

LAP Seminar

Tips and Tricks
for the Life after your PhD

Interview Trip to Find a Postdoc Position

Interview Trip:

- List of lab's
- Write email: You are interested in lab and like to visit
- Organize trip

If you get an interview with your favourite lab, look for other lab's at this place that are maybe not on your priority list, yet. Good to talk to lots of people, see people in person. Websites don't show everything!

The Interview

- Give a good talk (practise a lot)
- Talk to the PI:
 - What projects do they have, in which state are they?
 - Possible to get paid at the beginning?
 - Offer that you look for funding
 - How long are people still staying in this lab?
- Talk to Postdocs, PhDs:
 - How is the PI?
 - Lab activities?
 - How is life outside the lab?
- If possible, go out with people for a meal
- Be able for small talk
- Let people talk
- Comfortable cloth (for jobs in academia)
- Stay more than one day at the place if possible

Fellowships

	Walter Benjamin Programm (DFG)	EMBO	Marie Skłodowska-Curie	A. v. Humboldt	Human Frontiers Science Programm
Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Dissertation submitted *Working for at least three years in the German research system *Applicants must intend to continue their scientific career in Germany after the funding. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Doctorate degree *Apply only within 2 years after PhD defence *Not in country you obtained your PhD *Started working in the host laboratory: only less than 6 month time to apply 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Doctoral degree or at least four years' full-time research experience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *One of the applicants is working at a foreign research institute and is an alumnus of an Alexander von Humboldt Foundation fellowship * Working at a research institute in Germany 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Anyone *PhD awarded, conferred in 3 years prior to submission deadline *at least one lead author, full-length research paper *work in a country different to where they did their previous PhD work, not home country
Duration	Up to 2 years	Up to 2 years	2 – 3 years	Up to 3 years	3 years
Payment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *cost of an employment contract *250€ direct costs and travel expenses as well as publication costs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Cost of an employment contract *Relocation costs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allowance to cover living, travel and family costs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximum funding amounting to 55,000 EUR 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Living, child, parental, research, travel, relocation allowance
Deadlines	Submission at any time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No application deadlines Evaluation deadline: Second Friday of February, 14:00 Second Friday of August, 14:00 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wednesday, September 9, 2020 - 17:00 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No application deadlines 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> August 27, 2020
Decision time	~6 months	3-4 months	~ 6 months	~ 8 months	~8 months

More Information for Fellowships

<https://www.regulatory-genome.hu-berlin.de/en/events/lectures/lap-series/lap-life-after-phd-series>

Making a Decision

PI: Stage of career
Publicity (Travelling)
Publications /grants
Family
Impression

Lab: Size
Composition: PhD's-Postdocs
Social life
Workspace
Consumables

Project: Which stage
Fisibility
Back-ups
Freedom
Financial support

Location: Effect on privat life
Travel
Weather
Prices

Social Life: Partner
Stage of life
Town /city
Hobby

Possible Place for a Postdoc

Norwich Research Park, Norwich, UK

John Innes Center



<https://www.jic.ac.uk/research-impact/research-groups/>



The Sainsbury Laboratory

Fundamental discoveries in the science of plant-microbe interactions

<http://www.tsl.ac.uk/>



Earlham Institute



Exploring living systems by applying computational science and biotechnology

<https://www.earlham.ac.uk/>

Becoming a PI

Next step:



Becoming PI:

- + Scientific ideas
- + Reading
- + Writing grants
- Lab work
- Help from PI

Serious Doubts

Teacher ?

What else?

Apprentice ?

Self-
employed ?

Studying ?

Industry ?

Before leaving science:

- Take time for this decision
- Try first new things
- Where are your strengths ?
- Where is your passion?

At the end, just find a job that you really enjoy, that feels like a hobby!

It can be in science or somewhere else.

Just be open and curious to new things.

Your career can be a straight path or one that changes tracks.