

Deadline	<b>Tue 01 Apr 2025 12:00 CEST Pre-application</b> (IOCB deadline 25 Mar 2025) <b>Thu 17 Jul 2025 Full application</b>
Call name	<b>EMBO: Young Investigator Programme 2025</b>
www	<a href="http://www.embo.org/funding-awards/young-investigators">http://www.embo.org/funding-awards/young-investigators</a>
Focused on	Career development: networking, support for the lab, support for the PI, outreach
PI	Junior researcher; an <b>independent group leader</b> (1–4 years) in life sciences at the pre-application deadline (no earlier than 01.04.2021 and no later than 01.04.2024)
Eligible organisation	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, Turkey, United Kingdom; Associated Member State: India, Singapore
Target group	Junior researcher and his/her research group: postdocs, PhD students
Expected outputs	<b>Networking:</b> (1) Annual Young Investigator meetings; (2) Support for European networks of junior PIs; (3) Joint group meetings; (4) Sectoral meetings; (5) Institute visits; <b>Support for the lab:</b> (6) lab retreat; (7) Job vacancies; (8) Creativity facilitation; (9) Young Investigator PhD courses; (10) Meeting grants; (11) Lab member visits (send a lab member for experiments or to learn a technique in another lab); (12) EMBL core facility access; (13) Invitation to Lindau Nobel laureate meeting for PhD students; <b>Support for the PI:</b> (14) Small grants up to 10 000 EUR; (15) Lab leadership courses; (16) Young Investigators 15 000 EUR award; (17) Child-care support; <b>Outreach:</b> (18) Inclusion in the EMBO directory; (19) EMBO Press; (20) Online database of grantees; (21) News & job announcements; (22) Conference support; (23) Lecture grants; (24) Awards
Call opens	Feb 2025
IOCB deadline	<b>25 Mar 2025</b>
Final deadline	<b>Tue 01 Apr 2025 12:00 CEST Pre-application</b> <b>The deadline for full applications is to be confirmed (expected mid-July 2025, tentatively set for July 17, 2025)</b>
Evaluation results	Approx. 50 applicants will be invited to submit a full application in late June. Online interview on 04 or 05 November 2025 Results announced to applicants within one week after the interviews
Signature of agreement	Dec 2025
Earliest date of implementation	01 Jan 2026
Latest date of implementation	31 Dec 2029
Sustainability	None
Reporting	Networking Application and Final Report Form; YIP Lecture Claim Form; YIP Travel Expense Claim Form
Project duration (min-max)	<b>4 years</b>
Allocation for the call	NA
Project budget (min-max)	<b>Reimbursement of individual activities</b> (for details see EMBO YIP Programme Guide)
Success rate	13% (2023); 12%, approx. 25 EMBO Young Investigators annually
Eligible costs	Travel expenses, accommodation, conferences/courses registration fees, access to core facilities at EMBL (Advanced Light Microscopy, Genomics, Proteomics, Protein Expression and Purification, Electron Microscopy, Flow Cytometry, Chemical Biology), publication fees for the EMBO Press journals, additional trainer/facilitator costs, baby-sitter
Reimbursement	<b>100% or up to limits of individual activities</b> (for details see EMBO YIP Programme Guide)
Mode of funding	Ex-post
Language of application	English

