

Deadline	15 Apr 2025 12:00 CEST (IOCB deadline 8 Apr 2025)
Call name	EMBO: Installation Grants 2025
www	https://www.embo.org/funding-awards/installation-grants/apply
Focused on	Basic research in Life Sciences
PI	Early career researcher from anywhere in the world negotiating a full-time position at an institute or university in the Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Greece, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Montenegro, Poland, Portugal and Türkiye; PhD awarded between 14 Apr 2015 – 15 Apr 2025
Eligible organisation	One research organisation or university in the Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Greece, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Montenegro, Poland, Portugal and Türkiye.
Target group	Early career researcher and his/her research group: postdocs, PhD students, lab managers...
Expected outputs	(J) reviewed specialist article; (B) specialist book; (C) chapter in a specialist book
Call opens	Feb 2025
IOCB deadline	Tue 8 Apr 2025
Final deadline	Tue 15 Apr 2025 12:00 CEST
Evaluation results	late June 2025 pre-application results (ca 50% of applicants are selected for interview) Online Interviews – 28 or 29 October 2025 Mid -December 2025 - final results announced to applicants
Signature of agreement	
Earliest date of implementation	01 Jan 2026 – 31 Dec 2026
Latest date of implementation	NA
Sustainability	None
Reporting	scientific report & report from their institute in their 3 rd year Networking Application and Final Report Form for each activity
Project duration (min-max)	up to 5 years
Allocation for the call	NA
Project budget (min-max)	50 000 EUR per year (250 000 EUR per project) . From 2021 onwards, 35 000 EUR of the annual payments are provided by the respective funding agency in each of the participating country and 15 000 EUR are provided by EMBO funding.
Success rate	12%
Eligible costs	Direct costs: investments, personnel costs (max 20% to supplement the grantee's salary), travel expenses, equipment, goods & services, outsourcing (subcontracting), indirect costs: overheads max 10%
Reimbursement	100 %
Mode of funding	Ex-ante
Language of application	English
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Call identifier	EMBO-IG- 2025
Call info	EMBO Installation Grants support early-career group leaders establishing independent laboratories in countries participating in the scheme to strengthen the life sciences there. In the 2025 call, grants are available in Croatia, Czechia, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Montenegro, Poland, Portugal and Türkiye.
Conditions / Restrictions	PI should have received his/her PhD less than 9 years prior to application (14 Apr 2016 – 15 Apr 2025). Female PI with children, the limit of 9-years after PhD is automatically extended by 1 year/ child. Male PI with children – 9-years limit extended by the actual time of paternity leave.

	<p>PI must be negotiating a full-time position at an institute or university in the Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Greece, Poland, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Montenegro, Poland, Portugal and Türkiye -or Turkey by the date of application, or have established a laboratory in one of these countries in the last two years (counted from 15 Apr 2025: 15 Apr 2023 – 14 Apr 2025). In the four years prior to the application (16 Apr 2021 – 15 Apr 2025), PI should have spent at least two consecutive years outside the country in which he/she is planning to establish his/her laboratory. PI who has not yet started his/her new position, must take up the position and start the grant by 31 Dec in the year following application (31 Dec 2025). For successful PI who has already established his/her laboratory, the grant start date is 01 Jan in the year following application (01 Jan 2025).</p> <p>Candidates will be able to exclude three EMBO Members from the process with whom there may be a potential conflict of interest.</p> <p>Applicants must be able to attend an online interview on 28 or 29 October 2025.</p> <p>Candidates can apply multiple times, but only once more after having been interviewed (i.e. candidates can only attend two interviews).</p> <p>PI is expected to have obtained sufficient funding to run his/her laboratory.</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> <p>PI should list and activate the receiving institute contact person as soon as possible to allow sufficient time for the receiving institute to complete the form.</p> <p>EMBO acknowledges the value of 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 application.</p> <p>In case of re-application: when PI wishes to re-use previous letter/ letters of reference, PI has to fill out the name and postal address of the referee (s) in the form and enter yip@embo.org into the email field. The letter (s) from the most recent application will be added to the current application</p>
Proposal consists of	<p>EMBO online system, https://applications.embo.org/register.php?reg=58UW</p> <p>1) Online Application Form via the EMBO online system: (i) Basic CV data; (ii) ORCID ID, https://orcid.org/register; (iii) Summary of current research activities; (iv) Description of the institute; (v) Details of other funding applied for or already available to the lab; (vi) Contact details for three referees; (vii) Contact details for the person who will complete the receiving institute application on behalf of the receiving institute (applicant & Project Office)</p> <p>2) PDF of the completed 2025 Scientist offline Application Form: (i) CV; (ii) Publications; (iii) Two best publications: summary and reasons for choosing the paper (max 1000 characters including spaces); (iv) Synopsis of recent work (max 1 page); (v) Research (max 3 pages + bibliography); (vi) Budget outline (applicant & Project Office)</p> <p>3) Three Letters of Reference from three scientists (preferably former supervisors) (referees). All reference letters should be completed via the online system, no PDF/Word files sent by email to the YIP office will be accepted. Referees should follow the steps explained in the form and paste their letter text in the provided field. However, candidates will not be able to see the reference letters.</p> <p>4) Receiving Institute Online Application Form: (i) Description of the offer to the applicant: e.g. the start-up package offered to the applicant, including lab space, equipment, staff, access to central facilities, teaching or other duties, support of scientists career and future possibilities. Candidates are expected to have limited teaching and administrative duties; (ii) Duration of the appointment and the career prospects for the applicant at the institute; (iii) Institute infrastructure: including a listing of the equipment and colleagues relevant to the applicant's area of research; (iv) Selection process: details of the selection procedure, and the reasons for choosing the applicant (Project Office & applicant)</p> <p>5) Receiving Institute Confirmation Form: must be signed by the head of the institute (Project Office & Director) – required once a candidate is selected for an interview</p>
Evaluation criteria	<p>Track record, research, group & research environment, receiving institute offer, independence</p> <p>(1) Are the publications to date an indication that the applicant 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) Is the proposed research interesting and realistic?</p>

	<p>(5) Are the number and the expertise of laboratory members and the available funds sufficient to undertake the described research?</p> <p>(5) Is the research environment conducive to competitive research?</p> <p>(6) Are the number of laboratory members and the available funds sufficient to undertake the described research?</p> <p>(7) Does the receiving institute provide a good environment for the applicant, i.e. sufficient lab space, basic lab equipment, access to central facilities, availability of funding for students/technicians/postdoctoral researchers, colleagues relevant to the applicant's area of research etc. (An offer that is not considered adequate for the project presented by the applicant will receive low scores and as a result, may not be funded.)</p> <p>(8) What are the teaching requirements and other responsibilities of the applicant? Is the time that can be dedicated to research sufficient?</p> <p>(9) Is the candidate intellectually and financially independent? What is the influence of former supervisors and institute/department heads on the candidate's current research?</p> <p>Panel interview - in a hybrid format: the committee present on-site and candidates joining remotely via Zoom; 10 minutes research talk + 10 minutes Q&A with the panel, conducted by two sub-panels in parallel. Each panel consisting of 5 members of the Installation Grants Committee.</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 anytime to contact us for consulting, discussion or help.</p> <p>projectoffice@uochb.cas.cz, +420 220 183 229</p>
Download documents	<p>EMBO IG 2025 summary</p> <p>EMBO IG 2025 guidelines</p> <p>EMBO IG 2025 Committee guidelines</p> <p>EMBO IG 2025 Scientist offline Application form</p> <p>EMBO IG 2025 receiving institute confirmation form</p>