Funding opportunities to support academic mobility of early-career researchers

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Vision without funding is just a hallucination

Dr. Natalia Shulga
believed to be originally from Thomas Edison or Henry Ford (?)
Short-term/ Travelling Fellowships

- "Foot in the door": start building cooperation with potential future host/ collaborator
- Comparatively high success rates
- No deadlines/ 3-4 deadlines pa
- 4-8 weeks to get the decision
Short-term/ Travelling Fellowships

Aims, e.g.:

✓ “The aim is TO FACILITATE VALUABLE COLLABORATIONS with research groups applying TECHNIQUES THAT ARE UNAVAILABLE IN THE APPLICANT'S LABORATORY.” (EMBO)
✓ “…TO LEARN CLEARLY-DEFINED METHODS USEFUL FOR YOUR ONGOING RESEARCH and the work of your research group at home BY VISITING ANOTHER LABORATORY, OR BY ATTENDING RESEARCH-ORIENTATED COURSES INCLUDING PRACTICAL TRAINING” (BI Fonds)

Not for, e.g.:

✓ “Short-Term Fellowships ARE NOT AWARDED for exchanges between two laboratories WITHIN THE SAME COUNTRY.” (EMBO)
✓ “General EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL, excursions or lecture or CONGRESS-RELATED travel ARE NOT SUPPORTED” (Thyssen Foundation)
Short-term/ Travelling Fellowships

✓ **DAAD grants for conferences**
  • Apply ca 4-5 months in advance
  [https://www.daad.de/ausland/studieren/stipendium/de/70-stipendien-findet-und-bewerben/?status=&target=&subjectGrps=&daad=&q=kongressreisen&page=1&detail=57369745](https://www.daad.de/ausland/studieren/stipendium/de/70-stipendien-findet-und-bewerben/?status=&target=&subjectGrps=&daad=&q=kongressreisen&page=1&detail=57369745)

✓ **DAAD short-term research grants for post-docs**
  • for 3-6 months
  • 3 deadlines pa
  [https://www.daad.de/ausland/studieren/stipendium/de/70-stipendien-findet-und-bewerben/?status=2&target=44&subjectGrps=&daad=&q=&page=1&detail=57243862](https://www.daad.de/ausland/studieren/stipendium/de/70-stipendien-findet-und-bewerben/?status=2&target=44&subjectGrps=&daad=&q=&page=1&detail=57243862)

✓ **Fritz Thyssen Stiftung travel subsidies for German postdocs**
  • No deadline
Short-term/ Travelling Fellowships

No deadline (3 months in advance)

- **EMBO short-term fellowships** (1 week – to 3 months)
  [https://www.embo.org/funding-awards/fellowships/short-term-fellowships#about](https://www.embo.org/funding-awards/fellowships/short-term-fellowships#about)

- **FEBS short-term fellowships** (2 months, exceptionally up to 3 months)

- **FEBS summer fellowships** for PhD students (between 1 July and 30 October, apply before 1 April)

- **FEBS Collaborative Experimental Scholarships**
  - no deadline (at least 3 months before start); for 2-3-months
  - aimed at PhD students “from certain FEBS countries with HINARI status* ... to visit a well-funded laboratory elsewhere in Europe for the purpose of carrying out experimental procedures that would be impossible in their home country because of a lack of resources” (*Armenia, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Moldova, Morocco, Serbia, Tunisia and Ukraine)
Short-term/ Travelling Fellowships

✓ The Boehringer Ingelheim Fonds Travel Grants
  • up to 3 months, also for courses
  • no deadline, at least 6 weeks before start
  [link]

✓ EACR (European Association for Cancer Research) Travel Fellowships
  • For members
  • Between 2 weeks and 3 months
  • Apply at least 8 weeks before start
  [link]

  • for PhD students & post-docs to make collaborative visits to other laboratories; up to £2,500
  • 4 deadlines pa
  [link]
Short-term/ Travelling Fellowships

✓ FENS travel grants and stipends

- NENS Exchange Grants
- Slots in national courses
- Stipends for the FENS Schools
- Stipends for the Cajal training courses
- Travel grants to attend the Australian Course in Advanced Neuroscience (ACAN) in 2019
- Travel grants for the Annual Meeting of the Society for Neuroscience (SfN)
- Travel grants for the FENS Forum
- Stipends for The Brain Conferences
- Travel grants for the FENS Regional Meetings (FRM)
- Travel grants for the IBRO World Congress
- ....

https://www.fens.org/News-Activities/Grants-and-Stipends/
Short-term/ Travelling Fellowships

✓ Travel grants for Fellows, Full Members, Affiliate Members, Undergraduate Members
  • to attend and present at a research or teaching conference (Undergraduates are not required to present work)
  • to visit another laboratory for collaborative research or to acquire/teach new techniques
  • to attend a practical workshop or training course that is relevant to physiology
  • to deadline (1-6 month before travel)

http://www.physoc.org/travel-grants
Long-term postdoctoral fellowships

- Prestigious AND very competitive
- Often with a focus on gaining independence/ career development/ cross-disciplinary
- Almost always require mobility – changing lab/ country
- Can include a supporting option to return
- Can include some long-term support/ alumni program
- Selection: can involve interviews
Funding for PhD students

- DAAD Research Grants – Doctoral Programmes in Germany (for up to 3 years)
- DAAD Research Grants – 1-Year Grants
- Evonik Foundation Scholarships
- Foundation of the Berlin House of Representatives: Grant Programme
- Fritz Thyssen Foundation Stipends
- The Boehringer Ingelheim Fonds PhD fellowships
- EU ITN fellowships
Long-term postdoctoral fellowships

