

# DOCTORAL MOBILITY FUNDS



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## ALTERNATIVES TO ERASMUS+

This document lists the main grants available for doctoral mobility. It is not intended to be exhaustive, but it can be seen as an attempt to present the main opportunities for doctoral students and compare them with Erasmus+ possibilities. Please also note that in this document we decided to summarize only European and national grants : of course there are many funding possibilities at local/regional level too, but it is hard to have a satisfactory overview. We tried to include some of them in other parts of the project, as exemples of good practices to increase mobility at third cycle level.

## EUROPEAN FUNDINGS

### COST Action

COST Action is a network dedicated to scientific collaboration, complementing national research funds. A COST Action is organised by a range of networking tools, such as meetings, conferences, workshops, short-term scientific missions, training schools, publications and dissemination activities. Funding covers the cost of COST Action networking tools.

For doctoral mobility, the main opportunity offered by COST action are the training schools.

Training Schools aim to facilitate capacity building on a topic relevant to the theme of the respective COST Action through the delivery of intensive training on a new or emerging subject. They can also offer familiarisation with unique equipment or expertise and are typically, although not exclusively, considered to be for the benefit of ECI and PhD students. They are not intended to provide general training.

Training Schools are recommended to last a minimum of 3 days.

Both Trainers and Trainees can be reimbursed for their long-distance travel expenses. The reimbursement of incurred accommodation, meals, and local travel expenses in the country where the meeting takes place is paid as one item known as daily allowance. The daily allowance considers the participant's travel start and end dates and hours. The daily allowance rate is determined based on the country where the event takes place. The daily allowance rates can be found on the COST website at [www.cost.eu/daily\\_allowance](http://www.cost.eu/daily_allowance) .

The daily allowance goes from 200€ (UK) to 160€ (Moldova)

Trainees eligible to be reimbursed:

Trainees shall be engaged in an official research programme as a PhD Student or postdoctoral fellow or can be employed by, or affiliated to, an institution, organisation or legal entity which has within its remit a clear association with performing research.

Trainees eligible for reimbursement:

1. Trainees from COST Full Members / COST Cooperating Member.
2. Action MC Observer from NNC.
3. Trainees from Approved European RTD Organisations.

Trainees not eligible to be reimbursed:

1. Trainees from COST Partner Members.
2. Action MC Observers from IPC.
3. Trainees from Approved IO, EU Commission, Bodies, Offices and Agencies.
4. Other Trainees not specifically mentioned as being eligible.

Source : <https://www.cost.eu/>

## H2020

**The Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions (MSCA)** provide grants for all stages of researchers' careers - be they doctoral candidates or highly experienced researchers - and encourage transnational, intersectoral and interdisciplinary mobility.

The Innovative Training Networks (ITN) aim to train a new generation of creative, entrepreneurial and innovative early-stage researchers, able to face current and future challenges and to convert knowledge and ideas into products and services for economic and social benefit.

ITN supports competitively selected joint research training and/or doctoral programmes, implemented by partnerships of universities, research institutions, research infrastructures, businesses, SMEs, and other socio-economic actors from different countries across Europe and beyond.

There are three types of Research networks:

- European Training Networks;
- European Industrial Doctorates; and

- European Joint Doctorates.

European Training Networks help researchers gain experience of different working environments while developing transferable skills.

European Industrial Doctorates help PhD candidates step outside academia and develop skills in industry and business.

This type of network is provided by at least one academic partner and partners from the business world. Individuals are enrolled in a doctoral programme and jointly supervised by the academic and non-academic partners.

European Joint Doctorates promote international collaboration that cuts across different business and research sectors.

They are run by a minimum of three academic organisations forming a network to supervise joint, double or multiple degrees.

A Career Development Plan should be established jointly by the supervisor(s) and each early-stage researcher recruited by the selected network. In addition to research objectives, this plan comprises the researcher's training and career needs, including training on transferable skills, teaching, planning for publications and participation in conferences.

Attention is paid to the quality of supervision and mentoring arrangements as well as career guidance. Joint supervision of the researchers is mandatory for EJD and for EID, and encouraged in ETN.

In EID and EJD, fellowships offered to early-stage researchers should lead to a doctoral degree. EJD result in joint, double or multiple doctoral degrees awarded by institutions from at least two different countries, primarily within Europe.

Grants (for individuals) cover:

- recruitment and training of each researcher for up to three years. The researcher is hired under an employment contract and benefits from a monthly living allowance, social security cover, plus a mobility and family allowance.
- research costs including the organisation of joint activities and conferences.

## COFUND

The COFUND scheme aims to stimulate regional, national or international programmes to foster excellence in researchers' training, mobility and career development, spreading the best practices of the Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions.

Doctoral programmes address the development and broadening of the research competencies of early-stage researchers. The training follows the EU Principles on Innovative Doctoral Training. Substantial training modules, including digital ones, addressing key transferable skills common to all fields and fostering the culture of Open Science, innovation and entrepreneurship will be supported. Collaboration with a wider set of partner organisations, including from the non-academic sector, which may provide hosting or secondment opportunities or training in research or transferable skills, as well as innovative and interdisciplinary elements of the proposed programme, will be positively taken into account during the evaluation.

Each researcher must be enrolled in a doctoral programme. Attention is paid to the quality of supervision and mentoring arrangements as well as career guidance. The selection procedure for doctoral candidates must be open, transparent and merit-based. The vacancy notice must include the minimum gross salary offered to the researcher, as set out in the proposal.

The EU contribution to the researcher costs must be used exclusively for the living allowance provided for the benefit of the researcher appointed under the programme. In addition to the researcher unit cost, there will be an EU contribution for institutions on the basis of unit costs.

## INTERNATIONAL GRANTS

### Utrecht Network Young Researchers Grant

The Utrecht Network Young Researchers Grant is designed to promote and further enhance the Network's support to students and staff as well as broaden mobility between the Network's institutions.

Within the framework of the Young Researchers Grant up to 20 scholarships of €1,000 each will be offered to students, who might not be eligible for other scholarship programmes such as ERASMUS+ (e.g. length of stay is under 2 months).

The Utrecht Network Young Researchers Grant is for self-organised mobility at one of the Utrecht Network partner universities. Please check the members section for an overview of all member institutions.

Please note that the host institution cannot be in the same country as the Institution you are enrolled in.



The grant is limited to thesis research on masters or PhD level. Students are allowed to take courses as well. However priority will be given to 'research-only' PhD students.

Since the study/research period including the application is self-organised, students are expected to check possible research areas of the university they want to apply to and to find the supervisor by themselves. International Relations Office may offer help in finding a supervisor but it is considered that this task is part of a student's project and should be done by the student.

Prerequisites:

- Masters/PhD level
- Length of stay: 1 – 6 months (mobility is not restricted to semesters, but may also take place during the holidays)
- Students, who are eligible for an ERASMUS grant, cannot apply for this grant

Period of Mobility:

- The period of mobility must be between 1 April 2020- 31 March 2021
- Grant: €1,000

<http://www.utrecht-network.org/activities/young-researchers-grant/>

### **Coimbra Group Short Stay Scholarship Programme for young researchers from Sub-Saharan Africa**

Universities of the Coimbra Group offer short-term visits (generally 1 to maximum 3 months) to young African researchers from higher education institutions from Sub-Saharan Africa. The main aim of this scholarship programme is to enable scholars to undertake research in which they are engaged in their home institution and to help them to establish academic and research contacts. The scholarships are financially supported by the Coimbra Group member universities participating in this programme, while the Coimbra Group Office is in charge of the administrative management of the applications.

Applicants should be: nationals of and current residents in a country in Sub-Saharan Africa, current staff members of a university or an equivalent higher education institution in Sub-Saharan Africa, preferably of doctoral/postdoctoral or equivalent status.

Financial conditions are set up by each member university.

