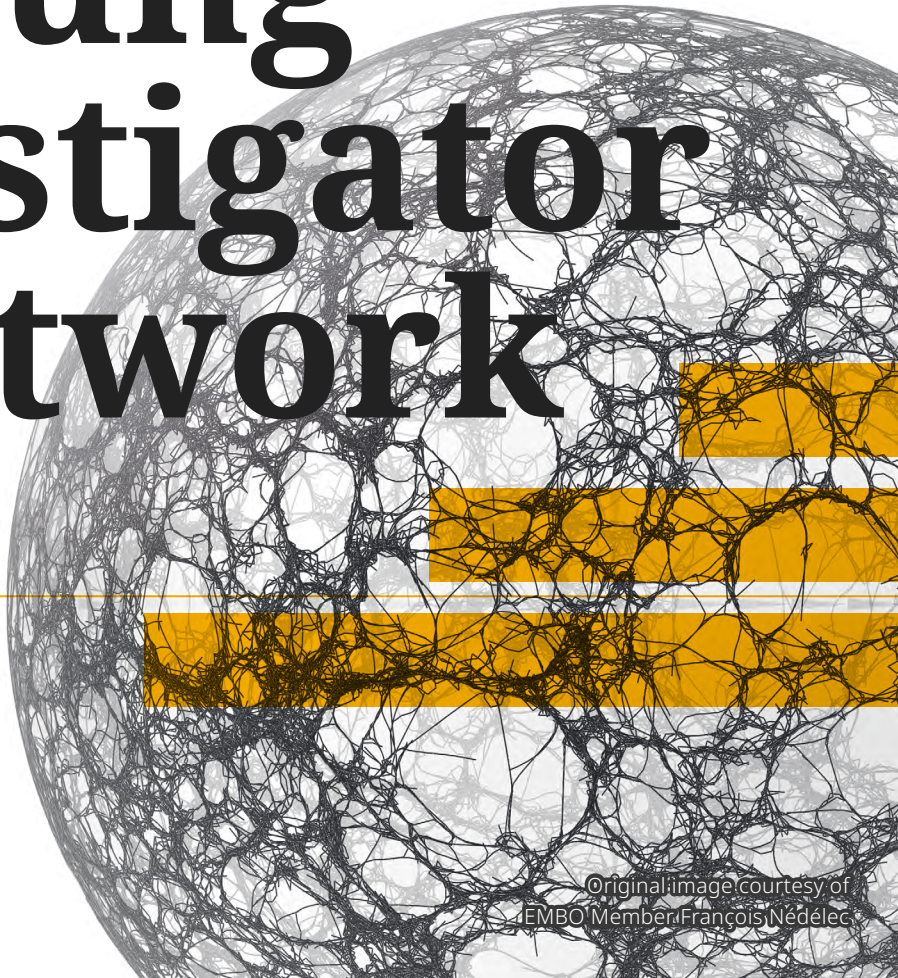




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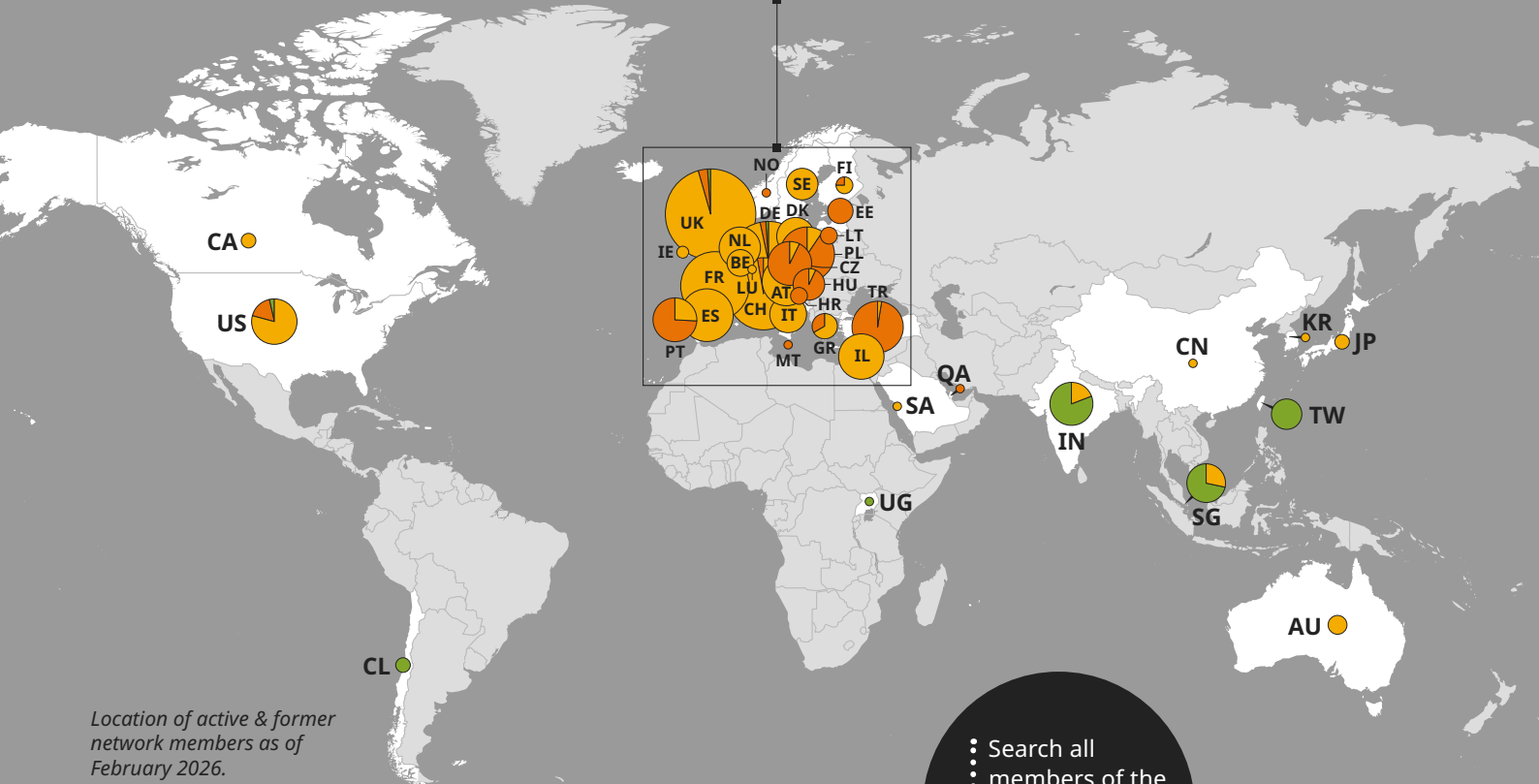
