EMBO funding & training opportunities

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Mission

EMBO stands for excellence in the life sciences.

• supporting talented researchers;
• stimulating scientific exchange; and
• advancing policies for a world-class European research environment.

A not-for profit organization run by scientists for scientists.
EMBO Fellowships

– Short-Term Fellowships
– Long-Term Fellowships
Short-Term Fellowships

• For short-term research visits (1 week to 3 months)
• Transfer of technology, new skills and expertise
• Key criterion: Benefit to the home laboratory

Eligibility
• Open to applicants from all career stages (maximum 10 years since PhD)
• Mobility (either receiving or sending laboratory in an EMBC member state)
Short-Term Fellowships

Key facts

• 506 applications, 281 awards in 2011
• Review by two EMBO Members or Young investigators
• Decision typically after 6 – 8 weeks

Benefits

• €7,000 – 10,000 for 3 months (covers living and travel)

Deadline: Applications accepted all year around
EMBO Fellowships

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Long-Term Fellowships

- Support for early career scientists (first post-doc)
- Post-doctoral training for up to 2 years

Eligibility

- First author publication in international, peer-reviewed journal
- Mobility i.e. national of or going to laboratory in EMBC member state
- Within 2 years of obtaining PhD
- Special consideration given to applicants with career breaks

*** READ THE GUIDELINES ***
Long-Term Fellowships

- 2 Annual deadlines: 15 February and 15 August
- 1,633 applications, 268 awards in 2011 (2 annual deadlines)
- Average success rate of 18%
Applications vs Awards

- Applications
- Awards

[Graph showing the trend of applications and awards from 1977 to 2010]
Long-Term Fellowships

Application:

• Research proposal (within scientific scope of EMBO)
• 2 references
• Acceptance letter from host supervisor

Two-step evaluation:

1. Pre-screening by the Fellowship Committee
Fellowship Committee

Jürgen Knoblich (Chair) (Austria)
Cecilia Maria Arraiano (Portugal)
Sarah Bray (United Kingdom)
Naama Barkai (Israel)
Yinon Ben-Neriah (Israel)
Liam Dolan (United Kingdom)
Manuel Espinosa (Spain)
Roland Kanaar (Netherlands)
Eva Kondorosi (Hungary)
Sergio Moreno (Spain)

Thomas Nyström (Sweden)
Claude-Agnes Reynaud (France)
Nektarios Tavernarakis (Greece)
Anna Tramontano (Italy)
Rüdiger Klein (Germany)
Gitta Stockinger (UK)
Alfonso Valencia (Spain)
Dale Wigley (United Kingdom)
David Wilkinson (United Kingdom)
Long-Term Fellowships

Application:

• Research proposal (within scientific scope of EMBO)
• 2 references
• Acceptance letter from host supervisor

Two-step evaluation:

1. Pre-screening by the Fellowship Committee
2. Interview by EMBO Member or Young Investigator

Decision after 14 – 15 weeks
Long-Term Fellowships

Benefits

• Stipend and travel/mobility allowance; dependent allowance
• Parental leave; part-time
• Contribution to childcare costs
• Lab Management course at end of fellowship
• Transferable pension scheme
• EMBO FellowsNet; Fellows’ Meeting
• Subsidy to attend ‘The EMBO Meeting’
….for junior independent researchers

Young Investigator Programme

Installation Grants
EMBO Young Investigators

Networking
• Annual meeting
• Collaboration support
• Sectoral/national meeting

Mentoring by EMBO Member

Additional benefits
• EMBO Lab Management Course
• Annual course for PhD students
• Meeting participation grants

Recognition
• Young Investigator Programme booklet
• Young Investigator Programme lectures
• Annual printed advert in Nature

Financial benefits
€15,000 annually; small grants
Young Investigator Programme

Eligibility

• Leading first independent laboratory for 1-4 years in an EMBC Member State or Singapore
• Minimum 2 years of post PhD scientific experience
• Applicants should have obtained sufficient funding to run their laboratories. The applicant must have true scientific and financial independence.
• At least one last author paper from independent lab

Deadline: 1 April
EMBO Installation Grants

…to strengthen local research areas

Similar benefits to Young Investigators

Financial benefits
€50,000 annually

Participating countries at present
Czech Republic, Estonia, Poland, Portugal & Turkey
Installation Grants

Eligibility

• Recently returned or moved to qualifying country (>2 years outside the country, <2 years in country).

• Negotiating a full-time position at an institute/university, or have recently established a laboratory there.

Deadline: 15 April
EMBO Courses & Workshops

- approximately 75 events annually
- 7,500 attendees in 2010
- rated excellent / very good by 90% of attendees
Upcoming Events

- **Practical Course:**
  High-throughput microscopy for systems biology
  15-21 October, Heidelberg, Germany

- **Conference:**
  From functional genomics to systems biology
  17-20 November, Heidelberg, Germany

- **Conference:**
  Critical assessment for protein structure prediction (CASP10)
  9-12 December, Sabaudia, Italy
Funding

- Conference Series | Workshops
- Practical Courses | Lecture Courses
- EMBO | EMBL & ESF | EMBO Symposia
- EMBO | FEBS Lecture Courses

Eligibility

- Significant number of speakers confirmed
- At least 30% female speakers
- Co-organizers should be from different institutes
- No more than 18% local participants
- 2/3 of participants should be based in EMBC Member States

Deadlines: 1 March | 1 August
Courses & Workshops

Funding

– EMBO Plenary lectures (by EMBO Members)

**Deadlines:** 1 March | 1 June | 1 September | 1 December

– EMBO Young Investigator lectures

**Deadline:** Applications accepted throughout the year
3.5 days packed with science

**Louis-Jeantet Prize Lectures**
Matthias Mann DE
Fiona Powrie UK

**Chromatin regulation**
Peter Fraser UK
Mitzi Kuroda US
Dirk Schübeler CH

**Biological rhythms**
Caroline Dean UK
Takao Kondo JP
Ueli Schibler CH

**Post-transcriptional control of gene expression**
Traci Hall US
Matthias Hentze DE
Alberto Kornblihtt AG
Not ‘just’ science

– Career workshops on Saturday 22 September – sign up!
– Pursuing an academic career
– Meet the Speakers lunches
– Meet the Editor lunch
– PhD meets Postdoc party

…and of course present your science, meet collaborators and enjoy!
Come and see me TODAY at booth #35 EMBL-EBI

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Thank you!

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