ITN: Innovative Training Networks
European Industrial Doctorates (EID)
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A European Industrial Doctorate (EID) is a consortium that sets up a joint research and training programme for researchers at doctoral level with particular emphasis on training in the non-academic sector. Each participating researcher must be enrolled in a doctoral programme and spend at least 50% of their time in the non-academic sector. The joint supervision of the researchers by supervisors in the academic and non-academic sector is mandatory.

Why should I do it?
You are able to expand and strengthen your existing networks and gain new expertise. You can give researchers unique opportunities for research and training. Your network will establish valuable links between different sectors and provide excellent career possibilities for future researchers.

Who can apply?
A network (consortium) of at least 2 different beneficiaries in 2 different EU Member States or Associated Countries. At least 1 beneficiary must come from the non-academic sector (e.g. a company). A larger consortium is possible, too.

Eligibility criteria
Researchers participating in an EID have to be ‘Early-Stage Researchers’ at the time of recruitment. This means that they are in the first four years (full-time equivalent research experience) of their research career and have not yet been awarded a doctoral degree. At the time of recruitment, they should not have lived or worked in the country of their future host organisation for more than 12 months during the 3 years prior to the recruitment date (short stays such as vacation are not taken into account).

How can I apply?
Inform yourself about the application timeline and familiarise yourself with the most important documents (Work Programme, Guide for Applicants). For questions, get in touch with your National Contact Point or Euresearch Regional Office. Start the search for suitable partners early.

When can I apply?
How much funding can be expected?

The EC contribution is calculated using the 'researcher unit costs' of €3270/month living allowance + €600/month mobility allowance + €500/month family allowance (if applicable) and the 'institutional unit costs' of €1800/month research and training costs + €1200/month management costs and overheads. The living allowance is multiplied with a country correction coefficient.

Frequently asked questions

What is the success rate?

The overall success rate of EIDs in the 2015, 2016 and 2017 call was 9.6 %, 13 %, and 10.5% respectively.

Can partners from the USA take part in the funding scheme?

Yes, they can if the minimum consortium criteria are met. But they will not receive funding from the EC, therefore will have to provide their own.

When will I know the outcome of my proposal?

Approximately 3 months after the deadline. You can expect to start your project 8 months after the deadline.

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“After all, science is essentially international, and it is only through lack of the historical sense that national qualities have been attributed to it.”

Marie Skłodowska-Curie