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Call name	EMBO: Postdoctoral Fellowships 2025
www	https://www.embo.org/funding/fellowships-grants-and-career-support/postdoctoral-fellowships/
Focused on	Basic research visits to life-science laboratories throughout Europe and the world (eligible countries)
Applicant	Postdoc ; PhD awarded up to two years prior to the date the application is complete (must be awarded by the time the fellowship begins)
Host institution	One research organisation or university in an EMBC Member State: Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Türkiye, and United Kingdom / EMBC/EMBO global partners: Chile, India, Singapore, Taiwan Research institutions in non-EMBC Member States (max 30% of fellowships)
Expected outputs	Activity report; (J) reviewed specialist articles
Call opens	
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Evaluation results	First stage (0-6 weeks after cutoff date): pre-screening. Approximately, the top 25% of the applications are selected for the second round of evaluation. Second stage (7-15weeks); Applicants who pass the first round will undergo an online interview with an expert in their field (an EMBO member or young investigator). The interview lasts 90 minutes: 30 minutes – Presentation (PhD research and project plan). 60 minutes – Discussion and questions. Third Stage (15–17 weeks) The committee meets and makes the final fellowship decisions. Results are announced within one week after the committee meeting.
Signature of agreement	Not defined
Earliest date of implementation	Successful applicants in the Spring Selection Round must start their fellowship between July 1st of that year and February 15th of the following year. Successful applicants in the Autumn Selection Round must start their fellowships between January 1st and August 15th of the following year. Due to practical limitations, fellowships can only start on either the 1st or the 15th of each month.
Latest date of implementation	15 Feb and 15 Aug of the following year for the Spring and Autumn call, respectively The minimum fellowship duration that can be requested is 12 months.
Sustainability	None
Reporting	Final project report
Project duration (min-max)	12–24 months (1–2 years) , part-time work is possible, but maximum fellowship duration (full-time plus part-time) must not exceed 36 months
Allocation for the call	NA
Project budget (min-max)	The stipend paid depends on the country being visited
Success rate	21% (2022), 19% (2021), 12% (2020), 16% (2019, 2018, 2017), 11% (2016)
Eligible costs	EMBO provides grants to the host institution with the sole intention to cover the cost of an employment contract to be issued by the host institution to the awardee; The EMBO Postdoctoral Fellowship does not cover bench fees, overheads, funds for consumables or any other financial benefits to the host supervisor or the receiving institute. EMBO Postdoctoral fellows are eligible for child-care costs up to 2500 EUR per fellowship year and per child under the age of 6; travel and relocation costs for the fellow and his/her family to and from the receiving institute; additional allowance for dependent children

	<p>under the age of 18 (value dependent on the country being visited according to the travel and relocation policy).</p> <p>EMBO postdoctoral fellows are offered the possibility to attend one of the EMBO Laboratory Leadership Course (Lab Leadership Course for Postdocs, or Project Management for Scientists, Negotiation for Scientists or Self-Leadership for Scientists). From 2024: to reduce carbon footprint, EMBO will cover the costs of online courses only.</p>
Mode of funding	Ex-ante
Language of application	English
Provider	<p>EMBO, Heidelberg, Germany, www.embo.org</p> <p>Karin Dumstrei (+49 6221 8891 122)</p> <p>Elsie Chan (+49 6221 8891 409), fellowships@embo.org</p>
Call identifier	EMBO-Postdoc-2025
Call info	<p>The EMBO Postdoctoral Fellowships are awarded for a period of up to two years and support post-doctoral research visits to laboratories throughout Europe and the world. International exchange is a key feature in the application process.</p> <p>As an awardee of the grant, you become part of the EMBO Fellows' network.</p>
Conditions / Restrictions	<p>The applicant must hold a PhD degree or equivalent at the start of the fellowship, at the latest. The PhD degree must have been obtained during the two years prior to the application submission. Exceptions to this rule are made for applicants with prolonged career breaks due to parental leave, etc</p> <p>The applicant must have at least one first (or joint first) author research paper accepted for publication or published in an international peer reviewed journal at the time the application is submitted. If the paper is not yet published but currently "accepted", "accepted in principle", "accepted for publication" or in a similar status, the applicant must submit a copy of the editorial letter proving the status of the paper to fellowships@embo.org. Do NOT indicate the journal impact factor. EMBO is a signatory of DORA, https://sfedora.org/</p> <p>A first author preprint with public in-depth peer reviews is also sufficient for eligibility, provided that: i) preprint is posted on a recognized community preprint server (e.g. ArXiv, bioRxiv, medRxiv, Zenodo), ii) the peer reviews are publicly available online, iii) peer reviews were verifiably obtained from an independent preprint peer review community service (e.g. "Peer Community In", "eLife", "Review Commons"), iv) the reviews provide in-depth expert analysis of the rigor and validity of the research and its contribution to the field. Informal comments, highlights and reviews posted by individuals are excluded. Do not list, as publications, papers submitted or in preparation, papers not in English or abstracts of conference presentations.