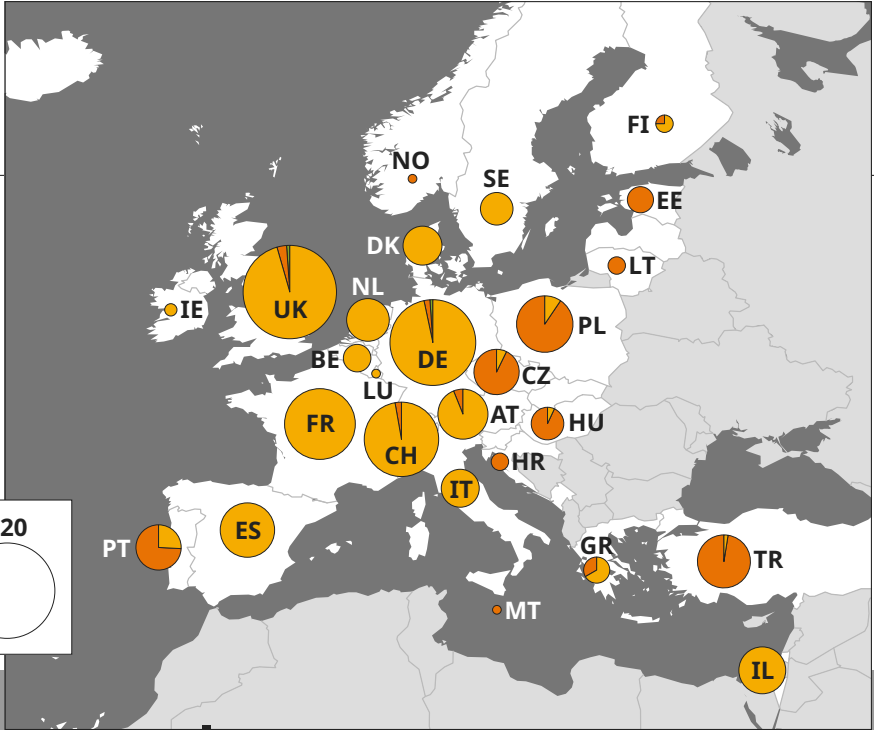
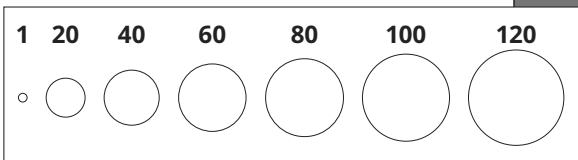
Young Investigator Network

