



Info Session: Early Career Researcher Mobilities 2026

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Order of events:

1. Introductions
2. What is the Oxford Berlin Research Partnership?
3. ECR Mobilities call: info & timeline
4. Questions





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The Oxford Berlin Research Partnership

- The Oxford Berlin Research Partnership is an academic partnership between the University of Oxford and the Berlin University Alliance (BUA).
- Together, we support a variety of academic activities in both Oxford & Berlin, including:
 - Seed-funding and mobility calls
 - An annual symposium
 - Joint-funding bids to third party funders



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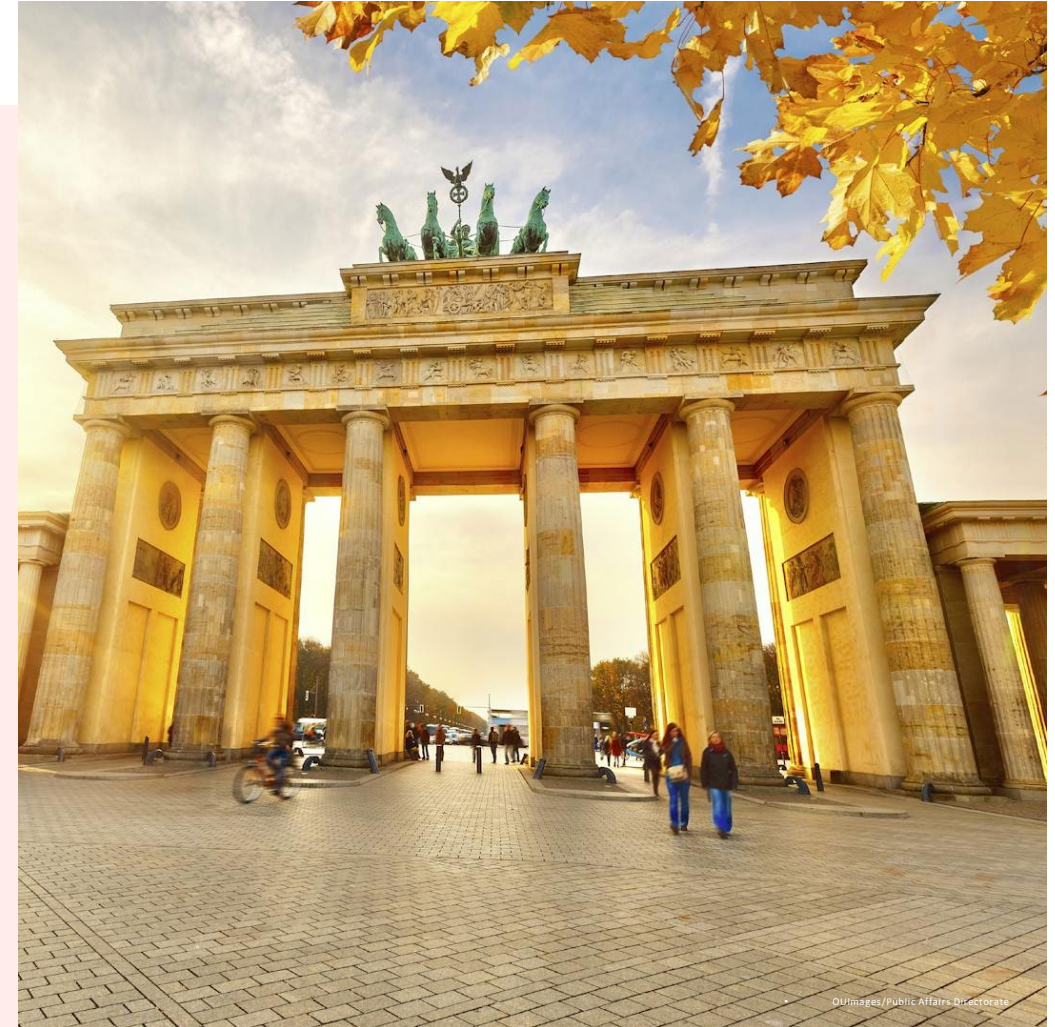




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- Eligibility: Early Career Researchers (postdoctoral researchers and doctoral students) from Oxford and Berlin who are planning a short-term visit at a partner institution in the other city to pursue research as part of **existing or recently initiated collaborations** between the partners
- The funds are primarily intended to cover costs for travel, accommodation, a daily subsistence allowance and costs for lab materials etc. (where applicable) for research visits taking place **between 15 April 2026 and 31 August 2026** (min. 2 weeks, max. 8 weeks in total)





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Available funding:

- **BUA applicants:** The maximum funding amount is EUR 4,500 per application
- **Oxford applicants:** The maximum funding is £3,800 per application





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Themes:

- Interdisciplinary applications or applications in the **Humanities** can be in any research area.
- Areas where applications in the **Social Sciences** are particularly welcome include democratic resilience and colonial legacy.
- Applications in the field of **Medical Sciences** dedicated to the following research topics are particularly welcome:
 - Circadian Medicine
 - Computational Pathology
 - Neurodegeneration
 - Mitochondria and Metabolism
 - Healthy ageing
 - Disease prediction and prevention
 - Global Health





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Themes (continued):

- In **STEM**, a preference is given to applications from researchers based at any of the four institutions part of the Berlin University Alliance or the University of Oxford in the following research areas:
 - Energy (in particular batteries/energy storage systems, photovoltaics, energy distribution, flexible use of energy, bioenergy, energy transformation, energy systems design)
 - Process automation (in particular self-driving laboratories, process control, robotics, digitalisation of laboratories and industries, FAIR data systems)
 - Bio- and chemical catalysis of complex systems (e.g. hydrogenase, cell engineering, difficult to express proteins, evolutionary processes)





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Application Review Criteria:

- Academic Merit/Clarity (40% weighting)
- Added value of the collaboration between Berlin and Oxford (30%)
- Potential for further collaboration and acquisition of third-party funding (20%)
- Diversity of the teams and topics (10%)



ECR 26 Timeline



**26 Jan 2026 –
Call Launched
Online**

**12 Feb 2026 –
Online Info
Session**

**2 Mar 2026 –
Deadline for
Applications**

**15 Apr 2026 –
Project start
time**



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Questions?

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