Next Cut-Off Date for Applications to EMBO Postdoctoral Fellowships is 22 January 2027

The European Molecular Biology Organization (EMBO) provides various fellowship and support programmes for scientists working in the field of life sciences. These programmes, which are financed by the European Molecular Biology Conference (EMBC) Member States and EMBO/EMBC global partners, provide grants, mobility and scientific networking support to researchers.

EMBO Postdoctoral Fellowships provide international mobility and research opportunities in ***TÜRKİYE*** for postdoctoral researchers working in the field of life sciences.

Eligibility:

- Applicants must hold a doctorate or equivalent at the start of the fellowship.
  - *Candidates with a medical degree (M.D.) may apply provided they hold a PhD. Candidates with an M.D. but without a PhD may apply if they have equivalent research experience to a PhD. These candidates should contact the EMBO Fellowship Office (fellowships@embo.org) before applying.*
- For applicants already holding a PhD at the time of application, they should have obtained it during the two years prior to the date the application is submitted.
  - *The two-year limit since obtaining a PhD can be extended in exceptional circumstances such as parental leave, illness, mandatory military or civil service. Candidates whose circumstances may warrant an extension of the eligibility period should contact the EMBO Fellowship Office (fellowships@embo.org) before applying.*

- Applicants must have at least one first-author research paper accepted in or published in an international peer-reviewed journal or a first-author preprint research paper with public in-depth peer reviews at the time of application.
- Applicants should identify a potential host laboratory and supervisor in ***TÜRKİYE*** to perform postdoctoral research and the intended research must be in the field of life sciences and related to the EMBO subject areas;
- Applicants cannot apply to conduct their fellowship in ***TÜRKİYE*** if they have obtained their PhD there, or if they are returning to a laboratory where they have worked in the past for more than six months.
- For applicants who have already started working in their host laboratory in ***TÜRKİYE***, they should have been working there for less than six months at the time the application is submitted.

Please find detailed information about the eligibility criteria here.

Benefits:

- Postdoctoral Fellowships are awarded for a period of one to two years.
- EMBO provides grants to the host institutions to cover the cost of employment for the awardee. Contract rates vary by country; the current rate for ***TÜRKİYE*** is 58,800 EUR per annum.
- Fellows eligible for the travel and relocation support will receive this as a lump sum before the start date of their fellowship.
- Fellows are invited to join the EMBO Fellows' Network.
- Postdoctoral Fellows are offered to attend the EMBO Laboratory Leadership Courses for postdocs free of charge during or at the end of their fellowship.

Please find detailed information about the benefits here.

Application and Selection:

- Applications must be made via the EMBO application system by **14:00** (Central European Time – CET) on **22 January 2027**.

- Applications are accepted throughout the year and enter one of two evaluation cycles depending on the time of submission. For the Spring 2027 evaluation cycle, applications must be submitted by **22 January 2027;** for the Autumn 2027 evaluation cycle, the application deadline is planned to be **9 July 2027**.
- Eligible and successful applicants will be invited for an online interview.
  - *Applicants who are officially invited for an online interview by the EMBO are strongly encouraged to reach out to TÜBİTAK (uidb@tubitak.gov.tr and embo@tubitak.gov.tr) in a timely manner before their interviews.*

Please find detailed information about the programme here and the application guidelines here.

Additional Information and Contact Details:

- Please find detailed information about the EMBO fellowships and grants on the official EMBO programme website or on the TÜBİTAK EMBO programme website.
- Please click here and here to watch the video recordings of the online training days that were held on 16 and 17 October 2025 to promote successful applications for fellowships and grants provided by the EMBO.
- If you would like to receive updates about the EMBO fellowships and grants, please subscribe to our newsletter here.
- Please send your questions about the EMBO Postdoctoral Fellowships to the EMBO Fellowship Office (fellowships@embo.org) or the TÜBİTAK contact point (uidb@tubitak.gov.tr and embo@tubitak.gov.tr).

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