The call for Mobilitas Pluss mobility funding will close on 31 August 2016

The Mobilitas Pluss programme offers following funding opportunities:

Mobilitas Pluss post-doctoral grant supports researchers coming to Estonia to carry out their post-doctoral research projects. The support is aimed at researchers who have defended their doctoral degree abroad within the past 5 years as of the deadline for the submission of grant applications.

The funding will be allocated to the R&D institutions, companies or higher education institutions hiring the post-doctoral researchers. The grant is subject to an own contribution requirement of 5% by the host institution.

- The grant amount is **31 710 €/per year** for non-experimental projects and **34 650 €/per year** for experimental projects.
- The grant period is 12-24 months.
- Guidelines for grant application

Post-doctoral fellows can apply for additional **6500** euros for relocation allowance in the first year of the project in case they have not lived, studied or worked in Estonia within 180 days preceding the opening of the call for applications

 <u>Returning researcher grant</u> supports researchers who have carried out their post-doctoral research (or research at least at the same level) abroad for at least two years and would like to return to Estonia.

The funding will be allocated to the R&D institutions, companies or higher education institutions hiring the returning researchers. The grant is subject to an own contribution requirement of 5% by the host institution.

- The grant amount is **31 710 €/per year** for non-experimental projects and **34 650 €/per year** for experimental projects.
- The grant period is **6-12 months.**
- Guidelines for grant application

Returning researchers can apply for additional **6500 euros for relocation allowance** in the first year of the project in case they have not lived, studied or worked in Estonia within 180 days preceding the opening of the call for applications.

Top researcher grant supports top researchers who come from abroad to work in an Estonian R&D institution and to establish their own research group. Researchers hired by the host institutions have to produce high-level publications and steer the strategic vision for the future in their sector at the selected R&D institution. Preferably, they will meet the R4 level or, at a minimum, the R3 level requierments specified in the European research career framework. The top researcher must have been working outside Estonia for the past five years.

- The cap on the grant amount is **180 722,89 euros per year** of which the host institution's own contribution forms 17%.
- The grant period is **36-60 months.**
- Guidelines for grant application

The call for applications will be open until 31 August 2016 at 5 p.m (CET).

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