<https://www.coimbra-group.eu/scholarships/sub-saharan-africa/>

## Visegrad Scholarship Program

**Visegrad scholarship for Bachelor students from Visegrad countries** (citizens of Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia) to study abroad at any accredited university in another Visegrad country.

**Visegrad scholarship for Master and post-Master students from Visegrad countries** (citizens of Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia) to study abroad at any accredited university/institute in other Visegrad country and in Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Kosovo\*, Moldova, Montenegro, Northern Macedonia, Serbia and Ukraine.

**Visegrad scholarship for Master and post-Master students who are citizens of Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Kosovo\*, Moldova, Montenegro, Northern Macedonia, Serbia and Ukraine** to study abroad in the Visegrad countries.

Study period/length of support is 1–4 semesters for full-time Master's level studies, and for Bachelor studies, or 1–2 semesters for post-Master's full-time studies/research

The amount of the support is €2,500/semester for scholar + €1,500/semester for the host institution. A detailed working plan of the study/research is required for applicants for **post-master's research/studies**.

<https://www.visegradfund.org/apply/mobilities/visegrad-scholarship/?c=about>

## CEEPUS

CEEPUS is the short form for Central European Exchange Program for University Studies and is a multilateral University exchange program in the extended Danube region based on an international Agreement. It went into force in 1995 with back then six signing states. Today after over 25 years of successful cooperation there are 15+ members states who joint the current CEEPUS III agreement. The main activity of CEEPUS is the support of knowledge transfer, knowledge exchange and experience. CEEPUS mainly funds cooperation networks between universities in the member states through mobility grants for students and teachers. Since 1995 approximate 75.000 mobility applications have been awarded in the framework of our program.

The member countries are: Albania, Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Croatia, Hungary, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia. Kosovo is a cooperating partner.

Each academic year each CEEPUS country is nominating their list of eligible universities. Only students and teachers of eligible universities can receive CEEPUS grants.

The categories of grants are:

- Student: AT LEAST 3 months of mobility
- Short Term Student: LESS than 3 months, e.g. for a regular excursion (min. 6 days) or thesis student.
- Short Term Excursion (min. 3 days – max. 6 days)

CEEPUS grants are limited to 10 months each for BA and MA cycle. For PhD students there is no restriction.

<https://www.ceepus.info/default.aspx#nbb>

## **BUP Mobility Grant**

The Baltic University Programme have activities, grants and awards directed to PhD students and young scientists.

The aim with the BUP Mobility Grant is to develop and strengthen the cooperation among young researchers in the Baltic Sea region. The grants are intended to support young scholars from BUP Member Universities in their research on sustainable development.

The BUP Mobility Grant is open to PhD students and Postdoc scholars from all BUP Member Universities;

The applications can be made for the mobility funding of new research projects (in whole or in part), or as a financial contribution to ongoing ones - as far as the applicant stay at another university in the Baltic Sea region during the mobility grant period. The idea is that the grant will cover travel and accommodation which will be handled by the BUP coordinating secretariat in Uppsala.

Applicants representing any discipline are welcome to apply;

The proposed research project needs to be directly connected to the field of sustainable development and the Baltic Sea region.

The awarded maximum is a total value of 3,000 Euros.

<https://www.balticuniv.uu.se/education/phd-training/bup-mobility-grant-2020/>

## UniGR Doctorate Label

The “European doctorate label of the University of the Greater Region” - or in short the “UniGR doctorate degree” - allows to give doctorate an international dimension without registering for a “cotutelle-de-thèse” programme.

All doctoral students (with or without “cotutelles”) of the UniGR partner universities can apply for this label.

A part of the candidate’s research work has to be performed outside the home university country, in one or several European universities for at least 6 month (including at least 3 month in a UniGR university).

Doctoral students you access local courses in the field of key competencies at all six partner universities and use the libraries on-site. Travel costs for research stays at partner universities can be partly subsidised by a special mobility fund (depending on the partner university, different conditions exist).

<http://www.uni-gr.eu/en/doctorate>

## NATIONAL GRANTS

### Croatia

#### **Bilateral cooperation**

This mobility scheme is based on bilateral agreements, exchange programmes and other implementation acts of the Republic of Croatia. Higher education and scientific cooperation entails scholarship exchanges and the implementation of international research projects.

Each year a limited number of scholarships are awarded through bilateral programmes for Croatian citizens abroad and for international students and researchers at Croatian higher education and scientific institutions. Calls for application are published at the beginning of the calendar year for the following academic year.

Croatian Ministry of Science and Education and the Agency for Mobility and EU Programmes award scholarships to the citizens of the following countries:

Belgium (Flanders), Bulgaria, China, Germany (Bavaria), Greece, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Macedonia, Montenegro, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovak Republic, Spain, Turkey and Ukraine.

Based on the signed bilateral agreements, scholarships are awarded to incoming students, teachers, scholars and researchers under these categories:

One semester studies for students of Croatian Language abroad

- semester / partial studies (3-10 months)
- undergraduate / graduate studies
- full PhD programme (36 months) / partial PhD studies (12 months)
- postdoctoral studies, research (1-10 months)
- research visit (3-21 days or 1-10 months)
- summer course

Monthly allowance: 1.800,00 HRK (240€, approximatively)

<https://www.mobilnost.hr/en/content/bilateral-programmes-of-mobility-in-higher-education/>

## Denmark

The Danish Government Scholarships under the Cultural Agreements are aimed at highly qualified Master's level exchange students and PhD students wishing to immerse themselves in studies of the Danish language and culture or other fields of study related to Denmark.

Scholarships are offered to exchange students at the Master's level and PhD-level students from higher education institutions in the following countries: Brazil, China, Egypt, Japan, South Korea and Russia.

<https://ufm.dk/en/education/programmes-supporting-cooperation-and-mobility/the-cultural-agreements-programme>

## Estonia

### **Dora Plus PhD student mobility**

The purpose of the Dora Plus scholarships for PhD student mobility is to improve the awareness of young researchers of diverse teaching and research practices, encourage their involvement in international cooperation projects, improve the completion rates of PhD studies, and strengthen the compliance of doctoral studies in Estonian universities with the principles of innovative doctoral studies. The Dora Plus scholarship fund is provided by the European Regional Development Fund and Estonian government. Scholarships are

awarded to support the mobility of the PhD students of Estonian universities to universities or research institutions abroad. Single mobility episode can last from 1 to 10 month. PhD students can use the grant multiple times during their nominal period of study, taking into account that each mobility shall last 31 calendar days, at least, and each PhD student can receive a scholarship for 10 months in total (all mobility periods combined). The selection of participants is organised by the participating universities.

The scholarship for Dora Plus PhD student mobility can cover the costs travel and subsistence during the mobility period on the basis of fixed unit prices only.

<http://haridus.archimedes.ee/en/dora-phd-mobility>

### **Scholarship for foreign students (MA and PhD) in Estonian Universities:**

The purpose of supporting the learning mobility of international masters and PhD students is to increase the proportion of international master and PhD students in the Estonian higher education institutions, improve the capability of the Estonian higher education institutions to involve international students and strengthen the compliance of the doctoral studies with the principles of innovative doctoral studies.

#### **Dora Plus Action 2 provides support to:**

- foreign Master`s students, who study full-time in Estonia (support is provided one academic year at a time);
- foreign Doctoral students, who study full time during the nominal time of their studies (NB! New students will not be admitted under this scheme);
- short-term study or research of visiting Doctoral students in Estonia (1-10 months).

For short-term PhD mobility, the amount of the scholarship is:

- monthly living allowance 660 euros per month (The fixed unit prices for subsistence grant are established per destination country);
- travel grant (amount of the grant depends on distance between Estonia and the country of residence).

<http://haridus.archimedes.ee/en/scholarship-foreign-students-ma-and-phd-estonian-universities-t22>

## **Finland**

### **The Finnish Government Scholarship Pool**

The Finnish Government Scholarship Pool grants are intended for doctoral level post-grad-

uate studies and research in Finnish universities and public research centres.

