

## YERUN Research Mobility Awards Call 2021

The YERUN Research Mobility Awards (YRMA) are competitive awards for early career researchers (PhD students and post-docs) 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.

This year, the programme will support researchers **to establish a new research collaboration in a virtual format**. The programme provides a platform to:

- work with other YERUN academics on a research project, publication, or new collaborative activity;
- promote multidisciplinary 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 related to establishing a virtual collaboration (**1,000 Euros**) (*please note that this amount may be subject to tax withholding*). Examples of activities whose cost can be covered by the grant are:

- Publication in an Open Access journal;
- Organisation of a virtual conference;
- Participation fees in a virtual conference;
- Purchase of a digital tool/ software that can support the virtual collaboration;
- Consumables equipment;
- Shipping of samples and other lab material;<sup>1</sup>
- any other idea you might have!

The research collaboration has to be established and implemented during the year 2021.<sup>2</sup> You will not have to provide any receipts and it is your responsibility to arrange the activities related to your collaboration.

### 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

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<sup>1</sup> Please ensure that you comply with the usual host and home university requirements related to (as relevant): data management, research ethics and governance, procurement.

<sup>2</sup> However, the outputs of the collaboration (e.g. publications) can also take place in 2022.

Universities <https://www.yerun.eu/about-yerun/>. Researchers from institutions that are not YERUN members are not eligible.

- Researcher Mobility Awards will only be used for collaborations with YERUN institutions located in a country different from that of your home institution.
- You must agree to submit a report on the outcomes at the end of your collaboration 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 hosting department. If no letter is provided with your application, your application will be rejected.
- 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:

- **Commitment from the YERUN department to support the virtual collaboration.** It is very important that the host team is involved in the collaboration and that it will also benefit from it. To this end, the letter should clearly state the willingness and the benefits of the hosting team about your collaboration, 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 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 your collaboration:** A clear programme description (including a Gantt chart) about the collaboration plan with the host institution (e.g., planned

collaborative activities, 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 in an open access journal (no hybrid); Preparations for a joint teaching activity or co-tutelle agreement etc.

- **Expected (short and medium term) outcomes:** A description of the expected short-term outcomes of your collaboration is required (presentation of the collaborative activities you plan to carry out thanks to the YERUN scheme), as well as of the potential of significant medium-term outcomes of the collaboration (identification of future joint activities that could build on this initial YERUN collaboration). Moreover, you are requested to describe the benefits of the collaboration for your professional development, and both for your home and host institution.
- Considerations about potential **academic, social, economic and/or other impacts on society**. The relevance of your collaboration to improve impacts on society. We will also value forms of communication towards the wider public rather than peers only (i.e. videos, blogs, etc.) allowing wider stakeholder engagement and preparation of the ground for beneficial impact of the collaboration to be carried out.
- Aspects such as a **balance among research priorities, social challenges and interdisciplinary 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 collaborate with, agree on the purpose of the collaboration and the programme and activities you will work on, and the tentative period of collaboration. It is compulsory to provide a letter from the receiving department agreeing to collaborate with you.

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 encounter any difficulties in finding 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 [click here](#) to access the online application system. The online application system will be open **from 12 April to 12 May 2021**. We advise you to register in the platform as soon as possible, so as to make sure you do not encounter any technical problems. You can always save your application and complete it later. If you need any support, please get in touch with the YERUN Office ([chiara.colella@yerun.eu](mailto:chiara.colella@yerun.eu) and [ines.pinto@yerun.eu](mailto:ines.pinto@yerun.eu)).

The official deadline to submit your application online is **12 May 2021 (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.

### **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 and ranked according to the assessment criteria included above. It is envisaged to support 40 applications in this round. After the evaluation period, all applicants will receive an email informing them about the outcome of their application (by the end of June 2021).

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 (list of successful applicants available here). The 2019 call granted 40 awards (list of successful applicants available here). In 2021, a total of 40 awards are available.

### **Call for applications**

The 2021 call for applications **opens on 12 April and closes on 12 May 2021 (EOB)**.

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