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EURYI Call for Proposals

European Young Investigator Awards

The European Heads of Research Councils (EUROHORCS), wishing to contribute to the building of the European Research Area, have joined in creating the European Young Investigator (EURYI) Awards¹ in collaboration with the European Science Foundation (ESF). The aim of EURYI Awards, for the first time launched in 2003², is to enable and encourage outstanding young researchers from all over the world, to work in Europe for the benefit of the development of European science and for the building up of the next generation of leading European researchers. EURYI Awards promote scientific excellence, with wide international recognition, by supporting these distinguished researchers to develop and pursue an independent research career, including developing a research group where appropriate. The funding available will support research aimed at opening up new lines of research including novel methodologies.

Applicants for EURYI Awards are expected to have an excellent research record and to show the potential to become world-class leaders in their areas of research. The selection criteria for EURYI Awards are

- the research quality and potential of the applicant,
- the originality as well as the groundbreaking character of the research proposal and its feasibility,
- the potential of the applicant and the proposed research programme to improve the position of European research at world level.

Applicant eligibility

Open to young researchers from anywhere in the world who have between 2 and up to 10 years of postdoctoral experience at the closing date of the call, taking into account career breaks.

Award characteristics

- Award holders are expected to devote their full working time to research and activities related to the proposal. To this purpose applicants must request their full salary (even if they are already employed by the host institution³) to ensure they can be released from any other commitments.
- The applicant is responsible for agreeing suitable arrangements with a host institution before submitting an application.
- The award will last for a 5 year period, subject to satisfactory progress.
- The total value of an award will normally be no less than 750 kEURO over 5 years and shall not exceed a maximum of 1250 kEURO
- Awards will be subject to the terms and conditions of the participating organisation through which the EURYI application is submitted. This includes the existing practices concerning eligible costs.

¹ For information on EUROHORCS member organisations participating in the EURYI scheme see the list of participating organisations (Annex 1).

² Information on the first round of the scheme and details of successful candidates and their areas of research can be found on the ESF website (www.esf.org/euryi).

³ Host institution: Research organisation recognised as eligible by the participating organisations to host an awardholder.

Application process

- Applications must be submitted through the appropriate participating organisation in the country of the host institution.
- An authorised person, or the highest governing body of the host institution must sign the declaration on the application form to confirm that it will host the applicant for the period of the award and guarantees to allow him/her access to the research facilities and infrastructure necessary to carry out the proposed research.
- Applications should also include a statement from the host institution that describes the nature and level of support that will be available to the applicant for the duration of the award (Appendix 2 of the application form) .
- Applicants must submit two letters of recommendation (in English) in support of their application.
- An applicant may submit only one application per call within the entire scheme and submission of more than one application will result in *AUTOMATIC DISQUALIFICATION AND EXCLUSION* from the selection process.
- Applicants should submit both an electronic version and a signed paper version of the EURYI application form.
- Applications should be completed in English.
- Application forms and other relevant information on the application process can be found at the website of each of the participating organisations (Annex 1).

Assessment of Applications

The assessment of applications will be undertaken in two stages, Stage One (S-1) at national level and Stage Two (S-2) at European level. Stage One will be carried out by the participating organisations, in line with their usual review procedures. The European Science Foundation will manage the European phase (S-2) of the review process and coordinate the funding.

Time Schedule

.- Application submission:	From 1 September to 30 November 2004
.- Assessment process:	S-1 National level: 1 December 2004 – 30 March 2005 S-2 European level: 1 April – 31 July 2005
.- Announcement of awards:	End of July 2005
.- Starting date of award:	October 2005 onwards
.- Additional information:	www.esf.org/euryi

How to apply for a EURYI Award

(Please read the application instructions carefully!)