The scholarship grant can be awarded for 3 to 9 months. It is 1,500 euros/month and is paid to the applicant in full. It is enough to cover the living costs of only one person in Finland. Travel expenses to Finland and within Finland will not be covered. The scholarship holder must also pay for the insurance and visa costs themselves.

<https://www.oph.fi/en/development/finnish-government-scholarship-pool>

### **EDUFI Fellowship**

The EDUFI Fellowship is intended for providing initial funding to carry out research for a doctoral thesis in Finland.

The fellowship grant is intended for post-graduate studies as well as research and teaching cooperation in Finnish universities in all fields of study.

The fellowship is for a non-Finnish post-graduate (post Master's degree) student or a young researcher invited to Finland or who has been in Finland for a maximum of one year before applying for the fellowship.

The EDUFI Fellowship is available to all foreign nationals and all fields of study.

The grant is awarded:

- for starting work on a doctoral research project if the whole doctoral thesis will be completed in a Finnish university. You cannot apply for the grant at the end of a research project or for post-doctoral research.
- for completing a double degree in Finland.
- for a study visit for post-graduate students working on a doctoral thesis in a university outside Finland, if there are particularly compelling reasons for the cooperation.

The grant is intended to cover the living costs of the fellow in Finland.

<https://www.oph.fi/en/development/edufi-fellowship>

## **France**

### **Eiffel Excellence Scholarship Program**

The Eiffel Excellence Scholarship Program was established by the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs to enable French higher education institutions to attract top foreign students to enroll in their masters and PhD programs.

It gives opportunity to the future foreign decision-makers of the private and public sectors, in priority areas of study, and encourages applicants up to 30 years old from developing countries at master's level, and applicants up to 35 years old from developing and industrialized countries at PhD level.

The doctoral component supports up to 12 months of doctoral research in France as part of a joint doctoral program. The 12 months may be divided into 2 or 3 separate periods and may be spread over a maximum of 3 calendar years.

French institutions nominating candidates for the Eiffel Program commit to admit them to a joint doctoral program (joint supervision of dissertation and/or dual degree), in partnership with a partner institution abroad.

### **The Hubert Curien Partnerships (PHC)**

The Hubert Curien Partnerships, which promote the mobility of scientists involved in bilateral research projects, are an important component of France's program of scientific cooperation.

The funds allocated to research teams under the Hubert Curien Partnerships are designed to finance the international portion of researchers' mobility expenses. The involvement of doctoral candidates and junior researchers in the project is among selection criteria.

Funding schemes are different according to the specific PHC. In general, it allows a living allowance and travel expenses for short mobility or longer stays.

Some examples:

PHC Toubkal (Morocco) funds 45€/day for doctoral mobility in the framework of joint programmes; the mobility should last between 3 and 6 months.

PHC Maimonide (Israel) funds between 160€ and 180€ per day, up to 10 days; for longer mobility between 2550€ and 2700€ per month.

<https://www.campusfrance.org/en/resource/supporting-mobility-for-researchers-the-hubert-curien-partnerships>

## **Germany**

### **Research Grants • Short-Term Grants • DAAD**

The primary aim of this programme is to promote research projects within the context of doctoral programmes.

Excellent-qualified doctoral candidates and young academics and scientists who have



completed a Master's degree or Diplom, or in exceptional cases a Bachelor's degree at the latest by the time they begin their grant-supported research, or those who have already completed a PhD (postdocs).

Doctoral candidates who are already doing their doctorate at a German university cannot apply.

- Duration of the funding:

One month to a maximum of six months; the length of the grant is decided by a selection committee and depends on the project in question and the applicant's work schedule.

The grant is non-renewable.

- Value:

Depending on academic level, monthly payments of euros 861.- for graduates, euros 1,200.- for doctoral candidates and postdocs

Payments towards health, accident and personal liability insurance cover

Travel allowance

## **Research Grants • Bi-nationally Supervised Doctoral Degrees / Cotutelle • DAAD**

### *What can be funded?*

Option a) Doctorate with bi-national supervision following the "sandwich model": Research stays at a state or state-recognised institution of higher education or a non-university research institute in Germany as part of a doctoral programme in the home country.

Option b) Doctorate following the "Cotutelle" procedure: Research stays at a state or state-recognised institution of higher education for the preparation of a doctoral thesis, which is supervised and carried out bi-nationally on the basis of an individually concluded cooperation contract.

Applicants should outline how they plan to divide their time between Germany and the home university and possibly specify plans to visit a third country (e.g. for the purpose of collecting material) in a work and time schedule in their application.

During stays at their home university, the grant is interrupted.

Option a) Bi-national supervision following the "sandwich model": Grants are initially awarded for up to 12 months. Extensions depend on whether the selection committee considers the previous award period to have been successfully completed.

Option b) Doctorate following the "Cotutelle" procedure: Grants are initially awarded

for up to 18 months; there is the possibility for a one-off study completion grant for up to 6 months.

Monthly payments for doctoral candidates during the stay in Germany: 1,200 euros.

<https://www.daad.de/en/>

## Greece

### Doctorate Scholarships IKY

IKY supports PhD students and offers scholarships in order for them to elaborate a doctoral thesis in Greece and / or abroad.

From 2016 to date, IKY implements circles of scholarship programmes in three (3) scientific sectors (Natural Sciences, Engineering, Life Sciences, Social and Humanitarian Sciences) in order for PhD students to elaborate a doctoral thesis in Greece. These Programmes aim at the support of new scientists and at the production of high research results. The project is co-financed by Greece and the European Union (European Social Fund- ESF) through the Operational Programme «Human Resources Development, Education and Lifelong Learning 2014- 2020».

<https://www.iky.gr/en/scholarships/doctoral-engl>

## Ireland

### Government of Ireland – International Education Scholarships

Government of Ireland International Education Scholarships will be awarded to high calibre students from non-EU/EEA countries to study full-time in Ireland for a period of one year.

The following are the terms and conditions that will apply: The HEA will award a scholarship fund to the student (through the HEI that the student is attending) amounting to €10,000 for one study year and a full fee waiver of all tuition and other registration costs at the higher education institution. This fund is directed at covering student costs and living expenses.

The scholarship may be for:

- the final year of an undergraduate programme;
- one year of a taught master's degree programme or;
- one year of a research programme (i.e. one year of a 2-year research masters or a 3-4-year PhD programme).

<http://eurireland.ie/2020/02/10/government-of-ireland-international-education-scholarships-2020/>

## Italy

Grants for foreign citizens and Italian citizens living abroad awarded by the Italian government

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI) offers grants in favor of foreign citizens not residing in Italy and Italian citizens living abroad (IRE) for the academic year 2019-2020 in order to foster international cultural, scientific and technological cooperation, to promote Italian language and culture and to support Italy's economic system in the world (According to Law 288/55 and its subsequent changes and additions).

Grants are offered to pursue study, training, and/or research programs at Italian Higher Education Institutes, both public and legally recognised.

### - **PhD program**

Grants for a PhD program are awarded for a period of study of 6 (six) or 9 (nine) months.

To be admitted to a PhD in Italy, applicants need to meet the entry requirements and academic qualifications established by the University; they are also required to provide a letter of acceptance on behalf of the relevant Italian University.

### - **Research under academic supervision (Progetti in co-tutela)**

Grants for a research under academic supervision are awarded for a period of study of 6 (six) or 9 (nine) months.

This type of grants can be awarded to research projects carried out at the Italian Research Institutions (i.e Italian Research Council - CNR, Italian National Institute of Health – ISS, Italian National Institute for Nuclear Physics – INFN, Italian National Institute for Astrophysics – INAF, The Italian Institute for Environmental Protection and Research - ISPRA) under the academic supervision of public Universities or Museums and Archives.

Applicants must submit a research project and the letter of admission on behalf of the host University/Institute; they are also required to provide the name and contacts (e-mail address) of their supervisors.

