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## Call is open for the 2016 European Young Researchers' Award

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[The European Young Researchers' Award \(EYRA\)](#) is granted since 2010 to researchers demonstrating outstanding research performance and leadership. It aims to inspire early stage researchers to incorporate a European dimension and perspective into their research.

The Award is granted each year; in odd years, the prize is dedicated to PhD candidates, and in even years to post-doctoral fellows. The prize-giving-ceremony is held every two years at [the EuroScience Open Forum \(ESOF\)](#) where the two recipients will present their work. In 2016 the forum will be held in Manchester (UK) from July 23 to July 27.

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 a two years' free [EuroScience membership](#).

**The deadline for the 2016 call, dedicated to postdoctoral fellows, is February 1st, 2016**

### Qualification Criteria

- The research must have a clear European dimension, either because it is embedded in a collaboration of researchers in different European countries or it is a research project in one European country that addresses a research topic of European added value.
- The research should be of demonstrably excellent quality (publications, prizes, grants, patents, references in newspapers, etc.)
- The criteria that the jury will take into account are: quality of the research results obtained, role in the definition of the research project, inspiration to others (fellow students, members of the research group), outreach to wider audiences.

## Eligibility Criteria

- Candidates should work in a European country (understood in the geographic sense as defined by Council of Europe's membership rules), but are not required to have a European nationality.
- The 2016 call is open to young researchers who are presently enrolled in a postdoctoral programme of any kind and who have defended their thesis after January 1st, 2011.
- The application should be in English.

## Application procedure and documentation

- Cover page – form to be downloaded, completed and included in the application as cover page is available [here](#).
- Up to two pages A4 describing the research and its European dimension
- Maximum of two pages CV + one page statement of prizes/awards already received.
- A list of publications, posters for exhibitions, conferences, performances (including concerts for students in performing arts and musicology, etc.)

The above mentioned documents should be included in a single pdf-file. In addition candidates must supply the names of two scientists and emails in support of the nomination; each of them should be asked to write and send directly to: [office@euroscience.org](mailto:office@euroscience.org) their support letter of no more than two pages A4 commenting on the quality of the candidate in the context of the criteria listed above.

These two letters should be from individuals well qualified in the field, at least one of whom not associated with the research itself.

Applications which do not meet **eligibility criteria** or do not respect the **application procedure** in particular the **length of documents** will **NOT BE ACCEPTED**.

An international selection Committee will evaluate the applications and select the Awardee.

Please submit the PDF application electronically via email attachment to [office@euroscience.org](mailto:office@euroscience.org) by **February 1st, at 2pm West European time**. Identify the nomination file as "last name-first name".

Please note that the winner's application will be published on [EuroScience's website](#).