# YERUN Research Mobility Awards
# Call 2022

Are you an early career researcher looking for international collaboration?

The YERUN Research Mobility Awards (YRMA) are competitive awards for early career researchers (PhD candidates and post-docs) equivalent to [Euraxess Research Profiles](#) R1 (up to the point of PhD) and R2 (PhD holders, post-doc or equivalent who are not yet fully independent or until 8 years since completion of PhD) from [YERUN Universities](#).

The scheme supports researchers **to establish new research collaborations** within the YERUN network, either **in a physical or in a virtual format**. The programme provides a platform to:
- work with other YERUN academics and researchers on a research project, publication, or new research collaborative activity;
- promote multidisciplinary research across YERUN institutions;
- enrich the research and training opportunities for PhD students, early career and postdoctoral scholars within YERUN;
- foster synergies between YERUN's work and priorities and the work of researchers from YERUN institutions.

A YERUN Research Mobility Award provides a flat-rate lump sum award[1] to cover your expenses related to the establishment and implementation of a physical or virtual collaboration (**1,000 Euros)** (*please note that this amount may be subject to tax withholding in your country of residence*). Examples of activities[2] whose cost can be covered by the grant are:
- Travel to and accommodation in the country of the hosting university;
- Publication in an Open Access journal;
- Support to the organisation of a research event (in-person or virtual);
- Participation fees in a conference (in-person or virtual);
- Purchase of a digital tool/ software that can support your collaboration;
- Purchase of consumables equipment;
- Shipping of samples and other lab material;[3]

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[1] The money grant will be paid directly to the awardee's personal account unless s/he prefers the money to be transferred to her/his home institution's account.

[2] Please consider these examples as indications, as the grant can cover any similar tool or activity that you might need to successfully complete your collaboration. If you are in doubt on whether a purchase or activity falls into the scope of your collaboration, please contact the YERUN Office.

[3] Please ensure that you comply with the host and home university requirements related to (as relevant): data management, research ethics and governance, procurement.

The research collaboration must start in 2022 and be implemented between 2022 and December 2023. You will not have to provide any receipts and it is your responsibility to arrange the activities related to your collaboration. However, a final report will be requested at the end of your collaboration.

## Eligibility

- You must be a researcher R1 (up to the point of PhD) or R2 (PhD holders, post-doc or equivalent who are not yet fully independent or until 8 years since completion of PhD) from a YERUN University (see the full list of members). Researchers from institutions that are not YERUN members are not eligible.
- You must apply for a collaboration with a YERUN institution located in a country different than the one of your home institution.
- All applications must be submitted with a letter of support signed by the hosting department. If no letter is provided, your application will be automatically rejected. A template for the letter of support can be downloaded here.[4]
- You must agree that, if awarded, you will submit a report on the outcomes at the end of your collaboration and a follow-up report describing any subsequent research collaborations with the YERUN partners. This information will be used for YERUN Communication and Evaluation activities.
- You must remain enrolled/employed[5] at your home university for the duration of the foreseen collaboration. Should your contract come to an end beforehand, your collaboration shall be finished before your last working day at the home institution. You will be asked to sign a declaration of honour before receiving the grant.
- Researchers that have been previously awarded a YRMA are not eligible to re-apply.

## Assessment Criteria

The quality of the submitted application will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- **Commitment from the host YERUN department to support the collaboration.** It is very important that your host is involved in the collaboration and will also benefit from your stay/virtual meetings. To this end, the letter should clearly state the willingness and the benefits of the hosting team to engage in the proposed collaboration and the benefits the collaboration will bring to the host. *The level of support can be evaluated as: High (2 points), Average (1 point) or Poor (0 points).*
  - **Important:** An application submitted without a letter of support will lead to immediate rejection. No deadline extension for providing supplementary documentation will be provided.

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[4] Please consider this template as an indicative basis. The letter of support will also be evaluated; therefore it is important that its content is adapted to your specific collaboration.
[5] PhDs and post-docs can have different types of contracts with their home institutions. Please consider this requirement as a generic need to maintain an institutional link with your home university while the YERUN collaboration is ongoing.

- **Tell us: what is your research profile?** You are requested to provide us with your research profile, i.e., specific research field of interest, highlighting collaborations and achievements made so far and providing relevant examples of your approach to research (e.g., integrity, openness, interdisciplinarity, stakeholder engagement, etc.). Your ORCiD number will be required. If you have relevant publications, please refer to them by explaining why they are important for the collaboration. In addition, please link to any other communication tool you already use for disseminating your research, if available. We will value your ability to communicate your research area and your interests.
    - *This section can be evaluated as: Excellent (5) Very good (4) Good (3) Average (2) Poor (1)*