Grantees will receive a 900 Euros monthly allowance on a quarterly basis.

[https://www.esteri.it/mae/en/servizi/stranieri/opportunita/borsestudio\\_stranieri.html](https://www.esteri.it/mae/en/servizi/stranieri/opportunita/borsestudio_stranieri.html)

## Latvia

### Latvian state scholarships

In accordance with bilateral agreements on co-operation in education and science concluded between Latvian government and a few countries Latvia offers scholarships to foreign students, researchers and teaching staff for studies, research and participation in summer schools in Latvian higher education institutions (HEIs)

Citizens from countries that have signed an agreement with Latvia or offer scholarships for Latvian citizens can apply for the Latvian state scholarships.

For PhD, the scholarship covers 11 months of studies in Latvia with a grant of 670€/month.

[http://viaa.gov.lv/eng/scholarships\\_gov/scholarships\\_for\\_studies/](http://viaa.gov.lv/eng/scholarships_gov/scholarships_for_studies/)

## Lithuania

### Short term studies

Type of scholarship: Short term (1-2 semesters) studies

Number of scholarships: 30

Scholarships for short-term studies in Lithuania offered for candidates who are students of higher education institutions of the following countries:

- The Eastern Partnership countries: Belarus, Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Armenia.
- ASEM countries: Australia, Bangladesh, Brunei, the Philippines, India, Indonesia, Japan, Kazakhstan, Cambodia, China, South Korea, Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, New Zealand, Pakistan, Russia, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam.
- Lithuania priority export market countries: Sweden, Germany, Norway, Finland, the United Kingdom, France, Poland, Belgium, Denmark, the Netherlands, Latvia, Estonia, the USA, Israel.

Candidates of the third study cycle and resident studies approved for the short-term studies will receive a monthly scholarship of approx. 468 EUR. Tuition fee for studies will be covered by the Republic of Lithuania and directly transferred to the higher education institution. Travel and accommodation costs shall be covered by the scholarship holder. Candidates of the third study cycle and medical residency are required to provide a detailed activities plan (research activities, writing a scientific article, giving lectures, and etc.).

## Poland

### **Nawa STER Programme: internationalization of doctoral schools**

Systemic support for the internationalisation of Polish doctoral schools within the following scope:

- improving the quality of education and research
- increasing the international mobility of doctoral students and staff
- supporting long-term international cooperation of doctoral schools
- acquiring doctoral students and supervisors from abroad
- providing scholarships for doctoral students implementing doctoral projects in international cooperation and aiming at obtaining a joint degree or double degree
- implementing research projects of international character

#### WHAT KIND OF ACTIVITIES ARE COVERED BY THE PROGRAMME?

- activities related to the acquisition of foreign doctoral students
- providing NAWA scholarships for the best doctoral students
- implementing doctoral projects in international cooperation and aiming at obtaining a joint degree or double degree
- providing support of foreign mobility for the best doctoral students from 1 to 10 months, receiving education at the doctoral school
- developing activities related to internationalisation “at home”
- activities related to the development of international cooperation of doctoral schools
- activities related to content management of the Project.

<https://nawa.gov.pl/en/institutions/ster-internationalisation-of-doctoral-schools>

### **NAWA PROM Programme: International scholarship exchange of PhD candidates and academic staff**

The aim of the project is to create a mechanism of financial support for scholarship exchange of PhD candidates and academic staff programmes. These programmes will enable participation in short forms of education (lasting from 5 to 30 days) which are aimed at increasing competences and qualifications. The project will contribute to the improvement of accessibility of international education programmes and will increase the mobility of the personnel both in the field of visits of representatives of Polish universities and scientific institutions abroad as well as arrivals of scholarship holders to Poland, including people from outside the EU.

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<https://nawa.gov.pl/en/institutions/prom-programme>

## Romania

Scholarships offered by the Romanian State to foreign citizens through the MFA

The scholarships are granted for three levels of study: for 3rd cycle (PhD) this scheme is dedicated to the graduates of university/postgraduate studies (i.e. Master); it lasts for 3-4 years, in keeping with the specific requirements of the chosen faculty, and ends with a doctoral thesis.

The scholarship consists of: Free-of-charge tuition, Free-of-charge accommodation, financial support - a monthly amount representing the equivalent in Romanian currency of 85 EURO per month, for post graduate students (doctorate degree) 3rd cycle.

These scholarships do not cover food, international and local transport. The candidates must be prepared to personally support any other additional expenses

<http://www.mae.ro/en/node/10251>

Scholarships for students from Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein who can study in Romania or be part of [research] projects and from Romania to Norway, Liechtenstein and Iceland.

The general objective of the Programme – to enhance the human capital and knowledge base in Romania – is materialised in the Higher Education (HE) system through mobility and cooperation projects between the Romanian universities and universities from the Donor States. The projects will have a direct impact on the development of personal and professional skills of the students and academic staff.

Participants in mobility could be:

- Students in any study cycle (bachelor, master, PhD) and recent graduates
- Staff of a HEI (teaching or non-teaching staff)

Students mobility for study: from 3 to 12 months

Students mobility for traineeships: from 2 to 12 months

The individual support takes the form of unit costs, as following:

- individual support (subsistence) for Romanian students undertaking a study or traineeships mobility to one of the DS - 1200 € /month
- individual support (subsistence) for DS students coming for study or traineeships to Romania - 1000 € /month

<http://www.eea4edu.ro/en/who-can-apply/higher-education/>

## Slovakia

### **National Scholarship Programme of the Slovak Republic**

#### **Incoming Students**

The National Scholarship Programme of the Slovak Republic supports mobility of international PhD students, university teachers, researchers and artists for scholarship stays at higher education institutions and research organisations in Slovakia. The programme is funded by the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic.

Eligibility: PhD students whose higher education or scientific training takes place outside Slovakia and who are accepted by a public, private or state university or a research institution in Slovakia eligible to carry out a doctoral study programme (e.g. the Slovak Academy of Sciences) for an academic mobility to study and/or conduct research in Slovakia. Citizens of any country in the world (except the citizens of Slovakia) can apply for a scholarship stay in Slovakia in the framework of the National Scholarship Programme of the Slovak Republic.

The duration of a scholarship stay is 1 – 10 months. The scholarship is intended to cover international scholarship holders' living costs (food, accommodation, etc.), during their study, research/artistic or teaching stay at universities and in research organisations in Slovakia (734€ per month).

#### **Outgoing Students**

PhD students studying at universities (including external education institutions, e.g. Slovak Academy of Sciences) in Slovakia in order to undertake a study and/or research/artistic stay (1 — 10 months) outside Slovakia during their doctoral studies. The Programme is not country limited. Students can apply for a scholarship stay in any country of the world. The amount of the scholarship is set for every country separately. The scholarship shall cover

average living costs in the respective country during the stay. The amount of the travel grant depends on the distance (in a direct line) between applicant's place of residence in Slovakia and the place of his/her stay abroad.

<https://www.scholarships.sk/en/main/o-programe>

## Slovenia

### **Bilateral scholarships**

The Ministry of Education, Science and Sport of the Republic of Slovenia hereby offers the number of scholarship months to foreign nationals, on the basis of bilateral agreements (between the governments/ministries).

Bilateral agreements that address cooperation and mobility reciprocity in the field of higher education are signed with the following countries: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Greece, Hungary, India, Israel, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Montenegro, Poland, People's Republic of China, North Macedonia, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Switzerland and Turkey.

The study mobility may last from 3 to 10 months depending upon the bilateral agreement and its specifications. Majority of the applications are approved for study mobility in a form of short time study mobility or research visit.

