

YERUN Research Mobility Awards Call 2019–2020

YERUN Research Mobility Awards (YRMA) are competitive awards for PhD students, post-doc and early career researchers, equivalent to [Euraxess Research Profiles](#) R1 (up to the point of PhD) and R2 (PhD holders, post-doc or equivalent who are not yet fully independent or until 8 years since completion of PhD) from YERUN Universities*. The programme provides support for researchers to undertake a minimum of 1-week stay at one YERUN partner institutions from a different country. The programme provides a platform to:

- work with other YERUN academics on a research project, publication, or new collaborative activity.
- promote multi-disciplinary research across the YERUN network.
- enrich the research and training opportunities for PhD students, early career and postdoctoral scholars within the YERUN network.

A YERUN Research Mobility Award provides a flat-rate award to cover your expenses during your research visit (**1,000 Euros**) (*please note that this amount may be subject to tax withholding*). The research visit should take place during the year 2020. You will not have to provide receipts and it is your responsibility to arrange your travel and accommodation.

Eligibility

- Researchers R1 (up to the point of PhD) and R2 (PhD holders, post-doc or equivalent who are not yet fully independent or until 8 years since completion of PhD) from YERUN Universities* <https://www.yerun.eu/about-yerun/>. Researchers from non- YERUN institutions are not eligible.
- Researcher Mobility Awards will only be used to visit other YERUN institutions in a country different than your home institution.
- You must agree to submit a report on the outcomes shortly after your visit and a follow-up report describing any subsequent research collaborations with YERUN partners no later than one year after the award. This information will be used for YERUN Communication and Evaluation activities.
- All applications must be submitted with a letter of support signed by the department that will host your visit. No letter provided with your application will lead to rejection.
- Researchers that have been previously awarded a YRMA are not eligible to re-apply.

Assessment Criteria

The quality of the submitted application will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

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- **Commitment from the YERUN department to support the collaborative visit.** It is very important that the host team is involved in your visit and that it will also benefit from your stay. To this end the letter should clearly state the willingness and the benefits of the hosting team about your visit, in line with the networking collaborative activity proposed.
 - **Important:** An application without a letter of support when the call is closed will lead to immediate rejection. No period for providing supplementary documentation is provided.
- **Description of your research profile.** You are requested to provide us with a research profile, i.e. specific research field of interest, highlighting collaborations and achievements so far and with relevant examples of your approach to research (e.g. integrity, openness, interdisciplinarity, stakeholder engagement, etc.). Please also include your ORCID number. If you have relevant publications, please refer to them explaining why they are important for the collaboration. In addition please link to any other communication tool you already use for disseminating your research, whether available. We will value your ability to communicate your research area and your interests and as well as the relevance of your activity to the society.
- Description of the **collaborative activity, with specific focus on scientific aspects.** An overview of the visit/collaborative activity is requested, highlighting specific research topic, actual landscape, potential advances through the collaboration, proposed collaborative methodology and expected progress in the topic. We would like to know the reasons for the collaborations (e.g. understand complementarities and synergies of your collaboration), the type and the extension of the added value of the proposed collaboration for you and for both your home and host institutions.
- **Detailed planning of you visit** A clear programme description (including a Gantt chart) about the visit plan in the host institution (e.g. planned activities during your stay, involvement of stakeholders, potential collaborators or general audience and means to liaise with each of them) will be helpful to evaluate the effectiveness of your collaboration. Potential activities might include presentation to a research group or PhD students; Preparations for a joint research project; Joint data collection or data sharing; Use of new methods, methodology available at the host institution, or research infrastructure; Preparations for a joint publication (open access requirement - Green route also valid); Preparations for a joint teaching activity or co-tutelle agreement etc.
- **Expected (short and medium term) outcomes:** A description of the expected short outcomes of your visit is required. Moreover, it is important that you also explain the potential of significant medium-term outcomes (future joined activities) of the visit.
- Considerations about potential **academic, social, economic and/or other impacts on society.** The relevance of your collaboration to improve impacts in society. We will also value forms of communication towards targeted audience rather than peers (i.e. videos, blogs, etc.) that will allow stakeholders

engagement and preparation of the ground for beneficial impact of the collaboration to be realised.

- Aspects such as a **balance among research priorities, social challenges and inter-disciplinary collaborations** will also be looked at. We will value positively the contribution to **new lines of collaboration** among YERUN institutions that will promote **interdisciplinary collaborative approaches** that assemble new knowledge and insight from across different disciplines for effectively tackling the challenges addressed.

How to apply

If you wish to apply you should contact the host YERUN university you wish to visit, agree on the purpose of the visit and the programme and activities you will work on, and the tentative dates for the visit. It is compulsory to provide a letter from the receiving department agreeing to host your visit.

Please inform the YERUN Coordinator at your Institution of your intent to apply for these Awards. If you are a PhD candidate, please inform your supervisor. If you find difficulties in getting the right contacts at the host institution, please [check the information](#) provided about research areas and researchers portals on the YERUN website.

If you are interested in applying, please [follow the link](#) and you will receive access to the online application system. The online application system will be ready and open from 5 November to 25 November.

The official deadline to submit your application online is 25 November (EOB). Once you will submit your application successfully, you will receive a confirmation email. If you do not receive it, please contact the YERUN office (secretarygeneral@yerun.eu).

Evaluation

The evaluation will be conducted by a group of evaluators from YERUN institutions. Every application will be evaluated by two different evaluators. The applications will be evaluated according to the assessment criteria included above. The best 40 applications will be granted. After the evaluation period, all applicants will receive an email informing them about the outcome of their application (by the end of December).

The 2017 call granted 26 YERUN Research Mobility Awards. Information about successful applicants can be found on the [YERUN website](#). The 2018 call granted 36 awards. This year, a total of 40 awards are available.

Call for applications

The 2019 call for applications [opens on 25 October and closes on 25 November 2019](#) (EOB).

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