



# EARLY-CAREER RESEARCHERS INTERSECTORAL MOBILITY SCHEME CALL FOR APPLICATIONS



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## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

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**Early-Career Researchers (ECRs, Ph.D. and Post-doc) are invited to apply for a mobility grant of up to 2000 euros.** The grants will enable ECRs to work on a project with an organisation that is a partner of one of the Circle U. universities. The grant covers travel/accommodation & subsistence costs for around a month, depending on the project.

The Circle U. Alliance seeks to promote mobility of ECRs and the development of a strong international network between our partner universities and their wider networks of stakeholders.

## ABOUT THE ECR INTERSECTORAL MOBILITY SCHEME

Why should you apply? The ECR Intersectoral Mobility Scheme will help you by:

- **Applying your skills** in a different setting
- Enabling you to learn about **another sector**
- Growing your **network** outside your country of residence
- Helping you to **consider the skills** you are developing as a researcher
- Enabling **mobility outside** of your normal country of residence
- Creating **space for new ideas & thinking**

We expect ECRs will typically spend 3 or 4 weeks working face-to-face with the relevant organisation, but this does not mean that the project cannot start or continue virtually before/after the in-person visit. We hope to promote and allow further collaboration in the future.

## ELIGIBILITY

This Call for Applications is **open to ECRs** from one of the Circle U. universities involved\*. (\*Aarhus University (Denmark), Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (Germany), King's College London (United Kingdom), Université Paris Cité (France), University of Belgrade (Serbia), University of Louvain (Belgium), University of Oslo (Norway))

Details of the project work are described in the [Project abstract booklet](#).

## SELECTION CRITERIA

All ECR applications will be reviewed by a panel comprising representatives from Circle U. universities and the relevant partner organisations.

The quality of applications will be assessed based on **the fit of the interests, experience, and skills of the ECR with the relevant project, as well as the aspirations and attributes of the ECR.**

## SUBMISSION PROCEDURE AND DEADLINES

To apply for the ECR Intersectoral Mobility Scheme, **please fill in this [online application form](#)**.

You can identify a maximum of two projects you would like to work on - see the [Project abstract booklet](#) for more details. Before completing the [online application form](#), you might like to prepare answers to these three questions. You can write a maximum of 300 words for each.

1. How do your interests align with this/these project(s)?
2. Please describe how you have developed the skills required to undertake the project(s) you have selected.
3. Where do you see yourself professionally in 5 years' time? How will this opportunity help you achieve those goals?

When applying, you will be asked to confirm that you have the permission of your supervisor/mentor/PI/line manager to undertake this project alongside your research/studies. We do not expect Ph.D. students to interrupt their studies for this scheme, though you may choose to do so. We expect you to follow local guidance from your home university in this respect.

Applications to the scheme should be submitted by **February 27, 2023** (midnight CET), using the project abstracts as a guide.

Selection results will be **communicated to applicants in March 2023** and the activity should be **completed by the end of August 2023 at the latest**. We will ask you for a short report on your experience and will also ask for feedback on the scheme.

## MORE INFORMATION

Please refer questions to the **Circle U. ECR Intersectoral Mobility Coordinator**, Dr. Nigel Eady, Director of Research Talent, King's College London: [nigel.eady@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:nigel.eady@kcl.ac.uk)

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