For the academic year 2020/2021, the scholarship comprises of:

- 300 EUR\* per month - the amount is periodically reviewed and adjusted each January\*
- free accommodation in the facilities (student dormitory) of the Student Centre of the Universities
- Subsidised meals - 2,63 EUR/per working day via Student Organisation of Slovenia
- basic medical insurance for non-EU applicants if there is no bilateral agreement on health insurance between Slovenia and the applicant's home country

<https://studyinslovenia.si/study/exchange-programmes/>

## Switzerland

### **Swiss Programme for Erasmus+ (SEMP)**



Since 2014, Switzerland has no longer been a programme country of Erasmus+, but a partner country. To enable Swiss institutions to continue taking part in cooperation and mobility activities with the Erasmus+ programme countries, the Federal Council adopted an interim solution financed with Swiss funds. This Swiss programme for Erasmus+ funds the participation of people and institutions from Switzerland (outgoing). In order to offer reciprocity, financial support is also provided for people and institutions from Europe to spend a period of time in Switzerland (incoming). The Swiss Programme for Erasmus+ is largely based on the EU's Erasmus+ programme. In Switzerland it facilitates in higher education both, mobility projects for individuals and interinstitutional cooperation between higher education institutions. It therefore supports universities, universities of applied sciences and colleges of higher education in their internationalisation efforts, in European cooperation and in the organisation of mobility opportunities for students and higher education staff through various programmes at different levels. Funding is granted to projects that help establish international links and improve quality in the Swiss education system.

<https://www.movetia.ch/en/programmes/swiss-programme-for-erasmus>

## Canada

Mitacs Globalink offers two-way mobility opportunities between Canada and Mitacs partner countries for both undergraduate and graduate students.

<https://www.mitacs.ca/en/programs/globalink/come-to-canada>

## USA

### **Fulbright Scholarships**

The Fulbright program offers scholarships to pursue postgraduate studies in US universities in any discipline. Grants include: enrollment, travel, purchase of books and materials, maintenance, and medical and accident insurance.

<https://us.fulbrightonline.org/>

## Japan

### **Vulcanus program**

The Vulcanus program allows students of the European Union to spend a year in Japan under the following conditions:

A one-week seminar on Japan

4 months of intensive Japanese courses

8 months internship in a Japanese company

At present, the grant given is about 16,000 euros (1,900,000 yen) and the accommodation is free.

<https://www.eu-japan.eu/events/vulcanus-japan>

## OTHER FUNDS<sup>1</sup>

### Bavarian-French Research Stays and Internships

Funding Body: Bayerisch-Französische Hochschulzentrum (BFHZ-CCUFB - Bavarian-French University Centre)

Grants awarded to students at universities in Bavaria and France for study visits and short research internships in the partner country.

BayFrance is a joint institution of the Technical University of Munich (TUM) and the Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (LMU) and acts as a regional interface for Franco-German co-operation in research and teaching. BayFrance is funded by the Bavarian State Ministry of Science, Research and the Arts (BStMWFK) and the French Foreign Ministry.

BayFrance awards mobility grants to students at universities in Bavaria and France who wish to complete a study visits or research internship at a university or research institution in the partner country.

Eligibility Criteria:

Eligible to apply are students who are enrolled at an institution of higher education in Bavaria or France.

To be eligible for funding the planned study visits must have a duration of four months or more. In the case of research internships, the minimum duration is one month.

Value Notes:

Awards consist of a one-off lump sum payment of €500 in addition to a location-dependent travel allowance of up to €450.

Restrictions:

Excluded from the scope of the programme are trips for internships at commercial enterprises.

Bavarian-French Research Stay and Internship Programme (German only)

<https://www.bayern-france.org/de/foerderung/unsere-foerderprogramme/studierende/>

Bavarian-French University Centre

<https://www.bayern-france.org/de/>

## **Chateaubriand Fellowship - Humanities and Social Sciences**

Funding Body: Embassy of France in the United States

Description:

Financial support is available to PhD students registered at American universities who wish to conduct part of their doctoral research in the fields of humanities or social sciences in France.

The Chateaubriand Fellowship for Humanities and Social Sciences is a fellowship programme offered by the Cultural Services of the French Embassy in the United States. It targets outstanding PhD students from American universities who seek to engage in research in France, in any discipline of the humanities and social sciences.

The purpose of the scheme is to foster bilateral cooperation at the doctoral and research levels and to build and strengthen bridges between France and the United States. Research stays are for four or eight months, beginning in either February (four months) or October (four or eight months).

Eligibility Criteria:

Candidates must be currently working on their PhD in the fields of humanities or social sciences.

Candidates do not have to be US citizens, but they must be enrolled at an American university.

French citizens are not eligible to apply.

Value Notes:

Chateaubriand fellows receive the following:

- A monthly stipend of 1500 €.

- Health insurance for the entire duration of the fellowship.
- A round-trip ticket to France.

Chateaubriand Fellowship for Humanities and Social Sciences Information Page

<https://www.chateaubriand-fellowship.org/Eligibility-Guidelines-HSS>

Chateaubriand Fellowship Homepage

<https://www.chateaubriand-fellowship.org/>

## **Chateaubriand Fellowship - STEM and Health**

Funding Body: Embassy of France in the United States

Description:

Financial support is available to PhD students registered at American universities who wish to conduct part of their doctoral research in the fields of science, technology, engineering, mathematics or health in a French laboratory.

The Chateaubriand Fellowship in Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM) and Health for doctoral students aims to initiate or reinforce collaborations, partnerships or joint projects between French and American research teams. The Fellowship supports PhD students registered at American universities who wish to conduct part of their doctoral research in a French laboratory.

This fellowship is offered by the Office for Science and Technology (OST) of the Embassy of France in the United States in partnership with American universities and French research organisations such as the French National Center for Scientific Research, the French National Institute of Health and Medical Research and the French National Institute for Computer Science and Applied Mathematics.

Eligibility Criteria:

The following eligibility criteria apply:

- Candidates must be currently working on their PhD.
- Candidates must be registered at an American university (US citizenship is not required).
- All STEM and Health research topics are eligible.
- Research should be performed in a French laboratory (university, engineering school, public research laboratory).

- The American and French advisors must agree to co-supervise part of the PhD thesis.
- Knowledge of French is not mandatory and is left to the discretion of the host institution.
- Co-sponsorship by a candidate's American university or French host institution is encouraged.

Value Notes:

The scheme will provide the following for a four- to nine-month period:

- A monthly allowance of up to €1,400 per month, depending on other sources of funding.
- Round trip ticket to France.
- Support for health insurance abroad.

Chateaubriand Fellowship Homepage

<https://www.chateaubriand-fellowship.org/>

Chateaubriand STEM & Health Fellowship Guidelines

<https://www.chateaubriand-fellowship.org/Eligibility-Guidelines-STEM.html>

Chateaubriand STEM & Health Fellowship Information Page

<https://www.france-science.org/-The-Chateaubriand-Fellowship-.html>

## **CNRS-JSPS Postdoctoral Fellowship (Short Term)**

Funding Body: Japanese Society for Promotion of Science (JSPS)

Description:

Funding is available for 1- to 12-month research stays in Japan for French PhD or post-doctoral researchers in any discipline.

France's National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS) is a public organisation and is part of the French Ministry of Education and Research. It was founded in 1939 and is made up of ten different institutes. CNRS's mission is to:

- Evaluate and carry out research to advance knowledge and generate social, cultural, and economic benefits to society.
- Promote the development and application of scientific information and research

results.

- Support research training.
- Participate in national scientific policy-making.

Through its international cooperation policy, CNRS aims to improve dialogue and join forces with other organisations and universities to propose coordinated initiatives. As part of this policy, this scheme aims to foster collaboration between teams from the CNRS and specific international partners.

This call is for short-term PhD and postdoctoral fellowships in Japan and is jointly funded by the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS). The purpose of the funding is to support 1- to 12-month research stays in Japan for young researchers from France. This call covers all disciplines. The stays can begin as of 1 October 2020 to 30 March 2021.

Eligibility Criteria:

Funding is for young French researchers or permanent residents or foreigners in France who have defended their thesis in France.

The call is open to PhD students who have defended their thesis within two years of 1 April of the year of departure to Japan and to postdocs who have defended their thesis less than six years before 1 April of the year of departure to Japan.

