



# ERCIM

European Research Consortium  
for Informatics and Mathematics

## "Alain Bensoussan" Fellowship Programme

Application deadline:

**Twice per year**

**30 April and 30 September**



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### 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.

### Why to apply?

The Fellowship Programme enables bright young scientists from all over the world 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.

### What is the duration?

Fellowships are generally of 18 month duration, spent in two of the ERCIM institutes. In particular cases a Fellowship of 12 month duration spent in one institute might be offered.

### 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/>

### Which topics/disciplines?

The Fellowship Programme focuses on topics defined by the ERCIM working groups and projects managed by ERCIM such as Biomedical Informatics, Computing and Statistics, Constraints Technology and Applications, Embedded Systems, Digital Libraries, Environmental Modelling, E-Mobility, Formal Methods, Grids, Security and Trust Management, and many other areas in which ERCIM institutes are active.

## Where are the Fellows hosted?

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

## What are the conditions?

- 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 order to encourage mobility, 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.

### *Competitive Salary*

For the entire period, the Fellow will receive a monthly allowance which may vary depending on the country. Costs for travelling to and from the institutes will be paid.

### *Participation in Scientific Conferences*

The Fellow is encouraged to attend and to submit papers to scientific conferences during his or her Fellowship. ERCIM covers registration costs and travelling expenses (up to a limited amount) under the condition that the Fellow has an accepted paper at the conference.

## 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 qualification of the applicant, the overlap of interest between the applicant and the hosting institution, and the 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

<http://fellowship.ercim.eu/> | [fp-info@ercim.eu](mailto:fp-info@ercim.eu)

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