

# Postdoctoral Programme

EMBL INTERDISCIPLINARY POSTDOCS (EIPOD)  
APPLICATION

**The 2017 EIPOD call is now open until September 14. We accept applications via our [online application database which is available here](#).**

Each year, EMBL and Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions will fund about 20 EIPOD positions involving at least two research groups, preferably located in different units. Each project will have one scientific supervisor from EMBL who will officially host the EIPOD, but all projects will involve extensive collaboration with the EMBL partner lab(s). External partners from academia or industry are welcome. All applicants must develop a research proposal as part of their application and should get directly in contact with potential EMBL supervisors to prediscuss projects ideas prior to submission. Click here for [an overview of EMBL research units](#) and to search by [research topics](#).



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The EI<sub>3</sub>POD programme has been set up to offer maximum training opportunities for fellows. An overview of the programme with a detailed description of the mandatory and optional training features [is available here](#).

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Key dates in the 2017 Call are summarized in the table below.

Date(s)	Description
June 15th- September 14th	2017 EIPOD call is open
September 15th- October 10th	Evaluation of submitted applications by relevant committees
October 10th- October 15th	Establishment of the shortlist for interview

October 16th	EIPOD office sends out invitations to interview. Candidates who are not shortlisted are informed
November 27th- November 28th	Visit of EMBL outstations for relevant applicants
November 29th (during the day)	Visit of EMBL Heidelberg for relevant applicants
November 29th (late afternoon)	Welcome event for all interviewing candidates
November 30th	Official EIPOD interviews at EMBL Heidelberg for all interviewing candidates
December 7th	Interviewed candidates are informed of the outcome of the interviews

## **Interview set up**

### **Lab visits**

Candidates for interview visit all EMBL labs involved in the project(s) for which they are interviewing. For the EMBL outstations these visits should take on November 27th and/or November 28th. Visits to EMBL Heidelberg labs should take place on November 16th (before 17:00). External partners are accommodated mainly via electronic methods such as Skype and video conferencing.

### **Welcome Talks for candidates**

The welcome event takes place on November 29th starting at 17:00. A series of talks from the EIPOD programme and EMBL Human Resources give interviewing candidates an overview of the EIPOD programme and working conditions for EIPODs at EMBL. It also allows candidates the possiblitiy to ask any questions they may have.

### **Official interviews**

The official interviews take place on November 30th. Candidates give a short talk in the morning and are interviewed by a panel consisting of EMBL faculty and external experts in the afternoon.

## **Who are we looking for?**

Interdisciplinarity is the basis of the EIPOD fellowship programme. As such we welcome applications from highly motivated fellows interested in moving into a new area of research. It is envisaged that fellows bring their specific skill sets to an EIPOD project and benefit from acquiring a new set of skills. Many EIPOD

research projects involve groups located at different EMBL sites. Additional external partners from academia and industry are also welcome. As such mobility is an asset.

We recruit EIPOD fellows from a wide range of backgrounds including, biology, chemistry, biochemistry, molecular biology, medicine, engineering, physics, mathematics, computer science and bioinformatics. Interdisciplinarity is an important strength of research at EMBL and as such we welcome fellows interested in moving into a new area of research.

## Who is eligible?

The EIPOD fellowship programme is open to all nationalities, the only criteria being scientific excellence and interdisciplinarity. You must have your PhD (or 4 years of full-time equivalent research experience) before you can start your EIPOD position. We welcome applications from scientists who are currently doing postdoctoral research at another institution. Postdocs at EMBL are also eligible to apply provided that previous affiliation with EMBL does not exceed 12 months in the last three years prior to the submission deadline.

EIPODs will join the [EMBL Postdoctoral Programme](#) with its broad range of advanced training and career development opportunities.

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