- 1.- Download and complete the EURYI application form from the website of the participating organisation through which you are applying for an award.
- 2.- Fill in all sections of the application form in English, print clearly.
- 3.- Prepare Parts B, C, D, E and Appendices following the written guidelines. These parts of the application should be completed in free style but the applicant must address the issues in each part (in number order).
- 4.- Please pay careful attention to the application process of the participating organisation through which you are applying.
- 5.- The application form and all the documentation must be received by the participating organisation through which you are applying by **30th November 2004. Applications will not be accepted after this date⁴.**

⁴ Poststamp is not valid.

PEER REVIEW CRITERIA

a) Applicant

- scientific background and track record;
- quality of publications;
- potential to become a world-class leader in the respective field of research;
- abilities as an independent researcher;
- potential for research team leadership and project management;
- extent and quality of international research collaboration.

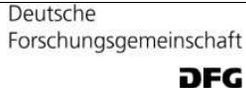
b) Research proposal

- originality and ground-breaking character;
- potential to improve the competitiveness of European research at world-level;
- the positioning in the international context of the field of research;
- feasibility;
- appropriateness of the chosen methods.

c) Research unit within the host institution

- internationally recognised level of excellence;
- capability and commitment to host the applicant and the proposed research.

Annex-1 List of EUROHORCs Participating Organisations

	Name	Country	Disciplines	Web site	Contact Person
	FWF	AUSTRIA	All disciplines	www.fwf.ac.at	Bettina E. Bauer bauer@fwf.ac.at
	FNRS	BELGIUM	All disciplines	www.fnrs.be	Elisabeth Kokkelkoren kokkelkoren@fnrs.be
	FWO		All disciplines	www.fwo.be	Benno Hinnekint hinnekint@fwo.be
	AF	FINLAND	All disciplines	www.aka.fi	Merja Kärkkäinen merja.karkkainen@aka.fi
	CNRS	FRANCE	All disciplines	www.cnrs.fr	Anne d'Albis anne.dalbis@cnrs-dir.fr
	INSERM		Biomedical research, public health	www.inserm.fr	Olivier Weil weil@tolbiac.inserm.fr
	DFG	GERMANY	All disciplines	www.dfg.de	Anjana Buckow anjana.buckow@dfg.de
	NHRF	GREECE	Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Ancient, Mediaeval & Modern Greek History & Civilization	www.eie.gr	Christina Toka international@eie.gr
	OTKA	HUNGARY	All disciplines	www.otka.hu	Zsuzsanna Gilyén otka@ella.hu
	NRSFB	IRELAND	All disciplines	www.enterprise-ireland.com	Donal Carroll Donal.Carroll@enterprise-ireland.com

	NWO	NETHERLANDS	All disciplines	www.nwo.nl	Anko Wiegel wiegel@nwo.nl
	RCN	NORWAY	All disciplines	http://www.forskningsradet.no	Torunn Haavardsholm tha@forskningsradet.no
 Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia	FCT	PORTUGAL	All disciplines	www.fct.mces.pt	Manuela Loureiro manuela.loureiro@fct.mces.pt
	CSIC	SPAIN	All disciplines	www.csic.es www.mec.es	Ana Díaz a.diaz@orgc.csic.es
	EPSRC	UK	Engineering and Physical Sciences	www.epsrc.ac.uk	Joanne Ross Joanne.Ross@epsrc.ac.uk
	PPARC		Particle Physics, Astronomy, Astrophysics, Cosmology, Planetary Science and Solar Research including Space Physics	www.pparc.ac.uk	Clare Heseltine clare.heseltine@pparc.ac.uk
 SWISS NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION	SNF	SWITZERLAND	All disciplines	www.snf.ch	Susanne Matuschek smatuschek@snf.ch
 VETENSKAPSRÅDET SWEDISH RESEARCH COUNCIL	VR	SWEDEN	All disciplines	www.vr.se	Anna Sjöström Douagi asd@vr.se
	CNR	ITALY	All disciplines	www.cnr.it	Anna d'Amato a.damato@dai.cnr.it
 Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare	INFN		fundamental and applied research on the physical properties of atomic, molecular and condensed matter systems	www.infn.it	Angela Di Silvestro presidenza@presid.infn.it