Mobility Funding Opportunities & Postdoctoral Fellowships

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Agenda

- Fellowships – An overview
  Antoinette Musard

- Fellowships for young researchers
  Delphine Julen

- Successful application – Golden tips
  Delphine Julen

- 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
Fellowships – An overview

By Vanessa Terrazzoni / Antoinette Musard
The Academic Path

Overview

PhD: 3-5 years
Postdoc: 2-6 years
Professorship Senior Researcher
How to fund a postdoc?

Fellowship programs

Research network

Job offers

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

Find a lab which will fund your postdoc
- Employing you on its lab funds
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Examples
- Euraxess website
- University websites
- Nature.com
- Myscience.ch
- Researchgate.net
- Academicpositions.eu
- Jobs.sciencecareers.org
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* Career promotion measures
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)

Financed by the EU Commission

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)
- Innovation in SMEs* (0.6 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)

Financed by SERI
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S-fDoxerKeA
Overview of some opportunities
# National funding opportunities: Canada

## 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>How long</td>
<td>2 years (non-renewable)</td>
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| Main eligibility rules | - PhD  
- Any nationality: Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada, who obtained their PhD from a Canadian university may hold their Banting Postdoctoral Fellowship at either a Canadian institution or an institution outside of Canada; others may only hold their Banting Postdoctoral Fellowship at a Canadian institution |
| When to apply | September 2017 |
| When to start | April – October 2018 |
# National Funding opportunities: United States

## Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program

| What          | Flagship international educational exchange program sponsored by the U.S. Government, designed to increase mutual understanding between the United States and the people of other specific countries. |
|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
| How much      | Award benefits vary according to the specific country program details, but all include: • a monthly stipend • a one-time settling-in allowance • a one-time professional allowance • limited accident and medical coverage provided by the Department of State |
| How long      | 3-10 months                                                                                                                                  |
| Main eligibility rules | • Citizenship from a Fulbright Program participation country ([http://www.cies.org/vs_scholars/vs_awards/vs_countries.htm](http://www.cies.org/vs_scholars/vs_awards/vs_countries.htm))  • PhD  • A detailed project statement or proposed activity at a U.S. institution  • English proficiency appropriate to the proposed teaching and/or research project |
| How to apply  | • Contact your country’s Fulbright commission or the public affairs section of the U.S. Embassy                                                              |
| Link          | [http://www.cies.org/program/core-fulbright-visiting-scholar-program](http://www.cies.org/program/core-fulbright-visiting-scholar-program)
# National Funding opportunities: Netherlands

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| **Main eligibility rules** | • Excellent researchers with a striking and original talent as well a considerable fascination for doing challenging and pioneering research  
• Any nationality  
• PhD within the last 3 years |
| **When to apply** | 10 January 2017 |
# Foundations: Branco Weiss Fellowship

## 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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<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  | January 15, 2017 |
## Foundations: AXA Post-doctoral Fellowships

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### Other COFUND Actions (non-exhaustive)

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<th>Postdoctoral research of 2 years at Leiden University, Delft University of Technology, Erasmus University Rotterdam, Leiden University Medical Center and Erasmus Medical Center. Next deadline: February 2017</th>
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<td>University of Warwick Interdisciplinary Research Leadership Programme Next deadline: 16 December 2016</td>
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<td>COFUNDfellows DTU</td>
<td>All fields, Technical University of Denmark (DTU) Next deadline: 23 February 2017</td>
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<td>RIFP</td>
<td>Rutherford International Fellowship post-doctoral programme to work within Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC) departments and facilities, as well as the Diamond Light Source. Next deadline: October 2017</td>
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How to prepare your fellowship?
Step 1 – Be aware of the eligibility criteria

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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

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www.researchprofessional.com  http://research-office.epfl.ch/fellowship-mobility-funding
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Euraxess - Researchers in Motion is a unique pan-European initiative delivering information and support services to professional researchers. Backed by the European Union and its Member States, it supports researcher...
Fellowships for young researchers

By Delphine Julen
Why do I need mobility?

“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
The Academic Path

- **PhD**
  - 3-5 years

- **Postdoc**
  - 2-6 years

- **Professorship Senior Researcher**

Fellowships
SNSF career funding schemes

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  - 120% support grant*
  - International Short Visits*

* Career promotion measures
**Aim:** Research stay abroad for **PhD students** during their thesis

**Requirements:**

- Matriculation as a doctoral student for at least 12 months
- Swiss nationality, or if foreign nationality a valid residence or cross-border commuter permit, or marriage/registered partnership with a Swiss; permit must be valid on the submission deadline
- For persons with foreign nationality, at least 1 years of research activity at a Swiss research institution

**Duration:** 6-18 months

**Deadlines:** March 1 and September 1

**Submission:** Via mySNF

**Evaluation:** Local SNSF Research Commission of the University where the applicant immatriculated

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

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Mobility in SNSF Project

Aim: Research stay abroad for **PhD students** employed in an ongoing SNSF research project

Requirements:

- The doctoral students are **employed in a research project funded by the SNSF**
- The stay abroad takes place **within the time-frame of the SNSF project**
- **Written confirmation from their supervisor/grantee of the SNSF research project** stating their support for the mobility and guaranteeing the employment of the doctoral student during the stay abroad;
- **Written confirmation from the host institution**

Duration: 6-12 months

Deadlines: **all year round**

Submission: Via mySNF as a supplementary grant for ongoing SNSF project.