*annual
report*



Location of current & former network members

- EMBO Young Investigators
- EMBO Installation Grantees
- EMBO Global Investigators



Location of active & former network members as of February 2026.

• Search all members of the EMBO Young Investigator Network [here](#).

The EMBO Young Investigator Network

in Europe and beyond

The EMBO Young Investigator Network connects scientists supported by the EMBO Young Investigator Programme, EMBO Installation Grants and the EMBO Global Investigator Network. The network consists of more than 800 active and former members.

Young Investigators

The EMBO Young Investigator Programme supports some of the best group leaders who are within four years of having established their first independent laboratory in Europe and countries that are covered by a formal agreement with EMBO and EMBC in 2025 (*Chile, India, Japan, Singapore and Taiwan*).

Installation Grantees

The EMBO Installation Grants support scientists establishing their first independent labs in participating members states. Applicants must have received their PhD within the past nine years. In 2025, grants were available to scientists going to *Croatia, Czechia, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Montenegro, Poland, Portugal and Türkiye*.

Global Investigators

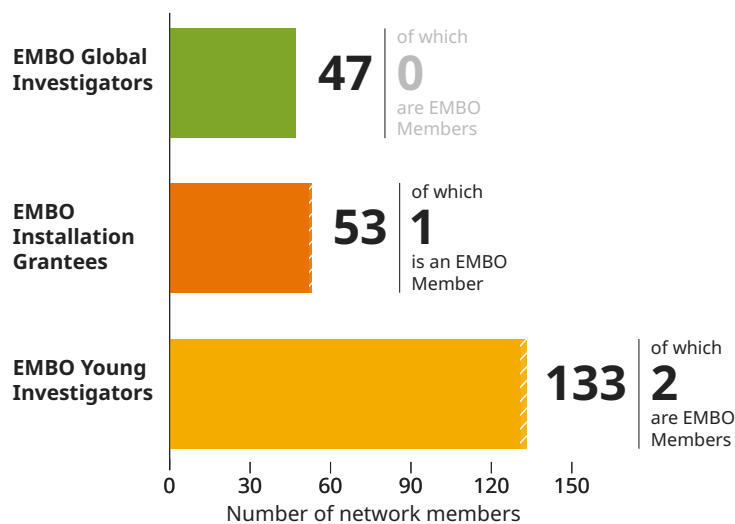
The members of the EMBO Global Investigator Network are selected from applicants who are within six years of having established their first independent laboratories in countries that are covered by a formal agreement with EMBO and EMBC. In 2025, scientists from *Chile, India, Singapore and Taiwan* were eligible.

Through the EMBO Young Investigator Network the selected scientists have access to a wide range of benefits, including funding for networking, training in leadership and professional development, support

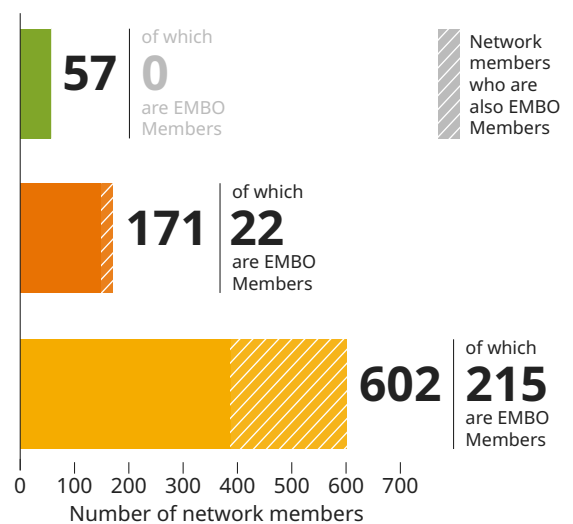
for lab members and lecture grants. Membership in the programme is for four years for EMBO Young Investigators and Global Investigators, and five years for EMBO Installation Grantees.

