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All applications are initially reviewed by the EMBO Fellowships Office to ensure that they are complete and eligible.

All eligible applications are then sent to the [Fellowship Committee](#) for pre-screening and about twice the number of available fellowships are selected for an interview (~30% of applications). During the pre-screening, the Committee reviews a condensed application form, which includes a summary of the applicant's main scientific achievements along with the three most important publications, summary and biological significance of the proposed work, justification for choice of the host lab, as well as reference and acceptance letters.

For applicants who successfully passed the pre-screening, an interviewer, who is an expert in the area of the application, will be selected from among the [EMBO Members](#) and [EMBO Young Investigators](#). When it is not possible to arrange a personal or video interview, the candidate's application is sent for written evaluation.

All applications are then evaluated by the Fellowship Committee based on:

- Previous scientific achievements of the applicant.
- Novelty and biological significance of proposed research. Applications to continue exploring a topic similar to the PhD project, usually receive lower priority for funding.
- Appropriateness of the host laboratory for the proposed research and training of the applicant.

The Fellowship Committee then meets to take the final funding decisions. Typically the outcome of the selection is known between 14 to 16 weeks after the evaluation deadline and is provided on the EMBO website www.embo.org shortly after the committee meeting.

Carefully read the [EMBO Postdoctoral Fellowships guidelines](#) for further information.

Note the following when submitting your EMBO Postdoctoral Fellowship application:

Interviews normally take place within 6 to 10 weeks of the evaluation deadline. The interview may take place outside the applicant's country of residence; therefore, applicants must have a valid passport. Candidates* may be requested to give a seminar as part of the interview procedure. The interview should take place at the interviewer's convenience and the applicant is responsible for contacting the interviewer.

Interview travel expenses will be reimbursed by EMBO. A claim form together with receipts has to be returned to the EMBO Fellowship Office.

Candidates are expected to travel by the less expensive means of transportation, avoiding air travel when reasonably possible. Subsistence and accommodation expenses are refunded up to the EMBO standard daily rate.

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