- **Tell us: what do you aim to do in this research collaboration?** A description of the collaborative activity is requested, highlighting specific research topic, potential advances through the collaboration, proposed collaborative methodology and expected progress in the topic. We would like to know the reasons for the collaboration (e.g., understand complementarities and synergies of your collaboration).
    - *This section can be evaluated as: Excellent (5) Very good (4) Good (3) Average (2) Poor (1)*

- **Tell us: how are you going to do this collaboration? How will you use the award money?** A detailed planning of the collaboration with the host institution (e.g., planned collaborative activities, timeline, involvement of stakeholders, potential collaborators or general audience and means to liaise with each of them) will be helpful to evaluate the effectiveness of your collaboration. A Gantt chart is required.[6] Potential activities might include presentation to a research group or PhD students; preparations for a joint research proposal; joint data collection or data sharing; use of new methods, methodology available at the host institution, or research infrastructure; preparation for a joint publication in an open access journal (no hybrid); preparation of a joint teaching activity or co-tutelle agreement, etc. Please indicate in this section also how you will use the grant in a way that it will support your collaboration.
    - *This section can be evaluated as: Excellent (5) Very good (4) Good (3) Average (2) Poor (1)*

- **Tell us what are the expected (short and medium term) outcomes of this collaboration?** A description of the expected short-term outcomes of your collaboration is required (presentation of the collaborative activities you plan to carry out thanks to the YERUN scheme), as well as of the potential medium-term outcomes of the collaboration for you and the partner institutions involved (identification of future joint activities that could build on this initial YERUN collaboration). Moreover, you are requested to describe the benefits of the collaboration for your professional development, and both for your home and host institution.

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[6] Graphic representation of your proposed activity along the period envisaged for the collaboration. This can be done with Excel.

- ○ *This section can be evaluated as: Excellent (5) Very good (4) Good (3) Average (2) Poor (1)*

- **Tell us: what are further impacts or potential benefits that your collaboration could lead to? Considerations about potential academic, social, economic and/or other impacts on society.** The relevance of your collaboration to improve impact on society will also be valued, as well as forms of communication towards the wider public (i.e. videos, blogs, etc.) allowing wider stakeholder engagement. Important: a reference to the [UN Sustainable Development Goals](#) your research might contribute to is strongly encouraged.
  - ○ *This section can be evaluated as: Excellent (5) Very good (4) Good (3) Average (2) Poor (1)*

- **Tell us: is your research collaboration interdisciplinary?** In this section you are encouraged to provide information on the interdisciplinarity of your research collaboration. Where possible, a reference to whether your research is connected to the YERUN [priorities](#) would also be appreciated (this will not be object of evaluation but it will be a useful information for YERUN to know).
  - ○ *Half extra point (0.5) is given if the collaboration proposal is interdisciplinary.*

- **Tell us: is your collaboration new?** We will value positively an application that establishes a new research collaboration among researchers from YERUN institutions, as well as applications that build on previously established connections in the context of the YRMA (please indicate the name of the researchers involved).
  - ○ *One extra point (1) is given if the applicant and the host team have not collaborated previously.*
  - ○ *Half extra point (0.5) is given if this is a collaboration with a researcher that visited the institution of the applicant in previous YRMA calls.*

The above questions correspond to the different sections of the application form. Please note that each of these sections – all of which are equally important - will be evaluated.

## How to apply

If you wish to apply you should contact the host YERUN university you wish to collaborate with, agree on the purpose of the collaboration and the programme and activities you will work on, and the tentative period of collaboration. It is compulsory to provide a letter from the receiving department agreeing to collaborate with you.

Please inform the [YERUN Coordinator](#) at your Institution of your intent to apply for these awards, they will provide you with valuable information and support for your application. If you are a PhD candidate, please inform your supervisor. If you experience difficulties in getting the right contacts at the host institution, please [check the information](#) provided about research areas and researchers portals on the YERUN website.

If you are interested in applying, please **follow the link** and you will receive access to the online application system. Please note that the online application system will be ready and open **as of 13 June 2022.**

The official deadline to submit your application online is **12 July 2022 (23:59 CEST).** When you have submitted your application successfully, you will receive a confirmation email. If you do not receive it, please contact the YERUN office (secretarygeneral@yerun.eu).

## Evaluation

The evaluation will be conducted by a group of evaluators from YERUN institutions. Every application will be evaluated by two different evaluators. In case two evaluators assess the same application in a very different way, a third evaluator will be asked. Applications will be evaluated and ranked according to the assessment criteria listed above. We can award up to 40 applications in this round[7]. After the evaluation period, all applicants will receive an email informing them about the outcome of their application.

## Call for applications

The 2022 call for applications **opens on 13 June 2022 and closes on 12 July 2022 (23:59 CEST). Results will be communicated by the end of September 2022.**

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[7] While 40 awards are available in this call, a threshold will be set by the group of evaluators to ensure the high quality of the applications awarded. Only applications passing the threshold will be awarded.