Research stays can take place either at universities in Japan, or at national institutions or Japanese public ministries.

Value Notes:

Funding includes the following:

- Return airfare.
- A monthly allowance of 200,000 JPY/month for PhD students and 362,000 JPY/month for postdocs.
- An installation allowance of 200,000 JPY for stays longer than four months.
- Health and accident insurance.

Restrictions:

Candidates who are already pursuing research at a Japanese institution are not eligible for this call.

Call Information Page

<https://international.cnrs.fr/en/actualite/bourses-japonaises-pour-de-courts-sejours-scientifiques/>

CNRS Homepage

<http://www.cnrs.fr/>

## **COLCIENCIAS Academic Mobility Colombia-Europe**

Funding Body: Ministère de l'Enseignement Supérieur, de la Recherche et de l'Innovation (MESRI - Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation)

Description:

Multilateral mobility funding is available for researchers involved in joint France-Colombia or joint Germany-Colombia research projects.

Extended Description:

COLCIENCIAS is the Colombian Administrative Department of Science, Technology and Innovation (Departamento Administrativo de Ciencia, Tecnología e Innovación). Its mission includes the promotion of scientific research, technological development and innovation in coordination with the private sector and the strengthening the technological capability, innovation, competitiveness and training of researchers from Colombia.

It has signed agreements with France's Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation (through a programme entitled ECOS NORD), the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) to promote the mobility of academic researchers between Colombia and Europe.

- The Colombia-France agreement (ECOS NORD) covers the mobility of at least two French and at least two Colombian researchers each year over a period of three years (return flights and per diem expenses for short-term stays).
- The Colombia-Germany agreements (with DAAD and BMBF) cover the mobility of one PhD and one researcher (Colombia) and one junior and one senior researcher (Germany) each year over two years (return flights and per diem expenses for short-term stays).

The ECOS NORD and DAAD schemes cover research projects on any topic. Projects involving BMBF funding must be related to the following disciplines: biotechnology, biodiversity, marine research and health.

Eligibility Criteria:

The following eligibility requirements apply:

Participants from Colombia:

- 1 PhD candidate and 1 junior or senior researcher.

Participants from France and Germany:

- 1 junior and 1 senior researcher.

Value Notes:

For Colombia-France collaborations:

ECOS NORD will cover the flight expenses for junior and senior Colombian researchers travelling to France; junior French researchers travelling to Colombia; per diem expenses for junior and senior Colombian researchers in France (€80/day, maximum 15 days) and per diem expenses for Colombian PhD candidates in France (€<sup>43.33</sup>/day, maximum 60 days).

COLCIENCIAS will cover the flight expenses of Colombian PhD candidates travelling to France; per diem expenses for junior French researchers in Colombia (\$280,000COP/day, maximum 60 days); flight expenses for senior French researchers travelling to Colombia (via ICETEX - Instituto Colombiano de Crédito Educativo y Estudios Técnicos en el Exterior); and per diem expenses for senior French researchers in Colombia (\$300,000COP/day, maximum 15 days).

For Colombia-Germany collaborations:

COLCIENCIAS will cover flight expenses and per diem expenses for Colombian researchers travelling to France (\$280,000COP/day, maximum 15 days).

DAAD will cover flight expenses for German researchers travelling to Colombia and their per diem expenses for up to 50 days according to DAAD regulations.

BMBF will cover flight expenses for German researchers travelling to Colombia and their per diem expenses of €107/day, or €2,392/month if the stay is between 23 and 31 days.

Call Information Page (in Spanish)

<https://www.colciencias.gov.co/convocatorias/mentalidad-y-cultura/convocatoria-movilidad-academica-con-europa-capitulo-1-ecos-nord>

COLCIENCIAS Homepage

<https://www.colciencias.gov.co/>

**Commonwealth PhD Scholarships - For Least Developed Countries and Fragile States**



Funding Body: Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO)

These Fellowships support candidates from least developed Commonwealth countries and fragile states, for full-time doctoral study at a UK university.

The Commonwealth Scholarship Commission in the United Kingdom (CSC) manages the UK's contribution to the Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan (CSFP), an international programme of Scholarships and Fellowships offered to citizens of other commonwealth countries by member countries governments.

The aim of the Commonwealth PhD Scholarships for least developed countries and fragile states is to support candidates from these countries for full-time doctoral study at a UK university. The programme is funded by the UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO).

The scholarships enable talented and motivated individuals to gain the knowledge and skills required for sustainable development, and are aimed at those who could not otherwise afford to study in the UK. The scholarships are offered under six themes:

- Science and technology for development.
- Strengthening health systems and capacity.
- Promoting global prosperity.
- Strengthening global peace, security and governance.
- Strengthening resilience and response to crises.
- Access, inclusion and opportunity.

The applicant should apply to study at a UK university which has a part funding agreement with the CSC. Part funding agreements are at the discretion of individual universities.

Applicants are required to sign an undertaking declaring their intention to return to their home country as soon as possible after the end of the award.

Eligibility Criteria:

To be eligible to apply for the Fellowship, nominees must:

- Be a citizen of or have been granted refugee status by an eligible Commonwealth country, or be a British Protected Person.
- Be permanently resident in an eligible Commonwealth country.
- Be available to start the academic studies in the UK by the start of the UK academ-

ic year in September/October.

- By September, hold a first degree of at least upper second class (2:1) honours standard, or a second class degree and a relevant postgraduate qualification (usually a Master's degree).
- Not be registered for a PhD, or an MPhil leading to a PhD, at a UK university before September/October.
- Be unable to afford to study in the UK without this scholarship.

Value Notes:

Each scholarship provides:

- Approved airfare from the applicant's home country to the UK and return at the end of the award (the CSC will not reimburse the cost of fares for dependants, nor usually the cost of journeys made before the award is finally confirmed).
- Approved tuition fees.
- A stipend (living allowance) at the rate of £1,110 per month, or £1,362 per month for those at universities in the London metropolitan area.
- Warm clothing allowance, where applicable.
- Study travel grant towards the cost of study-related travel within the UK or overseas.
- Provision towards the cost of fieldwork undertaken overseas (usually the cost of one economy class return airfare to the fieldwork location), where approved.
- Paid mid-term visit (airfare) to the home country (unless the applicant has claimed (or intends to claim) spouse and/or child allowances during the scholarship, or have received a return airfare to the home country for fieldwork).
- Family allowances, as follows:
  - Spouse allowance of £239 per month if the applicant and his spouse are living together at the same address in the UK (unless the spouse is also in receipt of a scholarship; other conditions also apply).
  - Child allowance of £239 per month for the first child, and £117 per month for the second and third child under the age of 16, if the applicant is accompanied by his spouse and children and they are living with him at the same address in the UK.

- If the applicant is widowed, divorced, or a single parent, child allowance of £239 per month for the first child, and £117 per month for the second and third child under the age of 16, if the applicant is accompanied by his children and they are living with the applicant at the same address in the UK.

The CSC's family allowances are intended to be only a contribution towards the cost of maintaining a family in the UK. The true costs are likely to be considerably higher, and the applicant must be able to supplement these allowances in order to support any family members who come to the UK with them.

Commonwealth PhD Scholarships - For Least Developed Countries and Fragile States  
<http://cscuk.dfid.gov.uk/apply/phd-scholarships-least-developed-countries-and-fragile-states/>

## **DIA-Stipendium for (Prospective) PhD Students**

Funding Body: Duitsland Instituut Amsterdam (DIA - Germany Institute Amsterdam)

Stipend awarded to promote researcher mobility and to provide Dutch (prospective) PhD students with the opportunity to gain experience with the academic environment in Germany.

The DIA-Stipendium for (Prospective) PhD Students is aimed at promoting researcher mobility and providing Dutch PhD students with the opportunity to gain experience with the academic environment in Germany. The stipend for prospective PhD students is awarded to finance a stay in Germany to work on the outline of a dissertation.

