



WEL COMEII

*Aula da Esfera (Class of the Sphere) in the Santo Antão College
Lisbon, 18th century – presently the S. José Hospital*

Once again, Portugal
welcomes you to advanced
research and technology

“
*I am among those who think that science has great
beauty. A scientist in his laboratory is not only a
technician: he is also a child placed before natural
phenomena which impress him like a fairy tale.*
”

Marie Curie

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WELCOME II Portugal

Promoting the return of researchers to the European Research Area

The Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT) of Portugal is pleased to announce the launch of the WELCOME II Programme, co-funded by the Marie Curie Action COFUND, under the European Commission's 7th Research Framework Programme, and targeting the mobility of European researchers in Third Countries to join institutions in Portugal.

The WELCOME II Programme will fund post-doc researchers residing and carrying out research in Third Countries for at least the last 3 years, to be integrated in Portuguese institutions (the applicant cannot have spent more than 6 months in Europe after the period of at least 3 years in Third Countries).

The programme targets the career development of *Early Post-Docs* (fellow A) and *Experienced Post-Docs*, with five or more years of experience after PhD (fellow B).

Researchers in the Programme will sign 3-year employment contracts with their host institutions in order to carry out research programmes of their choice. The language of the Programme is English. Application procedures consider that the application is one joint venture of the pair fellow/host institution.

Programme Budget: ~€12.500.000.
Beneficiaries of the programme are *Marie Curie Fellows*.
Total number of fellows expected to be funded: 54.
Evaluations will be carried out by international evaluation panels.

Research Areas

Exact, natural and health sciences, engineering, social sciences and humanities, hence including all scientific topics in a broad perspective.

Who should apply?

Post-Docs residing in Third Countries for the last three years having the nationality of a EU Member State or FP7 Associated Country:

EU Member-States

Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and United Kingdom.

FP7 Associated Countries

Croatia, FYROM, Iceland, Israel, Liechtenstein, Norway, Serbia, Switzerland, Turkey, Albania, Montenegro and Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Third Countries

All the countries that are neither EU Member-States or Countries Associated to FP7.

Which host institutions are eligible?

All the Portuguese R&D Institutions in all areas of research, duly recognized by FCT, that will employ the beneficiary for the duration of the project; either a university, a research institute or a company, including SMEs with research capacity, located in Portugal.

Detailed information is available at:
<http://welcome2.fct.mctes.pt/als>
<http://welcome2.fct.mctes.pt/units>
<http://welcome2.fct.mctes.pt/sl>

What are the eligible costs under the programme?

Researcher salary	
Fellow A	€61.000 / year
Fellow B	€68.745 / year
Mobility and travel allowance	€1.600 / 1 st year
Research costs	€5.000 / year
Host institution overheads	€5.000 / year

N.B. Beneficiaries are expected to sign contracts with host institutions starting May 2011.

Applications

Applications must be submitted on line at:
<https://welcome2.fct.mctes.pt>

Call launch

October 1st, 2010

Deadline for application submission

December 12th, 2010

For further information browse the Programme's website: <http://alfa.fct.mctes.pt/welcome2>

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The helpdesk will be available from September 1st, 2010.

