

EMBO LONG-TERM FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION

Frequently Asked Questions

I have a medical degree (M.D.). Am I eligible to apply?

Yes, you are eligible to apply for an EMBO Long-Term Fellowship provided you have appropriate research experience, i.e. comparable to a PhD. Please contact the fellowship office (fellowships@embo.org) prior to submission.

Can I apply without having a PhD?

Yes, but you need a PhD degree at the time you start your EMBO fellowship. Please note that if awarded you have to start your fellowship within one calendar year of the application deadline.

I had my PhD exam over two years ago but graduated only one year ago, can I apply?

No, applications from candidates who passed their PhD exam more than two years before the respective application deadline cannot be considered.

I received my PhD degree officially from Spain but spent the entirety of my PhD working in Germany. May I apply to go to a lab in Spain?

Yes, if you can clearly show that you spent the full duration working in Germany then you are eligible to apply to go to Spain.

I received my PhD degree officially from Spain but spent the entirety of my PhD working in Germany. May I apply to go to a lab in Germany?

No. Germany would be considered as the country you normally work in and therefore continuing to work in Germany would violate the mobility requirement.

I have performed my PhD in more than one country. I worked in both France and Belgium during my PhD, am I eligible to apply for an EMBO Long-Term Fellowship in France or Belgium?

Please contact the office (fellowships@embo.org) to determine your eligibility.

Are there any age restrictions?

There are no age restrictions.

Which are the EMBC Member States?

Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom

My nationality is from a non-EMBC Member State, can I apply for an EMBO Long-Term Fellowship?

Yes, but only if you apply to go to a host lab in one of the EMBC Member States.

My nationality is from a non-EMBC Member State but I had my PhD from an EMBC Member State, can I apply for an EMBO Long-Term Fellowship in a non-member state?

No, non-EMBC nationals with a PhD from an EMBC Member State are not eligible for a fellowship in a non-member state. An exception is possible only if the host laboratory is in Singapore.

My nationality/one of my nationalities is from an EMBC Member State but I have studied and did my PhD in a non-EMBC Member State, can I apply for an EMBO Long-Term Fellowship in another non-member state?

Technically you might be eligible to apply but please note that applicants need to demonstrate a strong connection to the EMBC Member States. Therefore, if your education and PhD were outside the member states your application will likely receive low priority

I have already started working in the host laboratory. Can I still apply?

Yes, but only if you have been there for less than 7 months at the relevant closing date for application.

Can I move from one laboratory to another within the same country?

OR

I am already working in a country different from where I obtained my PhD but I am not carrying out research currently. Can I apply to work in a laboratory in this country?

Only in case you have not been working in the host country for more than 3 months prior to joining the host laboratory.

I worked in the host country for 14 months after my PhD, then for 2 months in another country. Can I apply for the fellowship to go back to the host country to a different laboratory?

No, your application would not be considered.

Can I apply more than once for an EMBO Long-Term Fellowship?

Reapplication is allowed once irrespective of a change of project or host laboratory. You can apply two times in total, provided that all eligibility criteria are met each time. A submission is counted as an application once receipt has been acknowledged and a reference number (ALTF number) has been assigned.

Can I apply for other fellowships at the same time as I apply for the EMBO Long-Term Fellowship?

Yes, but as soon as you accept another fellowship you need to inform the EMBO Fellowship Office (fellowships@embo.org). Please mention any other fellowship you are applying or planning to apply for in the online application form. This information is important to us for statistical purposes and has no influence on the evaluation process.

I have collaborated with the host supervisor before and we have co-published. Am I eligible to apply?

Please contact the office (fellowships@embo.org) to determine your eligibility.

Can I apply with a project that involves collaboration between several labs?

In the application you can only have one official host lab and one official host supervisor. You can apply with a research proposal that requires collaboration with other laboratories but you have to choose one main supervisor. You should describe the planned collaboration(s) within the research proposal.

Is it possible to add figures or tables in my application?

No, neither figures nor any special formatting is possible in the application system.

My application has been rejected at the pre-screening stage. Can I receive feedback?

At the prescreening stage we do not have comments from the committee and therefore cannot provide individual feedback.

By which criteria are applications evaluated?

Each application is evaluated based on the applicant's past achievements, the quality and biological significance of the research proposal, and the quality of the host laboratory.

Are journal impact factors or journal name taken into account when evaluating applications?

Journal impact factors are not used in the evaluation and selection of applications. EMBO encourages evaluation of the quality of the scientific work and its impact on the field, rather than the journal in which it was published.

What are my chances of success?

We receive on average 800 applications per deadline. The success rate was around 15% in the last selection round.

Do I have to pay tax on my fellowship?

The EMBO fellowship is a research stipend and in principal, should be tax exempt in most countries. However, we cannot advise on respective national tax regulations and we recommend (prospective) fellows to contact the relevant authorities in the host country.

Does the EMBO Long-Term fellowship cover bench fees, overheads, funds for consumables or any other financial benefits to the host supervisor/the receiving institute?

The EMBO Long-Term Fellowship does not provide any of the above.

Does the EMBO Long-Term fellowship provide travel allowances to its fellows to attend meetings, conferences or workshops?

EMBO does not offer any travel grants for fellowship holders.

Can I contact current EMBO Fellows or alumni?

Due to data protection issues we cannot give out contact details of EMBO fellows. Successful applicants are listed in the annual EMBO Facts & Figures which is available on our website at: <http://www.embo.org/news/reports-brochures>