Opportunities to go abroad for research

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Quick overview of opportunities

Research funding and fellowships

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) Postdoctoral Fellowships

Rubicon (NWO)

International postdoc grants

Job vacancies, grant database
For excellent researchers who want to acquire new skills through advanced training, international, interdisciplinary and inter-sectoral mobility.

**Who?**

- Researchers with a PhD (or successfully defended doctoral thesis)
- Max. 8 years of experience in research since PhD was awarded
- You apply together with a supervisor at the host institution
- **Mobility rule**: resided no more than 12 months in host-country over the last 3 years

**When?**

- Annual deadline in September (11th, 2024)
- You can re-apply, if you scored more than 70% in the previous round
**European Fellowships (1-2 years)**

- Coming to Europe or moving within Europe
- Can help reintegrate researchers coming back to Europe

**Global Fellowships (2-3 years)**

- Fund research outside Europe for EU nationals or long-term residents
- Includes a mandatory 12-month return period
Open to all research fields (evaluated within one of eight main evaluation panels):
Chemistry, Social Science and Humanities, Economic Sciences, Information Sciences and Engineering, Environment and Geosciences, Life Sciences, Mathematics, Physics

Award criteria:
Excellence (50%) – quality of research project, methodology, supervision, training and researcher
Impact (30%) – measures to enhance career perspectives, dissemination & communication, relevance
Quality and efficiency of the implementation (20%) – work plan, capacity of host institution
Stimulating researcher mobility:
For recently graduated scientists to gain experience at a foreign research institution (12-24 months)

Who?
- Researchers who received PhD in the last 12 months or with a declaration approving their thesis
- Must have conducted research in the Netherlands for at least 3 years over the past 5 years
- Signed acceptance form of the host institution required

When?
- 3 deadlines per year: March/April, August/September, November/December

→ You can only apply once
Rubicon is **open to all scientific disciplines**

Proposals have to be submitted to one of the following domains:

- Exact and natural sciences (Science)
- Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH)
- Applied and Engineering Sciences (AES)
- Health Research and Development (ZonMw)
Assessment procedure

- Proposals are assessed by a multidisciplinary committee, no external referees
- Quick procedure: results announced about 4 months after deadline

Evaluation criteria:

- The quality of the research proposal (30%) – innovative, groundbreaking and feasible research
- The quality of the host institute (30%) – stimulating research environment
- Scientific and/or societal impact (10%) – relevance and added value
- The quality of the researcher (30%) – among the best members of their generation
Belgium
Junior postdoctoral fellowship: max. 3 years post-PhD, 3-year position
Deadline: 1 December 2023

Germany
Humboldt Research Fellowships: max. 4 years post-PhD, 6-24 months in Germany
Deadlines in March, July and November

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