (SOC)
- Economic Sciences (ECO)
- Information Science and Engineering (ENG)
- Environment and Geosciences (ENV)
- Life Sciences (LIF)
- Mathematics (MATH)
- Physics (PHY)
- Separate multidisciplinary panels for the CAR, RI and SE panels
Golden tips

Follow the exact structure of the Guide for Applicants

Spoon-feed the evaluators with the information. It is your task to make your text comprehensible, not their task to search for information

Details, details, details! Evaluators can only judge upon the information you give them!

Don‘t forget a single achievement and document enough, even if they seem natural to you

The proposal has to be understandable for experts as well as for generalists (counts also for abbreviations)

Make little appetizers: subtitles, paragraphs, graphs... Nice lay-out!
Golden tips from evaluators

Respect page limits and proposal structure!

Address all criteria and sub-criteria

Only apply if you have a first-author or senior-author paper

Don’t only rely on your good CV and publications, but highlight quality of your training and productivity

Don’t just “recycle” other grant applications

Explain well the quality of the institution and its relevance to YOUR application
2016 Individual Fellowships Calls

- Deadline: 14<sup>th</sup> September 2016
- Budget: € 218 million

2015 Submissions
- 7’510 EF
- 1004 GF

2015 Success Rates
- EF: 14.2%
- GF: 11.3%
Timeline

- **12 April 2016**: Calls for Proposals open
- **14 Sept 2016**: Calls for Proposals close
- **Oct-Dec 2016**: Evaluation
- **Feb 2017**: First info to the supervisors
- **April 2017**: First possible start date
- **April 2018**: Last possible start date
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MSCA Work Programme 2016-2017
MSCA IF Guide for Applicants 2016
Evaluation Criteria

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SNSF Career Funding Schemes for Postdocs

By Dr. Géraldine Canny
SNSF career funding schemes

- Doc.CH
- MD-PhD
- Marie Heim-Vögtlin
  - Mobility fellowships
    - Ambizione
  - SNSF professorships
- Mobility support in projects*
  - 120% support grant*
  - International Short Visits*

* Career promotion measures
Evaluation Criteria - SNSF

PROJECT

- Quality, originality, feasibility
- Research Plan: clearly structured and sufficiently detailed
- Area of research: not too narrow but not too broad either

PERSON

- Scientific achievements (advanced researchers: proof of independence)
- Diploma and scientific output (publications)
- Updated reference list
- Mobility
- Potential for a scientific (early postdocs) or academic (advanced postdocs) career in Switzerland

HOST

- Quality of the host institution and professor
- Commitment of the host laboratory
- Value added for future career
Mobility Fellowships
SNSF career funding schemes

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“Mobility is often presented as an indispensable element in the career trajectories: A stay – or multiple stays – abroad at other universities or research institutes is today often considered as a normative requirement of a successful academic career, in Switzerland or beyond.”

Transnational Mobility of Academics in the Early Stages of their Careers: Transforming or Reproducing Gender Regimes? Project funded by the SNSF
Prof. Janine Dahinden, Dr. Alina Toader, Martine Schaer, University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland
Mobility fellowships

Three different funding schemes:


Early Postdoc.Mobility – Postdocs starting their career

Advanced Postdoc.Mobility – Experienced postdocs
Early Postdoc.Mobility (EPM)

Aim: Research stay abroad for postdocs starting their career

Requirements:
- Doctorate (PhD) already obtained or obtainment within 9 months
- Doctorate obtained no more than 2 years prior to the deadline*
- Swiss nationality, valid permanent residence, residence or cross-border commuter permit, or marriage resp. registered partnership with a Swiss; permit must be valid on the submission deadline
- For persons with foreign nationality, at least 3 years of research activity at a Swiss research institution

Duration: 18 months (12 months in justified cases)

Deadlines: March 1 and September 1

Submission: Via mySNF

Evaluation: Local SNSF Research Commission of the University where the applicant obtained or will obtain the doctorate

Start of the project: Earliest 4 and latest 16 months after the submission deadline

*Exceptions are possible in justified cases, e.g. family care duties, long illness
Advanced Postdoc.Mobility (APM)