✔ Stipends of the Berlin Senat (Abgeordnetenhaus Berlin) for researchers from France, the UK, the USA and the countries of the former Soviet Union (incl. Ukraine) to come to Berlin
  • for graduates as well as PhD students
  • for 10 months (starts in October)
  • deadline: 15 December

https://www.parlament-berlin.de/de/Das-Parlament/Studienstiftung
Long-term postdoctoral fellowships

✓ **Alexander von Humboldt postdoctoral fellowships**, no deadline
  - Different types:
    - for **post-doctoral researchers** (up to 4 years after completing a doctorate): 6 to 24 months in Germany
    - for **experienced researchers** (up to 12 years after completing a doctorate): 6 to 18 months in Germany, divisible into a maximum of 3 visits over 3 years
    - “Potential applicants who have been in Germany for more than 6 months at the time of application are not eligible to apply”

• **Georg Forster Research Fellowship** FOR RESEARCHERS FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES: for research stays in Germany, for proposals relevant for the continued development of the country or region of origin
  
http://www.humboldt-foundation.de/web/programmes.html
Long-term postdoctoral fellowships

✓ Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions Individual Fellowships (MSCA-IF)

- Deadline: 11 September 2019
- the host can be in the academic or non-academic sectors
- eligible to apply up to 1 year already in the host lab
- Different types:
  - **European Fellowships** are open to researchers either coming to Europe from any country in the world or moving within Europe
  - Direct return to and long-term reintegration of researchers in Europe, including in their country of origin, is supported via a separate multi-disciplinary **REINTEGRATION PANEL** of the European Fellowships
  - Support to individuals to resume research in Europe after a career break, e.g. after parental leave or due to recent migration, is ensured via a separate multi-disciplinary **CAREER RESTART PANEL** of the European Fellowships
  - Researchers seeking to work on research and innovation projects in an organisation from the non-academic sector will be supported via a separate multi-disciplinary **SOCIETY AND ENTERPRISE PANEL** of the European Fellowships
  - The **Widening Fellowships**
  - **Global Fellowships** are based on a secondment to a third country and a **MANDATORY 12 MONTH RETURN PERIOD TO A EUROPEAN HOST**
Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions Individual Fellowships (MSCA-IF), continued

- Researchers receiving an Individual Fellowship may opt to INCLUDE A SECONDMENT PHASE IN EUROPE, notably in the non-academic sector, within the overall duration of their fellowship.

- Researchers participating in the Individual Fellowships may opt TO WORK PART-TIME in order to pursue supplementary activities. These might include CREATING A COMPANY, OR ENGAGING IN ADVANCED STUDIES not related to the MSCA grant.

https://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/actions/individual-fellowships_en
Long-term postdoctoral fellowships

✓ EMBO post-doc fellowships:
  • for up to 2-year research visits to laboratories throughout Europe and the world
  • for those with less than 2 years after a PhD AND at least 1 first-author paper
  • “candidates who HAVE ALREADY STARTED WORKING IN THE HOST LABORATORY CAN APPLY only if they have been working in the host laboratory FOR LESS THAN SIX MONTHS at the time the application is complete”
  • no deadline, 2 selection round pa

https://www.embo.org/funding-awards/fellowships/postdoctoral-fellowships.html
Long-term postdoctoral fellowships

✓ HFSP post-doc fellowships:
  • to broaden research skills **BY MOVING INTO NEW AREAS OF STUDY WHILE WORKING IN A NEW COUNTRY**
  • for 3 years, “fellows **MAY ... USE THE LAST YEAR OF THEIR FELLOWSHIP TO RETURN TO THEIR HOME COUNTRY OR TO MOVE TO ANOTHER HFSPO member country**”
  • 2 types:
    • **“Long-Term Fellowships (LTF)”** are for applicants with a Ph.D. in a biological discipline, who will broaden their expertise by proposing a **project in the life sciences which is significantly different from their previous Ph.D. or postdoctoral work**
    • **Cross-Disciplinary Fellowships (CDF)”** are for applicants with a **Ph.D. from outside the life sciences** (e.g. in physics, chemistry, mathematics, engineering or computer sciences), who have had limited exposure to biology during their previous training
  • < 3 years after PhD AND at least one lead author, full-length research paper
  • **Career Development Award (CDA)”** funds HFSP fellows who return to their home country or move to an HFSP member country to establish their independent laboratory
  • **Deadline: 22 August 2019:**
    https://www.hfsp.org/funding/hfsp-funding/postdoctoral-fellowships
Long-term postdoctoral fellowships

FEBS long-term fellowships:
- to support long-term visits FOR THE PURPOSE OF SCIENTIFIC COLLABORATION OR ADVANCED TRAINING
- for 1 year, may be extended up to 3 years
- < 3 years after a PhD
- **Deadline: 1 October 2019**
- “FEBS Long-Term Fellows are eligible to apply for the FEBS Distinguished Young Investigator Award and FEBS Follow-up Research Fund ... (to help young scientists who have been recipients of a FEBS Long-Term Fellowship to start work in an independent position in a FEBS country after completion of their Fellowship”

Some Databases & Useful Resources

- http://scholarship-positions.com/
- http://www.scholarshipportal.com
- http://www.e-fellows.net/extranet/stipendien-datenbank
- **EURAXESS** jobs and funding for researchers in Europe: https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/jobs
- Berlin doctoral programmes: http://www.doctoral-programs.de
- Samples of NIH grant applications (USA): https://www.niaid.nih.gov/grants-contracts/sample-applications
- Art of grantsmanship, by Jack Kraicer, former Director of Research Grants at HFSP: https://www.hfsp.org/node/5761