At the latest 9 months before the end of the SNSF project

Evaluation: SNSF on a first come first serve basis

Start of the project: Earliest 3 months after the submission deadline

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Mobility in SNSF Project – financial contribution

Living costs
EPFL PhD salary maintained

Mobility allowance
Max. 20’000 + CHF 5’000 per additional family member

What can be covered with the mobility allowance?

- outward and return journey
- Accommodation abroad
- Matriculation and infrastructure fees at host institution
- Conference and workshop fees

A detailed budget must be submitted.
The Academic Path

PhD

3-5 years

Postdoc

2-6 years

Professorship
Senior Researcher
## Postdoctoral Fellowships Programmes

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- **Swiss Funding Body**
- **European Funding Body**
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Mobility fellowships

Three different funding schemes:

Doc.Mobility – PhD students

Early Postdoc.Mobility – Postdocs starting their career

Advanced Postdoc.Mobility – Experienced postdocs
SNSF 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*
**SNSF 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

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# SNSF Mobility Fellowships – annual contribution

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## 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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Submission on mySNF: [www.mysnf.ch](http://www.mysnf.ch)

Data processing

Enter the most important basic data for the proposal.

After completing each element, click "confirm section & continue" to go to the next data container.

**Basic data I**

Original project title *

Project title in English

Requested starting date *

Duration (months) *

Research field *

- Please select -

Further research fields

- Human sciences
- Social sciences
- Mathematics, natural sciences
- Engineering sciences
- Life sciences
- Medicine

Main discipline *

- Please select -

Sub-discipline(s)

- Please select -

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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
MSCA European Fellowships

**Aim:** Transnational fellowships for the best and most promising researchers in EU Members States (MS) or Associated Country (AC)

**Requirements:**
- PhD or at least 4 years of research
- Researcher from any nationality moving to or within EU
- **Mobility rule:** must not have lived in host country for more than 12 months in the 3 years prior to submission deadline

MSCA Global Fellowships

**Aim:** Transnational fellowships for the best and most promising researchers in Third Country (TC) + mandatory return of 12 months in MS or AC

**Requirements:**
- PhD or at least 4 years of research
- Researcher must be **national or long-term resident (5y)** of an EU MS or AC
- **Mobility rule:** must not have lived in TC for more than 12 months in the 3 years prior to submission deadline

!!! No return phase with EPFL as host institution
Horizon 2020 MSCA Individual Fellowships

Duration:
• European Fellowships—12-24 months
• Global Fellowships—12-24 months in TC + 12 months return

Includes:
• Costs of Researcher: Living, mobility, and family allowances
• Institutional Costs: Research, training, publication costs and networking costs + Management costs

Contribution: € 63’000 / year (depending on host country)

Secondment: possibility to do a short stay (max. 6 months) in a partner organization (industry or academia) in MS/AC

Next Deadlines: September 2017
…but status of Switzerland remains unclear for 2017

Submission: European Commission Research Participant Portal

Evaluation: 8 scientific panels – division by fields

Start of the project: 1st April 2018 (latest April 2019)
## 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%
Other MSCA Opportunities

- **Career Restart (CAR):** 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.)

- **Reintegration (RI):** To return and reintegrate in a longer term research position in Europe

- **Society & Entreprise (SE):** Host organization from the non-academic sector according to its registration in the EC database
Submission via the Research Participant Portal
# Postdoctoral Fellowships Programmes

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- **Swiss Funding Body**
- **European Funding Body**
SNSF career funding: postdocs in Switzerland

* Career promotion measures
SNSF Ambizione

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

Requirements:

- PhD and High level publications
- Postdoctoral research activities of at least 12 months at a different university from that of PhD
- Submission up to 4 years after PhD

Includes:

- Candidate’s salary - optional
- Project funding (equipment, consumables, travel, etc.) – Max 400’000 over 4 years
- Personnel (candidates with sufficient experience may apply for a PhD student and in exceptional cases for postdocs)

Duration: 4 years

Next Deadlines: 13 January 2017

Submission: Via mySNF

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

Evaluation:

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

Start of the project:

1 September 2017 at the earliest
Successful application: golden tips
Golden tips

Read the Regulations & Follow the Guidelines

Don’t just “recycle” other grant applications

Create an online applicant account early

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

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.
- Don’t only rely on your good CV and publications, but highlight quality of your training and productivity.
- 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.
For further requests and/or comments

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Don’t miss the upcoming event organized by UNIL on December 15, 2016:
«Mobility and Fellowship Opportunities for PhDs and postdocs» on UNIL Campus