



EMPAPOSTDOCS-II

Empa's postdoctoral fellowship program offers career opportunities for excellent researchers

WHAT IS IT?

EMPAPOSTDOCS-II is an **individual-driven research and career advancing fellowship which follows a bottom-up approach and offers incoming and re-integrating international mobile researchers a 2-year full employment contract at Empa.** It allows experienced researchers from all over the world to set up and implement a research project and get the opportunity to work on their own research idea at one of the 30 research laboratories of Empa. The following research areas welcome applications:

- **Nanostructured Materials**
- **Sustainable Built Environment**
- **Health and Performance**
- **Natural Resources and Pollutants**
- **Energy**

Projects can be carried out in the three sites of Empa at Dübendorf (near Zurich), St. Gallen or Thun depending on the location of the lab. The fellows can choose their topic and destination within this frame.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

There are two mobility schemes in the EMPAPOSTDOCS-II program, the **incoming mobility** scheme and the **re-integration** scheme. Regardless of the mobility scheme, the main **eligibility criteria** for the Empa Postdocs program are the following:

The applicant must

- **Be an experienced researcher:** at the time of the application deadline be in possession of a doctoral degree, irrespective of the time taken to acquire it.
- **Not have finished her/his PhD more than six years before.**

For the **incoming mobility** scheme, a specific eligibility criterion is that the applicant must not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc) in Switzerland for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately prior to the application deadline. Short stays, such as holidays, are not taken into account.

For the **re-integration** scheme, the specific eligibility criteria are:

- The researcher originates from the **EU-27 or Associated Countries**;
- The researcher has been active in research in a third country for at least three years and in the last 12 months immediately prior to the application deadline.

The point of time of reference is the call closure (31 August of the respective call year).

WHAT ARE THE FINANCIAL PROVISIONS?

EMPAPOSTDOCS-II offers a highly competitive living allowance, research cost contribution and mobility package. Salary at Empa is defined based on function, experience and performance according to the *ETH Domain salary system*.

WHAT IS THE AIM?

EMPAPOSTDOCS-II wishes to make a significant contribution to the European Research Area by training excellent researchers with scientific and transferable skills to enable them for a successful career. The program offers attractive working conditions in an excellent research institute with high-end infrastructure and a thriving working environment.

WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS?

Applications can only be submitted together with an Empa-based mentor. A list of mentors is available on the *program portal*. Only one proposal per individual researcher will be evaluated. If you are interested in applying, search for a suitable mentor and contact the EMPAPOSTDOCS-II program manager via *postdocs@empa.ch*

DURATION AND IMPORTANT DATES

The program will run from 2017–2022. **There are three calls for applications 1 June 2017, 1 June 2018 and 1 June 2019, all with deadlines on 31 August.** For the first two calls, a maximum of 20 fellowships will be granted. In case of a successful application, the fellowship starts in March of the following year (March 2018/2019/2020).

CONTACT PERSON

All call-related documents and further information are available on our *program portal*. For any question or further inquiries please do not hesitate to contact us under *postdocs@empa.ch*

FURTHER INFORMATION

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