

The European Science Foundation (ESF) is the European association of 78 national research organisations in 30 countries, with offices in Strasbourg and Brussels, devoted to scientific research. The ESF covers all scientific domains: physical and engineering sciences; life, earth and environmental sciences; medical sciences; humanities; and social sciences.

The mission of ESF is to provide a common European platform for its Member Organisations (MOs) in order to advance research and explore new directions for research at the European level.

These goals will be reached by three fundamental approaches:

**SCIENCE STRATEGY**

providing high level and high quality foresight and advice on science, research infrastructure and science policy issues of European significance. The ESF achieves this with **Forward Looks**, a major contribution towards common MO strategies for European Research, and **Exploratory Workshops**.

**SCIENCE SYNERGY**

stimulating cooperation between researchers and Member Organisations, in order to explore new directions in research throughout Europe. This is achieved through **ESF Research Networking Programmes**; **EUROCORES** and **ESF Research Conferences**.

**SCIENCE MANAGEMENT**

underlining the vital organisational role that ESF can play in a European setting, via the **EURYI** awards; **COST** (European CO-operation in the Field of Scientific and Technical Research) and **Eurobiofund**.

## In 2006 ESF announces the following Calls for Proposals

### Proposals for ESF Exploratory Workshops

Small, interactive group sessions aiming to open up new directions in research or to explore emerging research fields. Proposals should demonstrate the potential to generate follow-up research activities.

Award will be to a max. value of €15 000  
Submission open from: **1<sup>st</sup> March 2006**  
Deadline for submitting proposals: **2<sup>nd</sup> May 2006**  
Awarded workshops should take place during 2007  
For further information: [www.esf.org/workshops](http://www.esf.org/workshops)

### EUROCORES (European Science Foundation Collaborative Research)

The scheme provides a framework to bring together national research funding organisations to support European research. **THEMES:** The EUROCORES Theme Call is an important step to identify new areas for European collaborative research across all scientific fields. This creates future funding opportunities by developing the themes for new EUROCORES programmes.

Submission open from: **March 2006 (expected)**  
Deadline for submitting proposals: **1<sup>st</sup> June 2006**

**PROJECTS:** Each year a call for Collaborative Research Projects (CRPs) is announced, based on EUROCORES themes selected the previous year.

For further information: [www.esf.org/eurocores](http://www.esf.org/eurocores)

### Proposals for ESF Research Networking Programmes

Long term networking activities bringing together nationally funded research groups, to address a major scientific or research infrastructure issue. Proposals must show the potential to be carried out at the European level.

Award will be to a max. value of up to €120 000 annually, normally 4-5 years  
Submission open from: **1<sup>st</sup> July 2006**  
Deadline for submitting proposals: **30<sup>th</sup> October 2006**  
New Programmes should be launched from **1<sup>st</sup> January 2008**  
For further information: [www.esf.org/programmes](http://www.esf.org/programmes)

### Applications for EURYI Awards

These awards enable outstanding young scientists in any area of scientific research, from any country in the world, to create their own research teams at European universities and other research institutions. EURYI is a joint initiative of Eurohorcs and ESF. The 4th EURYI Call is expected to open later this year.

Award will be to a max. value of up to €1 250 000 over a five-year period  
Submission open from: **1<sup>st</sup> September 2006 (expected)**  
Deadline for submitting proposals: **30<sup>th</sup> November 2006**  
For further information: [www.esf.org/euryi](http://www.esf.org/euryi)

## Also during 2006

**ESF Research Conferences** will be announcing a separate call in the spring.  
For further information: [www.esf.org/conferences](http://www.esf.org/conferences)

**COST** (European CO-operation in the Field of Scientific and Technical Research) will be announcing their first open call this year. For further information: [www.cost.esf.org](http://www.cost.esf.org)

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