

Post-doctoral Research Aid



Requirements for a Research Applicant

- Scientific institution registered in the Register of Scientific Institutions of the Republic of Latvia or
- a micro, small, medium-sized or large enterprise registered in the Enterprise Register of the Republic of Latvia

Postdoctoral researcher

Latvian or foreign postdoctoral researcher:

- the doctoral degree was acquired not more than 10 years before the deadline for submitting the research application (parental leave and temporary work disability are taken into account)
- an employment contract has been concluded with the research applicant

The research applicant

- The research applicant may implement the research application individually or in partnership with a scientific institution of a foreign country or of Latvia, institution of higher education or enterprise.
- A research application may or may not be related to economic activity

Relevance of the research application to the Smart Specialization Strategy

- The research application contributes to the achievement of the objectives of the Strategy for Smart Specialization of Latvia or to the development of areas of specialization
- Interdisciplinary research applications correspond to at least one of the defined areas of the Strategy for Smart specialization of Latvia

Supported activities

- research
- postdoctoral competence development, international mobility and networking events
- knowledge and technology transfer
- acquisition, approval and defense of technology rights

Research application funding

The maximum available funding for the implementation of one research application within 36 months is 192 360 euros

Postdoctoral researcher salary

Up to a total of 3,860 euros monthly (including mandatory state social insurance contributions and other social guarantees)

Funding for research, training and networking activities

1,000 euros per month (costs of purchasing materials necessary for research, securing technology rights and outsourcing, training costs, costs of networking events, including business trips, participation fees in conferences and participation in informative events)

Funding for administrative and infrastructure resources

6% of the postdoc's salary per month (stationery, room rental, utilities, IT services, remuneration of support and management staff, mentor consultations and other costs necessary to achieve the results of the research application)

Funding for mobility

- 710 euros per month if the duration of foreign mobility is 6 months or more
- family allowance of 660 euros per month if the duration of foreign mobility is 6 months or more
- a one-off allowance of €710 for a postdoctoral researcher moving to Latvia and €660 for a family relocation

Mobility

For a research application not related to economic activity:

- short mobility (mandatory) at least 2 months
- long mobility (optional) at least 6 months

For a research application related to economic activity - if necessary

Selection of research applications

The selection of research applications and informative support about the selection requirements is ensured by the Latvian Science Council. The deadline for submitting research applications is no less than 4 weeks after announcement of a new call of applications.

Evaluation of research applications

The scientific quality of research applications are evaluated by the experts included in the databases of foreign experts

Available financing and term

Overall budget available for the implementation of research applications: EUR 44 440 611, ERDF EUR 37 774 519, Latvian state budget co-financing EUR 4 797 862, private co-financing EUR 1 868 230.

The program is implemented from 2024 to 2029.

