ITN: Innovative Training Networks
European Joint Doctorates (EJD)
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A European Joint Doctorate (EJD) is a consortium that sets up a joint research and training programme for researchers at doctoral level. The enrolment of the participating researchers in a doctoral programme and the creation of a joint governance structure with joint admission, selection, supervision, monitoring and assessment procedures is mandatory. The successful completion of the programme must result in the award of joint, double or multiple doctoral degrees.

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 EJD will have a structuring effect on the European doctoral training landscape.

Who can apply?
A network (consortium) of at least 3 different institutions in 3 different EU Member States or Associated Countries. Associated partners from the non-academic sector are encouraged but not mandatory.

Eligibility criteria
Researchers participating in an EJD 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?
The ITN-2018 call is planned to open in September 2017 with a deadline in January 2018.

How much funding can be expected?
The EC contribution is calculated using the ‘researcher unit costs’ of €3110/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 maximum EU contribution is limited to 540 researcher months.

The living allowance is multiplied with a country correction coefficient which currently is for Switzerland 113.1%.

Frequently asked questions

What is the success rate?
The overall success rate of EIDs in the 2015 and 2016 call was 9.6% and 13%, 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 Sklodowska-Curie