

Call for the EARA visiting program

The EARA visiting program is launched for the first time in 2024 by the EARA President, Elisabetta Crocetti, to support networking and mentoring among EARA members.

Who can apply?

One or a small group of EARA early career members (defined for this call as those who are currently working on pre-doctorate levels or have obtained their doctoral degree within the last five years) can apply together with an EARA senior member (a member with at least 10 years of experience after the PhD).

The EARA early career members can apply for a visiting fellowship to visit the EARA senior member to work on either:

- a joint publication
- a joint grant application (e.g., for Marie Curie grants that require an early career scholar to apply together with a scientist in charge)

The possibility to apply is open to all EARA members, including those who hold specific roles in the association (e.g., national representatives, members of the EARA committees) and those who apply for the EARA Collaborative Research Network.

How to apply?

The EARA early career member(s) need to apply together with a matched senior member. They need to:

- fill out this form with the data of each applicant (https://unibopsice.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_b8FE6VbNi9IAr6m)
- submit their CVs (labeled Surname_cv.docx)
- send a proposal (max 1000 words, with the word count specified on the first page) specifying the purpose of the visit (e.g., which is the joint publication or grant application you will be working on) and how it will be organized (e.g., for how long, how it will be structured) (labeled Proposal.docx)
- provide a budget plan (specifying if you have access to any additional support for the mobility; e.g., from your institution). The budget should be included on the last page of the proposal and does not count for the word limit.

These documents must be sent to the EARA secretary, Fabrizia Giannotta, by email (fabrizia.giannotta@unito.it). Indicate in the Object: "Application for the EARA visiting fellowship".

Do you need help to find your match?

If you are an EARA early career and/or senior member interested in this Call, you might already have an idea who could be your best match (e.g., from prior conferences or shared research interests). If you need more ideas you can check who are the EARA members by accessing the Members directory (<http://www.earaonline.org/membership/members-directory/>; note: the access is restricted to members).

Furthermore, to facilitate the matching, you can post messages on the LinkedIn page of EARA (<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/4303105/>)

How much is the visiting fellowship?

The amount of the visiting fellowship can be a maximum of 1,500 euros (total for each proposal). The specific amount will be assigned by the committee based on the submitted budget plan and is meant to provide support to the EARA early career members. The fellowship will be paid by the EARA treasurer after the presentation of receipts of expenses.

As a token of appreciation, EARA senior member of selected proposals will have their membership extended for two years.

When to apply?

There will be two calls, one opened in late 2024 and one in the second half of 2025. The total budget available for the first call is 5,000 euros.

The schedule for the 2024 Call is the following:

- Call opens: December 2024
- **Deadline: March 31, 2025**
- Selection of applicants and notification of responses: By the end of April, 2025
- Travel visits can be done between May 2025 and August 2026.

The evaluation committee consists of Elisabetta Crocetti (EARA President), Fabrizia Giannotta (EARA Secretary), and Andrik Becht (EARA treasurer).

What is the expected outcome?

Awardees are required to prepare a report to document the joint activity done during the visit. Each report will be published in one of the editions of the EARA newsletter.

Awardees are also encouraged to present their work at the next EARA 2026 conference in Utrecht, the Netherlands, in a dedicated symposium.