The programme is funded by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD - Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst e.V.) and the Dutch Ministry of Education, Culture and Science (OCW - Ministerie van Onderwijs, Cultuur en Wetenschap).

Eligibility Criteria:

Eligible applicants are PhD students registered at a Dutch university. In principle, the student must be a Dutch citizen, although exceptions may be made. A PhD student must remain registered at his Dutch home institution for the duration of the DIA-Stipendium. This is not mandatory for Prospective PhD students.

(Prospective) PhD-Students may receive the DIA-Stipendium only once.

Value Notes:

The period in Germany has a duration of three consecutive months (for PhD students).

The stipend has a value of €2,000, plus a one-off compensation of €200 to cover travel and relocation costs.

DIA-Stipendium (Dutch only)

<http://www.studereninduitsland.nl/beurzen/dia-stipendium>

## **Embassy of France in Ireland PhD Mobility Grant**

Funding Body: Embassy of France in Ireland

Description:

The Scientific and Academic Service of the Embassy of France in Ireland aims to foster cooperation in science and academia between the two countries by promoting higher education and by improving the bilateral exchange of scientific and technological knowledge.

The Embassy supports the mobility of PhD students registered for a cotutelle or cosupervised doctoral degree at institutions in both France and Ireland. Mobility grants enable doctoral students to spend at least one month in the country (France or Ireland) in which they do not currently reside.

Research visits may involve fieldwork, visits to libraries/archives, learning new techniques, or attending workshops and scientific meetings.

The amount of the grant will depend on the length of the stay of the PhD student. It is generally between €1,000 and €2,000 to cover travel and visit expenses.

Embassy of France in Ireland Scientific and Academic Service

<https://ie.ambafrance.org/-The-Scientific-and-Academic-Service->

Ireland-France PhD Mobility

<https://ie.ambafrance.org/Supporting-PhD-mobility>

## **French-American Doctoral Exchange (FADEx)**

Funding Body: Embassy of France in the United States

Description:

A scientific exchange programme that invites American doctoral students to spend a week in France participating in research seminars with their French counterparts, in order to encourage the development of future collaborations.

#### Extended Description:

The French-American Doctoral Exchange programme (FADEx) was created in 2014 by the Office for Science and Technology of the Embassy of France in the United States. It aims to facilitate scientific exchange visits between PhD students working in the same scientific field in France and in America in order to encourage the development of academic collaborations between the two countries. FADEx also promotes the excellence of French universities, laboratories and research infrastructures.

For each edition of the programme, a group of (usually ten) American PhD students selected as laureates is invited to France for a week to participate in a thematic seminar or series of seminars with a group of (usually ten) French laureates. The students present their work to their peers in an international conference setting - the working language is English. These interactions and the resulting increased mutual understanding between the students are intended to help develop future collaborations.

French-American Doctoral Exchange Programme (FADEx)

<https://france-science.com/category/fadex/>

### **Make Our Planet Great Again: Short Stays for Foreign Researchers**

Funding Body: Ministère de l'Europe et des Affaires étrangères (MEAE - French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs)

#### Description:

These grants support doctoral students and postdoctoral researchers from outside of France to undertake research visits lasting between two weeks and five months to French host institutions in order to pursue research related to earth systems, climate change and sustainability, or energy transition.

Research visits should further a field of research related to earth systems, climate change and sustainability, or energy transition, and may last between fourteen days and five months each.

France's Ministries of Europe and Foreign Affairs (MEAE) and of Higher Education, Research and Innovation (MESRI) are responsible for implementing the Make Our Planet Great Again programmes, which are administered by Campus France.

#### Eligibility Criteria:

Candidates must meet the following criteria in order to be eligible:

- Possess or are working towards a doctoral degree.

- Are covered by an active research contract.
- Have not resided in France since 1 April 2016.
- Are exclusively a national of a country other than France.

Individuals of any age who meet these criteria are eligible.

Value Notes:

Approximately 40 individual mobility grants are awarded each year.

Successful candidates will receive mobility support of €65 per day for doctoral candidates or €120 per day for research scientists already holding a doctorate.

Roundtrip airfare and medical insurance are also provided.

Restrictions:

French nationals are not eligible to apply.

Campus France MOPGA Overview

<https://www.campusfrance.org/en/make-our-planet-great-again-en>

Campus France MOPGA Short Stays (English)

<https://www.campusfrance.org/en/short-stays-14-days-to-5-months-for-foreign-researchers>

Make Our Planet Great Again Website

<https://makeourplanetgreatagain.fr/>

## **NWO - Rubicon**

Funding Body: Nederlandse Organisatie voor Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek (NWO - Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research)

Description:

The Rubicon funding instrument of the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO) aims to encourage talented, early-career researchers at Dutch universities and research institutes run by KNAW and NWO to dedicate themselves to a career in post-doctoral research by funding a period of research at a foreign institution.

The programme is open to researchers working in all scientific disciplines and will fund a two year research project based at a foreign research institute. For certain typically Dutch topics, there is also a limited opportunity to apply for a research period at an excellent

Dutch research institute. However, preference will be given to researchers who apply for a grant to spend time outside the Netherlands.

#### Eligibility Criteria:

Applications may be submitted by postgraduates who are currently engaged in doctoral research or who have been awarded a doctorate in the twelve months preceding the relevant deadline. However, applicants who are still engaged in doctoral research may only apply if their supervisor provides a written declaration approving their thesis.

Applicants must have conducted scientific research at an academic research institute in the Netherlands for a period at least equivalent to three years full-time in the five years directly preceding the submission deadline.

A candidate may submit an application for a Rubicon grant only once.

#### Value Notes:

The available budget is €2.28 million for each submission round.

Applicants can apply for a period of up to two years at an excellent research institution outside the Netherlands. The minimum duration is twelve months.

Eligible costs are the salary of the applicant, travel costs and a limited amount for research costs. Overhead costs such as the costs for housing, computers and infrastructure are not eligible.

Depending on the nature of the project, applicants may also conduct field research.

#### Useful Links:

NWO - Rubicon

<http://www.nwo.nl/en/funding/our-funding-instruments/nwo/rubicon/index.html>

NWO - Rubicon (Applied and Engineering Sciences)

<https://www.nwo.nl/en/funding/our-funding-instruments/nwo/rubicon/rubicon---applied-and-engineering-sciences/rubicon---applied-and-engineering-sciences.html>

NWO - Rubicon (Health Research and Medical Sciences)

<https://www.nwo.nl/en/funding/our-funding-instruments/nwo/rubicon/rubicon---health-research-and-medical-sciences/rubicon---health-research-and-medical-sciences.html>

NWO - Rubicon (Science)

<https://www.nwo.nl/en/funding/our-funding-instruments/nwo/rubicon/rubicon---science/rubicon---science.html>

NWO - Rubicon (Social Sciences and Humanities)

<https://www.nwo.nl/en/funding/our-funding-instruments/nwo/rubicon/rubicon---social-sciences-and-humanities/rubicon---social-sciences-and-humanities.html>

## **Pessoa Cotutelles**

Funding Body: Ministère de l'Enseignement Supérieur, de la Recherche et de l'Innovation (MESRI - Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation)

Description:

Funding available to support the mobility of doctoral students in any field of research undertaking a 'cotutelle' degree jointly administered by an academic institution in France together with an institution in Portugal.

The Pessoa initiative aims to promote the exchange of scientific and technical excellence between research teams in France and Portugal. The 'cotutelles' aspect of Pessoa supports co-supervised doctoral theses each conducted in partnership by a French academic institution and a Portuguese institution.

Funding is available to cover the mobility costs of doctoral students and their supervisors involved in cotutelle degrees. Each doctoral project will be supported for up to three years and may be in any discipline. Cotutelle students principally residing in Portugal are expected to spend at least 12 months spread over the three years of co-supervision based in France, and vice versa.

Value Notes:

The maximum award is €12,000 over three years (€2,000 per project per year from each country).