Aim: Research stay abroad for experienced postdocs with the option of a return phase at a Swiss higher education institution

Requirements:

- Doctorate (PhD) and at least 1 year’s experience as a postdoc (earlier submission is possible for holders of an EPM fellowship)
- Submission up to 5 years after the doctoral exam*
- Swiss nationality, valid permanent residence, residence or cross-border commuter permit, or marriage resp. registered partnership with a Swiss national; permit must be valid on the submission deadline (except for holders of an EPM fellowship)
- For persons with foreign nationality, at least 3 years of research activity at a Swiss research institution

Duration:

- Fellowship abroad: 12 - 36 months; max 36 months for the combined mobility fellowships (EPM + APM) may not be exceeded
- Possible return phase: 3 - 12 months (in general 1/3 of the duration of the fellowship abroad)

Deadlines: February 1 and August 1
Submission: Via mySNF
Evaluation: National Research Council of the SNSF
Start of the project: Earliest 6 and latest 18 months after the submission deadline

*Exceptions are possible in justified cases, e.g. family care duties, long illness
Fellowship – annual contribution

1. Outgoing phase

Basic amount  CHF 42’000 - 71’500 (depending on country & family status)
Child allowance  CHF 12’000 per child
Travel allowance  Outward and return journey (incl. partner/children)
Registration fees  75% or max. CHF 15’000 (only if justified)
Congress costs  Max. CHF 2’000
Research costs  Max. CHF 3’000 (only exceptionally)
Gender equality grant  Max. CHF 1’000 (for career development measures, only for female fellows)

2. Return phase (APM only)

Salary with social security contributions
## Montants de bourses 2016 (en CHF)

Le montant de la bourse (pour 12 mois) dépend de l'état civil, des obligations familiales et du coût de la vie dans le pays de séjour. Les montants des bourses correspondent à une période de 12 mois et sont uniquement valables pour les bourses qui sont octroyées en 2016.

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Postdocs in Switzerland
SNSF career funding: postdocs in Switzerland

* Career promotion measures
Ambizione

**Aim:** Create conditions for starting an independent career in Switzerland

**Requirements:**
- Doctorate
- High level publications
- Postdoctoral research activities of at least 12 months at a different university from that of the dissertation
- Submission **up to 4 years** after PhD

Ambizione Energy

**Aim:** Create conditions for starting an independent career in Switzerland and in the **energy field**

**Requirements:**
- Doctorate
- High level publications
- Postdoctoral research activities of at least 12 months at a different university from that of the dissertation
- Submission **up to 5 years** after PhD
Ambizione & Ambizione Energy

Duration:
- Ambizione – **4 years**
- Ambizione Energy – **3 years**

Includes:
- Candidate’s salary
- Project funding (equipment, consumables, travel, etc.)
- Personnel (candidates with sufficient experience may apply for a PhD student and in exceptional cases for postdocs)

**Contribution:** Approx. CHF 200’000/year

**Requirements:** Institutional support letter (contact ReO for EPFL as host institution)

Next Deadlines:
- Ambizione: **13 January 2017**
- Ambizione Energy: **18 November 2016**

**Submission:** Via mySNF

**Evaluation:**
- National Research Council of the SNSF
- Evaluation is in two phases with an interview

Start of the project:
- Ambizione: Sep. 1, 2017 at the earliest
- Ambizione Energy: June 1, 2017 at the earliest
SNSF career funding: postdocs in Switzerland

* Career promotion measures
Marie-Heim Vöglin

Aim: Re-integrate and avoid drop out of qualified women researchers with a delay or interruption in their scientific career due to their familial situation

Flexible conditions (part-time work possible, at least 50%) to conciliate research and family.

