



# ERCIM "Alain Bensoussan" Fellowship Programme



**Application deadline twice per year**  
**30 April and 30 September**

## Who can apply?

The Fellowships are available for PhD holders from all over the world. ERCIM encourages not only researchers from academic institutions to apply, but also scientists working in industry. ERCIM specifically encourages women to apply.

## Which topics?

The Fellowship Programme covers a broad range of topics in Informatics and Mathematics in which ERCIM institutes are active.

## Why to apply?

The Fellowship Programme enables bright young scientists to work on a challenging problem as Fellows of leading European research centres. The programme offers the opportunity to ERCIM Fellows:

- to work with internationally recognized experts
- to improve their knowledge about European research structures and networks
- to become familiarized with working conditions in leading European research centres
- to promote cross-fertilisation and cooperation, through the Fellowships, between research groups working in similar areas in different laboratories.
- Fellows participating in this programme have the status of a "Marie Curie" Fellow.

## How to apply?

Applications have to be submitted online. The application form will be available one month prior to the application deadline at <http://fellowship.ercim.eu/>

**Where are the fellows hosted?**

The Fellows are hosted by ERCIM member institutes. Leading European research organisations are currently members of ERCIM. For detailed information about the possible hosting institutes, see <http://www.ercim.eu/members/> and follow the links to the individual members.

**Contract and duration**

The Fellows are appointed for 12 or 2x12 months either by a stipend (an agreement for a reasearch training programme) or a working contract. The type of contract and the monthly allowance (for stipends) or salary (for working contracts) depend on the hosting institute (details on the website).

**What are the conditions?**

Candidates must:

- have obtained a PhD degree during the last 8 years (prior to the application deadline) or be in the last year of the thesis work with an outstanding academic record
- be fluent in English
- be discharged or get deferment from military service
- have completed the PhD before starting the grant (a proof will be requested).

In addition, a member institute cannot host a candidate of the same nationality. A candidate cannot be hosted by a member institute, if by the start of the Fellowship, he or she has already worked in this institute for a total of six months or more, during the last three years.

**How are the fellows selected?**

Each application is reviewed by one or more senior scientists in each ERCIM institute. ERCIM representatives decide on the candidates to whom Fellowships are offered, taking into account the scientific expertise, quality of scientific publications, relevance of the candidate's research interest, the added-value for the consortium, previous mobility and professional experience. The number of available positions varies from call to call and depends mainly from the needs of the member institutes and their available funding.

#### *Equal Opportunities*

ERCIM is committed to ensuring equal opportunities and promoting diversity. People seeking employment within the ERCIM consortium are not discriminated against because race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital status or disability.

**Further Information**

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