



9th Call for the 2020 European Young Researchers' Award is now open

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The European Young Researchers' Award (EYRA), granted by EuroScience since 2010, aims to inspire early stage researchers in all research areas to incorporate a European dimension and perspective into their research. Two awards are granted every two years to: a) a PhD candidate and b) a postdoctoral fellow.

The prize-giving ceremony for the two awards is held at the biennial EuroScience flagship event, **EuroScience Open Forum (ESOF)**. The Award consists of a certificate, waiving the participation fee to ESOF, a grant to cover travel and accommodation for the stay in the ESOF city and one year free **EuroScience membership**.

The 2020 EuroScience Open Forum will be held in Trieste, Italy from July 5 to 9.

Eligibility Criteria

The 2020 call is open to early career researchers, who fulfil the following criteria:

- **For the PhD Candidate award:** Applicants should have enrolled for a PhD degree at the time of the application or should have successfully defended their thesis after January 1st, 2019.
- **For the Postdoctoral fellow award:** Applicants should have successfully defended their thesis after January 1st, 2019 and should have enrolled in a postdoctoral programme at the time of the application deadline.

- Candidates should work in a European country (cf. Council of Europe's membership rules).
- European and Non- European nationals are eligible to apply.
- Post Docs paid by European funds but currently on a Post Doc mission abroad as part of the funding institution's requirements (no longer than 2 years and concluding their Post Doc in Europe) are also eligible to apply for the EYRA call 2019.

Evaluation Criteria

All applications are evaluated by a Scientific International Committee based on the following criteria:

- 1) Quality of the research.** The evaluation will be based on widely accepted academic criteria, such as: publications in peer-reviewed journals, other publications, references, prizes, grants, patents.
- 2) European dimension.** The research must have a clear European dimension. It could entail a collaborative project counting with the contribution of several European countries or it could encompass a research project based in one European country with a research topic of European added value.
- 3) Project engagement.** The candidate's contribution to research groups or projects, e.g. inspiration to others, further development of a project, leadership experience.
- 4) Outreach.** Involvement in dissemination activities for a general audience, e.g. public talks at a local or national level, media appearance, teaching outside academia, research-based social engagement.

Application procedure and documentation

The deadline for the 2020 call for both awards is Wednesday August 31, 2019 at 12:00 CEST.

- All applications should be submitted online via the **EuroScience Conference and Membership Platform (ESCMP)** under each relevant call (PhD candidate or Postdoctoral fellow).
- The **application** must be in English.
- The cover page form (available on ESCMP) should be downloaded, completed and included in the online application.
- Self-nomination is accepted.

Required Supporting Documents: *(to be uploaded under supporting documents)*

- **A Research Outline** describing the research and its European dimension (max 800 words).
- **A Curriculum Vitae** including statement of prizes/awards already received (max 800 words).
- **A list of publications** or other relevant material to support the candidacy.
- **Two reference letters** which should be sent directly to office@euroscience.org. It is recommended that the references come from individuals well qualified in the field. At least one of the references should be from a person who has not taken part in or is associated with the research itself.

Applicants who do not have an account will be requested to create one on the **EuroScience Conference and Membership Platform (ESCMP)**. Once registered, click on "Apply for an Award", select the relevant "call"(PhD candidate or Postdoctoral fellow)" and follow the application procedure. The field "Motivation Letter" may be ignored (write N/A). It is replaced by the Research Outline document, to be uploaded under "Supporting Documents".

All applications should fulfil the **eligibility criteria** and respect the **application procedure** to be considered for evaluation.

For further information please contact the EuroScience office at **office@euroscience.org**.

Please note that the winners' names and short biography will be published on the **EuroScience's website**.

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