Requirements:

- Doctoral degree
- Delay in the scientific career due to familial situation
- Good scientific qualifications
- Confirmation from host institution (support during and after the grant)

Duration: 2 years (only if justified, extension of up to max. 1 year possible)

Includes:

- Candidate’s salary
- Contribution to research costs (max. CHF 12’000 per year)
- Travel and conference costs
- Child care (max. CHF 12’000 per year & child)

Next Deadline: 2nd August 2016

Submission: Via mySNF

Evaluation: National Research Council of the SNSF

Start of the project: At the earliest 1st February 2017
Practical Information
Turnaround for the FDP, polarisation continues

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SNSF Website: Career Funding

Selection guide for funding schemes

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Projects

Careers

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› PROMYS

Programmes

Infrastructures
Science communication

Careers

The career funding schemes focus on the persons conducting research. Within the scope of a project they have devised, researchers can apply for a fellowship or salary for themselves and - depending on the funding scheme - for further funding to carry out their project.

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Marie Heim-Vögtlin (MHV)
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Example: Early Postdoc.Mobility

Early Postdoc.Mobility

Increase your research experience through a stay abroad!

Early Postdoc.Mobility fellowships are designed for postdocs at the beginning of their career who wish to enhance their scientific profile by working at a research institution abroad.

The fellowships include a grant towards living costs, a flat-rate for travel expenses and, if justified, a contribution towards research and conference costs as well as matriculation fees. In principle, these fellowships are awarded for 18 months, in justified cases for at least 12 months.

Participation requirements

How To

Documents

Supplementary measures
Example: Early Postdoc.Mobility

Science communication
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Documents

Forms, regulations and guidelines

› Regulations Early Postdoc.Mobility (PDF, 82 KB)
› Guidelines for submitting a new proposal (PDF, 234 KB) (new, 1.6.2016)
› Information set "SNSF mobility fellowships" (PDF, 319 KB) (new, 03.03.2016)
› Fellowship rates (PDF, 16 KB)
› Useful information for stays in the USA (PDF, 89 KB)
› Funding Regulations (PDF, 386 KB)
› General implementation regulations for the Funding Regulations (PDF, 511 KB)
› Regulations on information, valorisation and rights to research results (PDF, 265 KB)
› Regulations of the National Research Council on the treatment of scientific misconduct (PDF, 344 KB)

Evaluation documents

› Evaluation report on the fellowship programme of the SNSF (PDF, 6.9 MB)
› Summary of the evaluation report on the fellowship programme of the SNSF (PDF, 96 KB)
Example: Early Postdoc.Mobility

Mobility fellowships to postdocs starting their career
Early Postdoc.Mobility

Guidelines for submitting a proposal via mySNF

Additional binding guidelines can be found on the web pages of the Research Commissions.

Applications must submitted via the mySNF platform:

mySNF > What would you like to do? > Create a new application > Careers > Early Postdoc.Mobility

Important: Applications can be submitted until the last day of the deadline (1.3. and 1.9.) before 23.59h CET/CEST. If the submission date falls on a Saturday, a Sunday or a holiday recognized under Swiss federal law, the deadline is extended until the next working day.

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Example: Early Postdoc.Mobility

Information set

**SNSF mobility fellowships**

**Doc.Mobility and Early Postdoc.Mobility fellowships**: Additional information from the responsible research commission must be considered.

**Advanced Postdoc.Mobility fellowships**: This information set is not applicable to return phases in Switzerland. The specific provisions of the Advanced Postdoc.Mobility regulations and the General implementation regulations for the Funding Regulations, in particular, apply to “return grants”.

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Success rates: SNSF Career Funding

Global success rates 2015

- SNSF Doc.Mobility: 53%
- SNSF Early Postdoc.Mobility: 56%
- SNSF Advanced Postdoc.Mobility: 48%
- SNSF Marie Heim Vögtlin: 28%
- SNSF Ambizione: 19%
- SNSF Professorship: 15%
Golden tips

Read the Regulations & Follow the Guidelines

Don’t just “recycle” other grant applications

Ensure the QUALITY, ORIGINALITY and FEASIBILITY of your research project

Don’t wait until the last minute: start your application early and request help and advice

Create a mySNF account early

Pay attention to the layout and avoid spelling mistakes
Golden tips

Details, details, details! Evaluators can only judge the information you give them

Explain your choices and their relevance for YOUR project and YOUR career development

Host institution is important: choose well and request institutional letters well in advance

Get advice from previous fellows – consult P3 platform

It is your task to make your text comprehensible for evaluators, not their task to search for information

Take scientific integrity and ethical issues seriously
More information

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