</p> <p>The application must involve a change of country. Applications to move within the same country are eligible if the applicant has been living or working in that country for a maximum of six months during the 18 months prior to the time the application is submitted. The applicant may apply only to labs where they did not work for more than six months, and they cannot apply to the country where their PhD was awarded.</p> <p>The applicant needs to register for an EMBO online application account. Once login details for the account have been received it is possible to start an application. Figures and tables cannot be included in the application.</p> <p>The applicant may only submit one application, for one project, at one host laboratory in each round of selection. Reapplication is permitted only once, only in case of substantial changes to the proposal and/or the CV of the applicant.</p> <p>The applicant should list and activate two referees and the receiving institute contact person as soon as possible, preferably by 4 weeks prior to the deadline. It is the responsibility of the applicant to check that the referees and the receiving institute have received the request and have completed the form. The reference letters and acceptance letter from the receiving institute must use institutional email addresses and not private ones.</p> <p>It is the applicant's responsibility to arrange the interview with the interviewer and to make sure they have all the required documents in order before they travel. The applicant may be asked to give a seminar as part of the interview procedure.</p> <p>Applicants who wish to work in a Non-EMBC Member State must move from an EMBC Member State, must be nationals of an EMBC Member State, must have performed their PhD in one of the EMBC Member States.</p> <p>Starting with the Spring 2020 Call, EMBO will offer funds in EMBC member states for host institutions to issue employment contracts to awardees. Fellows outside EMBC member states will receive a stipend as before.</p>

Proposal consists of	<p>1) Online Application Form via the EMBO online system, https://applications.embo.org/register.php?reg=S019: (i) Applicant; (ii) Contact details for two referees (one must be your PhD supervisor and they cannot be from the receiving institution); (iii) Contact details for the receiving institute: supervisor, 3 key publications of the host laboratory, personal motivation, list of alternative laboratories in EMBC member states if applying outside the EMBC list; (iv) Proposed work: a 250-word summary, a 1500-word synopsis of the proposed activity, keywords, ethical information; (v) Present position & home institute: contact details and 500-word summary of the work carried out there; (vi) PhD award; (vii) Other funding sources; (viii) Scientific CV: research experience, education, publications; (ix) Further eligibility details</p> <p>2) Two reference letters: one must be from the PhD supervisor, neither can come from referees in the receiving institute</p> <p>3) Acceptance letter from the receiving institute</p>
Evaluation criteria	<p>Scientific achievements of the applicant (1) Scientific contributions and CV of the applicant. (2) Performance of the applicant based on reference letters.</p> <p>Project proposal (3) Quality, scope, novelty and biological significance of the proposed research. (4) Coherent and logical presentation of the research project.</p> <p>Host laboratory (5) Suitability of the host laboratory for the proposed research project and training of the applicant. (6) Scientific achievements of the host laboratory.</p> <p>Please note: Applications to work with host laboratories with which the candidate has collaborated in the past generally receive lower priority for funding. Projects that are a simple continuation of the applicant's PhD research will not be considered. Fellowships are awarded to candidates, but evaluation also takes into account the host laboratory suitability: significant changes to the project or move to a different laboratory would thus result in the termination of the fellowship.</p>
Research areas	Cell Cycle, Cell & Tissue Architecture, Cellular Metabolism, Chromatin & Transcription, Development, Differentiation & Death, Evolution & Ecology, Genome Stability & Dynamics, Genomic & Computational Biology, Immunology, Membranes & Transport, Microbiology, Virology & Pathogens, Molecular Medicine, Neuroscience, Plant Biology, Proteins & Biochemistry, RNA, Signal Transduction, Structural Biology & Biophysics, Systems Biology
Call workshop	None, FAQs https://www.embo.org/funding/fellowships-grants-and-career-support/postdoctoral-fellowships/faqs/
IOCB contact	<p>Please inform the IOCB Project Office (projectoffice@uochb.cas.cz) about your intention to apply.</p> <p>Do not hesitate to contact us anytime for consulting, discussion or help. Šárka Křížová +420 220 183 163</p>
Download documents	<p>EMBO-PDF-2025 summary</p> <p>EMBO-PDF-2025 Guidelines (Nov2024)</p> <p>EMBO-PDF-2025 Contract Rates (Spring2024)</p> <p>EMBO-PDF-2025 Travel and Relocation Policy (Feb2023)</p>