

## European Funding Opportunities for Researchers of All Nationalities and Research Fields

You are cordially invited to a EURAXESS North America Information Session co-organized with The University of Texas at Austin

### DATE & TIME

Thursday, 15 February 2018 at 2:00 – 5:00pm CST

### VENUE

The University of Texas at Austin, Cockrell School of Engineering  
Engineering Education and Research Center, Room EER 0.806

### RSVP

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### PROGRAMME

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| 2:00 – 2:05pm | <b>Welcoming remarks</b> – <i>Dr. Sharon Wood, Dean of the Cockrell School of Engineering, The University of Texas at Austin</i>  |
| 2:05 – 2:15pm | <b>Opening remarks</b> – <i>Mr. Wolfgang Burtscher, Deputy Director General of Directorate General for Research and Innovation</i>  |
| 2:15 – 2:35pm | <b>Horizon 2020 – EU's Framework Programme for Research and Innovation - Open to the World</b> - <i>Dr. Mary Kavanagh, Minister-Counselor for Research &amp; Innovation, Delegation of the EU to the USA</i>  |
| 2:35 – 2:55pm | <b>EURAXESS – Researchers in Motion initiative</b> (overview of the 4 pillars: Jobs, Services, Rights and Worldwide) - <i>Ms. Viktoria Bodnarova, Regional Representative, EURAXESS North America</i>   |
| 2:55 – 3:40pm | <b>Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA): special focus on Individual Fellowships</b> (opportunities mainly for graduate students & US institutions to host fellows from Europe) - <i>Mr. David Wizel, Head of Sector, Research Executive Agency, European Commission</i> |
| 3:40 – 4:25pm | <b>European Research Council (ERC) Grants</b> (opportunities mainly for postdocs and more experienced researchers) - <i>Dr. Jose Labastida, Head of the Scientific Management Department, ERC Executive Agency</i>  |
| 4:25 – 5:00pm | <b>Q&amp;A</b>  |

## Horizon 2020

Horizon 2020 is the European Union's Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, with a budget of €77 billion between 2014 and 2020 to support scientifically-excellent research, innovation, and technological development, through collaborative research projects as well as grants and fellowships to individuals. It is open to the world, so US researchers are very welcome to get involved. This event will provide an insight into the opportunities for US researchers to cooperate with European partners and the funding schemes available to those interested in spending part of their career in Europe.

## Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

The Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions provide significant support for international and intersectoral research mobility and career development, both for researchers inside the European Union and externally. The program includes activities such as initial training of researchers, support for lifelong training and career development, transfer of knowledge and networking via actions including individual fellowships, innovative training networks, and research and innovation staff exchange. By the end of 2016, the MSCA awarded approximately 100,000 grants.

Also, within the MSCA, US research institution can host European post-docs for up to 2 years. If successful, this fellowship will be fully covered by the program.

## European Research Council Grants

The ERC is funding investigator-driven research at the frontiers of science and technology, independently of thematic priorities and nationalities. Particular emphasis is being placed on emerging and fast-growing fields at the frontiers of knowledge, and on cross-disciplinary research. The ERC also strives to attract top researchers from anywhere in the world to come to Europe. To date, the ERC has funded more than 7,500 top researchers at various stages of their careers. The funding also helped them employ over 40,000 members in their research teams.

By fostering transatlantic exchange of researchers (including PhD and postdoc candidates) these formats contribute to training researchers, stimulating and supporting research partnerships and institutional cooperation beyond the world of academia.

The main objectives of the information session are:

- *Raising awareness on mobility and career opportunities in Europe, with a special focus on Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions and the ERC Grants.*
- *Stimulating scientific cooperation between North America and Europe through Horizon 2020 collaborative projects.*
- *Helping to connect researchers from both continents with a view to expand the EURAXESS North America Community*

## EURAXESS – Researchers in Motion

EURAXESS is a unique ERA initiative providing access to a complete range of information and support services for European and non-European researchers wishing to pursue research careers in Europe. It offers access to the job market; assists researchers in advancing their careers in another European country and supports research organisations in their search for outstanding research talent. EURAXESS is a truly pan-European initiative, supported by 40 participating countries across Europe and the EURAXESS Worldwide countries.

So far, EURAXESS Worldwide has been launched in North America, Japan, China, India, ASEAN and CELAC. The objective of EURAXESS North America is to actively promote Europe as an attractive and open place for researchers and innovators. It networks not only European researchers working in North America but also North American researchers/innovators with the potential of moving to Europe or to a non-European destination where EURAXESS Worldwide operates.

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