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Other Fellowship Schemes - Overview

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Postdoctoral Funding Schemes
in Europe

SURVEY REPORT



<http://www.scienceeurope.org/new-survey-report-on-postdoctoral-funding-schemes-in-europe/>

Postdoctoral Funding Schemes in Europe – Science Europe (1)

- **Aims**
 - Improve understanding of what funders do to support postdocs careers
 - Consider if career support provided by funding schemes be improved
- **Mapped opportunities for postdocs:**
 - Not yet fully independent (R2)
 - Developed a level of independence (R3)

Postdoctoral Funding Schemes in Europe – Science Europe (2)

- **Survey of 104 funding schemes**
Responses from Science Europe members
Not exhaustive
- **Information about:**
Objectives of schemes
Scale of funding - level and duration
Working conditions
Support for career development
- **Links to funding schemes – Appendix 4**

European Commission

In addition MSCA IFs

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/topics/msca-if-2017.html>

European Research Council (ERC)

Starting Grants (between 2 and 7 years postdoc)

<https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/topics/erc-2017-stg.html>

Belgium

Fund for Scientific Research (F.R.S.-FNRS)

Summary of funding schemes:

<http://www.frs-fnrs.be/en/index.php/funding/introduction>

Postdoctoral researchers:

<http://www.frs-fnrs.be/en/index.php/funding/mandates/postdoctoral-researchers>

- **Mandate for postdoctoral researchers (CR)**
3 years funding for young researchers with a PhD
- **Ulysse Incentive Grant for Scientific Research (MIS-Ulysse)**
Experienced researchers working outside Belgium to develop a research programme

Germany (1)

DAAD - German Academic Exchange Service

<https://www.daad.de/deutschland/stipendium/datenbank/en/22962-postdoctoral-researchers-international-mobility-experience/>

- Opportunities for Germans to go abroad
- 18 months funding, 12 months abroad & 6 month re-integration phase at a German university

Feodor Lynen Fellowships

<https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/web/lynen-fellowship.html>

- For Germans postdoctoral and experienced researchers to go abroad to work with former Humboldt prize winners.

Germany (2)

Emmy Noether program

http://www.dfg.de/foerderung/programme/einzelfoerderung/emmy_noether/

- Recruits early career researchers working abroad back to Germany
- 2 to 4 years postdoc experience, including at least 12 months experience abroad
- Non-German applicants are expected to continue their scientific career in Germany following completion of the funding period

Sweden

Vetenskapsrådet

Swedish Research Council <http://vr.se/inenglish>

- **International Postdoc**

Requires Swedish PhD not older than two years

Must be endorsed by a specific Swedish university.

- **Project Research Grant for Junior Researchers (NE)**

Starting grant, between 2 and 7 years postdoc

Must be endorsed by a specific Swedish university.

Switzerland (1)

Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF)

- **Early Postdoc Mobility (<2 years postdoc)**
For postdocs at beginning of career to work abroad
Swiss nationals **or** no less than 3 years at a research institution in Switzerland
- **Advanced Postdoc Mobility (1 to 5 years postdoc)**
For postdocs to work abroad
Swiss nationals **or** no less than 3 years at a research institution in Switzerland

<http://www.snf.ch/en/funding/careers/innovations-in-career-funding/Pages/default.aspx>

Switzerland (2)

Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF)

Ambizione (<4 years postdoc)

- For young researchers to lead an independent project at a Swiss higher education institution
- Open to Swiss nationals and researchers from abroad
- Minimum 12 months postdoc research experience at an institution different from the one where the doctorate was obtained

<http://www.snf.ch/en/funding/careers/innovations-in-career-funding/Pages/default.aspx>

Switzerland (3)

Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF)

Marie Heim-Vögtlin Grants

For female doctoral students and postdocs in Switzerland who had to interrupt or reduce their research activities due to family commitments.

<http://www.snf.ch/en/funding/careers/innovations-in-career-funding/Pages/default.aspx>

UK (1)

Early stage only (<3 years after PhD)

- The Royal Commission of 1851 Fellowships

<http://www.royalcommission1851.org/awards/>

More senior (typically >3 years after PhD)

- STFC Ernest Rutherford Fellowships (minimum 2 years postdoc)

<http://www.stfc.ac.uk/funding/fellowships/ernest-rutherford-fellowship/>

- Royal Society University Research Fellowships (3 to 8 years postdoc)

<https://royalsociety.org/grants-schemes-awards/grants/university-research/>

UK (2)

Postdocs at any stage of career

- Newton Fellowships

For someone not currently in the UK and not a UK citizen. Must have PhD and less than 7 years postdoc experience

<http://www.newtonfellowships.org>

UK (3)

Return to work after a career break

Daphne Jackson Fellowships

<http://www.daphnejackson.org/fellowships/>

For those returning after a career break of 2 years or more for family, caring or health reasons. Minimum 3 years research experience and/ or a PhD.

Summary

- Examples only of funding schemes
- Many more available
- Sign up for email alerts
- Ask you supervisor and other colleagues
- Some universities run own fellowship schemes
- Look out for new schemes , often under-subscribed at start
- Check when next call opens
- Check eligibility: discipline, nationality, experience