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Call identifier	EMBO-YIP- 2025
Call info	Through the Young Investigator Programme (YIP), EMBO identifies and supports some of the best young researchers in life sciences. EMBO Young Investigators (YIs) are group leaders in the early stages of setting up an independent laboratory in EMBC Member or Associate Member States. They receive financial and practical support for a period of four years to help them develop skills and connections that will help them during this career stage.
Conditions / Restrictions	<p>PI should have been an independent group leader for at least one year at the pre-application deadline and less than four years at the pre-application deadline (<b>01 Apr 2021 – 01 Apr 2024</b>). Independence is defined by: (i) being able to apply for grants in one's own name and reporting directly to funding agencies; (ii) being able to submit manuscripts as <b>last author</b> ('corresponding author' is not considered equivalent to 'last author'); (iii) being responsible for supervising graduate students and/or post docs in one's own lab.</p> <p>For female candidates with children the limit of four-years since independence is automatically extended by one year per child. For male applicants with children, the limits can be extended by the actual time taken off as paternity leave or – if their partner is working at least 80% FTE (full-time equivalent) – 3 months per child, whichever is longer.</p> <p>PI should have an <b>excellent track record</b>.</p> <p>PI is expected to have obtained <b>sufficient funding</b> to run his/her laboratory.</p> <p>PI must have published at least <b>one last author research paper</b> in an international peer reviewed journal from independent work carried out in his/her own laboratory. Last author reviews are not accepted.</p> <p>The last author research papers that have “in submission” status by the deadline (1 April). The status must be changed to “accepted” by the interview date.</p> <p>Applicants must be available to attend a virtual interview (via Zoom on 12 or 13 November 2024).</p> <p>Candidates are allowed to apply multiple times, but only once more after having been interviewed (i.e. candidates can only attend two interviews).</p> <p>Using Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools, as well as human feedback, in the preparation of funding applications. Applicants are fully and solely responsible for the originality and accuracy of their applications.</p> <p>PI should list and activate the referees as soon as possible, preferably 4 weeks prior to the deadline. It is responsibility of PI to check that the referees have received the request and complete the form.</p>
Proposal consists of	<p>EMBO online system: <a href="https://applications.embo.org/register.php?reg=P0M8">https://applications.embo.org/register.php?reg=P0M8</a></p> <p>Stage 1: <b>Pre-application</b> (Tue 01 Apr 2025 12:00 CEST)</p> <p>1) Online Application Form via the EMBO online system: (i) Basic CV data; (ii) ORCID ID, <a href="https://orcid.org/register">https://orcid.org/register</a>; (iii) Short summary of ongoing research (max 2000 characters including spaces); (iv) Details of three referees (applicant)</p> <p>2) Three Letters of Reference from three scientists (preferably former supervisors; referees; uploaded by the referees directly).</p> <p>3) PDF of the completed EMBO 2025 YIP Pre-application Form: (i) CV in reverse chronological order; (ii) Publications (applicant)</p> <p>Stage 2: <b>Full application</b> (Applicants who are selected for an interview will be asked to submit a full application in late June.)</p> <p>4) Online Application Form via the EMBO online system: (v) List of grants; (vi) List of lab members; (vii) Short description of the institute (applicant &amp; Project Office)</p> <p>5) PDF of the completed EMBO YIP 2025 Full application Form: (i) CV; (ii) Three best publications: summary and reasons for choosing the paper (each max 1000 characters including spaces); (iii) Research vision &amp; future directions (max 2 pages + references; figures can be added in jpg/png) (applicant)</p>
Evaluation criteria	<p>Approximately 50 applicants will be invited to submit a full application (Deadline for submission: TBC, mid-July 2025; tentatively set for July 17, 2025) and attend an interview with the selection committee. Scientific excellence, track record, research, group &amp; research environment, independence</p> <p>(1) Are the publications to date an indication that this is an outstanding scientist? (Please note that EMBO is a signatory of DORA and does not use journal-based metrics such as impact factor for evaluation.)</p> <p>(2) Has the applicant shown a willingness to change research area, which is an indication of an ability to tackle new and important problems?</p> <p>(3) Is the proposed research ambitious and likely to lead to novel contributions in the field?</p>

	<p>(4) Does the applicant have the potential to become a future leader in their field?</p> <p>(5) Are the number and the expertise of laboratory members and the available funds sufficient to undertake the described research?</p> <p>(6) Is the research environment conducive to competitive research?</p> <p>(7) Is the candidate intellectually and financially independent? Is the candidate able to apply for grants in their own name and report directly to funding agencies?</p> <p>(8) Is the candidate responsible for supervising graduate students and/or postdocs in their own lab?</p> <p>(9) What is the influence of former supervisors and institute heads on the candidate's current research?</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
IOCB contact	<p>Please inform the IOCB Project Office about your intention to apply.</p> <p>Do not hesitate to contact us anytime for consulting, discussion or help.</p> <p><a href="mailto:projectoffice@uochb.cas.cz">projectoffice@uochb.cas.cz</a>,</p>
Download documents	<p>EMBO YIP 2025 summary</p> <p>EMBO YIP 2025 Programme Guide</p> <p>EMBO YIP 2025 Committee guidelines</p> <p>EMBO YIP 2025 Application guidelines</p> <p>EMBO YIP 2025 Pre-application Form</p> <p>EMBO YIP 2025 Full application Form</p>