Funds provided by France comprise:

- A fixed rate of €1,500 per year for student mobility - travel and subsistence from France to Portugal or from Portugal to France, and participation of the doctoral student in a European conference.
- €500 per year for the mobility of the French cotutelle leader, in the form of €100 per day up to a maximum of five days. If this is not required, the amount may be re-allocated to the doctoral student, subject to authorisation.

Funds provided by Portugal comprise:

- €2,000 per year paid to the participating research unit/team on a reimbursement



basis.

Funding is provided on an annual basis and must be used between 1 January and 31 December of the year concerned.

Campus France Pessoa Cotutelles

<https://www.campusfrance.org/en/node/301060>

CRUP Pessoa Cotutelas

<http://www.crup.pt/luso-francesas/>

## **SI - Visby Programme Scholarships to Invite Swedish Students, Researchers and Experts**

Funding Body: Svenska Institutet (SI - Swedish Institute)

Description:

Scholarships for Swedish students, PhD students, researchers and expert staff for visits to any of the countries included in the SI Baltic Sea Region Co-operation for the purpose of studies, research, or capacity building and strengthening of co-operation in the Baltic Sea Region.

Extended Description:

The Swedish Institute (SI - Svenska Institutet) is a Swedish public agency with offices in Stockholm, Visby and Paris. Its mission is to gain knowledge and understanding of different cultures, their people, and to promote Sweden and Swedish issues globally. Its activities span over fields such as culture, society, research, higher education, business, innovation, democracy and global development.

The Visby Programme offers scholarships for academic and expert mobility within the Baltic Sea region, as well as scholarships for inbound and outbound mobility. The programme targets Master's students as well as PhD students, post-docs and senior scientists from Sweden, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Russia, and Ukraine. Swedish-speaking students from Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Russia and Ukraine also have the opportunity to apply for scholarships for studies in any field/topic (courses taught in Swedish) at a university in Sweden.

The Scholarships to Invite Swedish Students, Researchers and Experts offer scholarships to Swedish students, PhD students, researchers and expert staff for visits to any of the countries included in the SI Baltic Sea Region Co-operation (Belarus, Estonia, Georgia, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Poland, Russia and Ukraine) for the purpose of studies,

research, or capacity building and strengthening of co-operation in the Baltic Sea Region.

The applicants from Sweden can apply for a SI scholarship for summer course participation, graduate/postgraduate studies, research, internships or expert visits at the following categories of organisations, located in any of the programme countries:

- Universities, public agencies, research institutes, science parks.
- Municipalities, regional administrations.
- Trade organisations/federations/partnerships, associations, and NGOs.
- Swedish Foreign Missions.

The scholarship period cannot be less than one month in duration, and may not exceed one year.

Eligibility Criteria:

Eligible applicants are Swedish university students, as well as PhD students and researchers employed in Sweden. Furthermore, representatives of other organisations in Sweden, invited to the host country for expert visits with the purpose of capacity building (related to for example higher education, innovation practices, science park development) can apply for a scholarship. In order to be eligible for a scholarship, the invited applicant must belong to any of the following categories:

- Graduate/Post-graduate student.
- PhD student.
- Post-doctoral researcher.
- Senior scientist.
- Expert.

Those applying for an expert visiting grant must be a university, university college, state authority or agency, municipality, region, county council, industry organisation, individual organisation or non-profit society.

Value Notes:

The scholarship consists of a grant of:

- SEK 9,000/month for studies and internships on a basic or master's level lasting 5-10 months.
- SEK 12,000/month for PhD studies lasting a maximum of 6 months.

- SEK 15,000/month for researchers, experts and other staff. All applicants (postdoctoral researchers, senior researchers and experts may receive funding for a maximum of 6 months).
- SEK 5,000 for travels.

Summer and winter courses will be funded for a maximum of one month.

SI - Visby Programme

<https://eng.si.se/areas-of-operation/scholarships-and-grants/visby-programme/>

SI - Visbyprogrammet Stipendier för utresande svenskar (Swedish only)

<https://si.se/verksamhetsomraden/stipendier-och-bidrag/visbyprogrammet/utlysning-sv-visbyprogrammet/>

## Sino-Dutch Scholarship Programme

Funding Body: Ministerie van Onderwijs, Cultuur en Wetenschap (OCW - Dutch Ministry of Education, Culture and Science)

The Sino-Dutch Scholarship Programme is financed by the Dutch Ministry of Education, Culture and Science and the Chinese Ministry for Education. The scholarship was formerly known as the China Programme.

The scholarship enables outstanding bachelor's, master's and PhD students to conduct a period of study or research in the partner country (Netherlands for Chinese students and China for Dutch students) either during or after their studies.

Eligibility Criteria:

To be eligible, Dutch students must meet the following criteria:

- The study results show the student may be qualified as a good student.
- The applicant's Dutch (main) study is registered as a CROHO course at bachelor, master's or PhD level.
- At the start of the new academic year (1 September), the applicant is not older than 25 years (batchelor), 35 years (master) and 40 years (PhD).
- The applicant has Dutch nationality, or has been living in the Netherlands for a considerable time and is eligible for Dutch Study financing.
- The study in China is a last phase bachelor's programme, a master's programme or a PhD programme. The programme must be related to the applicant's Dutch education or research (no scholarship is available for the first two years of a bachelor

programme).

- The Chinese institute must participate in the programme.

Chinese students must consult the China Scholarship Council (CSC) for the exact criteria and conditions.

Value Notes:

The scholarship for Dutch students consists of:

- Monthly contribution for the costs of living of €155.
- A one-off contribution for the international travel costs of €1,050.
- A one-off contribution for insurance costs of €400.
- A contribution for the accommodation costs of 1,500 yuan.
- A monthly contribution for the costs of living of: 2,500 yuan (bachelor), 3,000 yuan (master) or 3,500 yuan (PhD).
- An overnight stay in Beijing after arrival in China and the travel costs (per train) to the final destination.

The scholarship for Chinese students consists of a contribution of €16,113 towards the total costs of a study or research in the Netherlands.

An extension for stays of more than one year may be possible, however a further application must be submitted.

Sino-Dutch Scholarship Programme for Chinese Students

<https://www.studyinholland.nl/finances/scholarships/highlighted-scholarships/sino-dutch-scholarship>

Sino-Dutch Scholarship Programme for Dutch Students

<https://www.wilweg.nl/financiering/beurzen/sino-dutch-scholarship>

## **TWAS Fellowships for Research and Advanced Training**

Funding Body: World Academy of Sciences for the Advancement of Science in Developing Countries (TWAS)

The World Academy of Sciences for the Advancement of Science in Developing Countries (TWAS) is a merit-based science academy founded in 1983 and based on the premises of the Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP) in Trieste,

Italy. Its principal aim is to promote scientific capacity and excellence for sustainable development in the South.

The TWAS Fellowships for Research and Advanced Training annually offers fellowships to young scientists in developing countries to enable them to spend three to 12 months at a research institution in a developing country other than their own. The purpose of these fellowships is to enhance the research capacity of promising scientists, especially those at the beginning of their research career, helping them to foster links for further collaboration.

#### Eligibility Criteria:

Eligible applicants must be nationals of a country classified as a Developing country in the South. Furthermore, they must meet the following criteria:

- Hold at least an MSc or equivalent degree.
- Work in any area of natural sciences.
- Is a citizen of a developing country and is employed by a research institution in a developing country.

There is no age limit. However, preference is given to young scientists at the beginning of their research career and those working in Least Developed Countries.

#### Value Notes:

TWAS covers international low-cost airfare plus a contribution towards subsistence amounting to a maximum of \$300 per month. No other costs will be provided by TWAS.

The host institution is expected to provide accommodation and food as well as research facilities.

TWAS Fellowships for Research and Advanced Training

<https://twas.org/opportunity/twas-fellowships-research-and-advanced-training>

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(Endnotes)

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