EMBO Installation Grantees receive an annual grant of 50,000 euros for five years that is provided by the country's ministry or national funding agency (see list on page 12).

Current network members



Current and former network members 2025



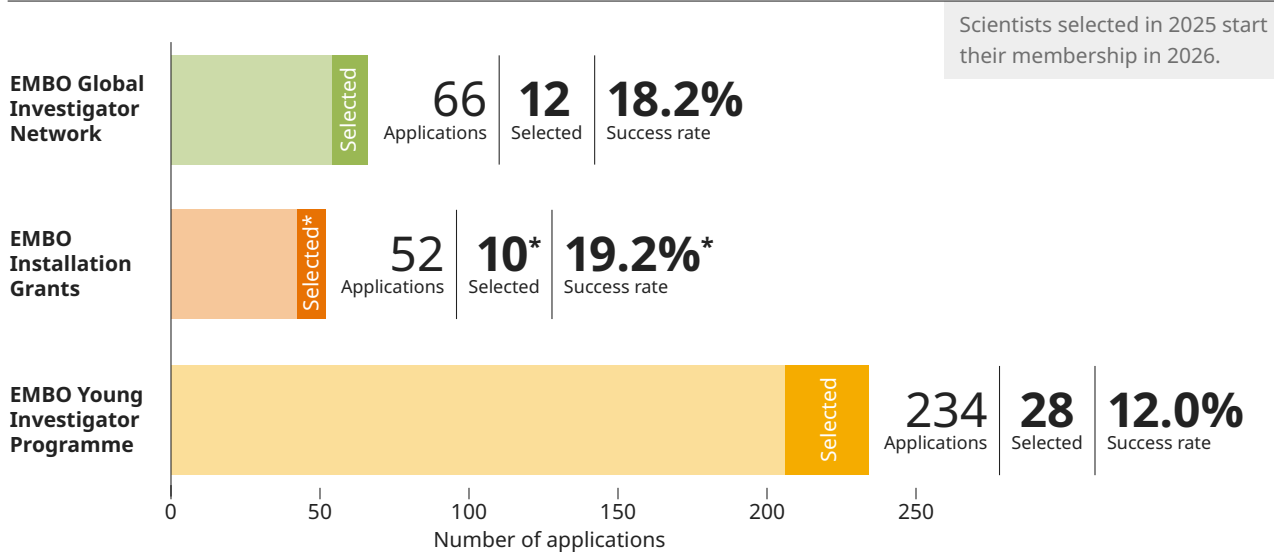
Selection

Selections are carried out by dedicated committees consisting of ten EMBO Members, covering different EMBO Subject Areas. Applications are prescreened, and 48 applicants were selected for interview with the committee for the EMBO Young Investigators, 22 for the Installation Grants and 23 for the Global Investigators.

An external review by an EMBO Member expert in the subject area of the applicant is sought to support the committees' deliberations. Approximately 50% of the interviewed applicants are selected to become members of the network.

For applications and awards per country, please refer to the *EMBO Facts & Figures 2025*, which can be downloaded from the [EMBO Website](#) (available from July 2026).

Applications and network members selected in 2025



* For the EMBO Installation Grants the availability of funds in the participating member states determines the number of scientists supported per country.

A list of current committee members can be found on the [EMBO Website](#).

Committee members in 2025

Young Investigator Committee

2021 Guillermina López-Bendito ES *Chair*
 2025 Corinne Houart UK
 2023 Urs Jenal CH
 2025 Werner Kühlbrandt DE
 2024 Gaëlle Legube FR
 2025 Laura Machesky UK
 2025 Jacques Neeffjes NL
 2021 Marcin Nowotny PL
 2023 Giles Oldroyd UK
 2023 Sara Wickström DE

Installation Grants Committee

2022 Andrew Carter UK *Chair*
 2025 Pedro Beltrao CH
 2022 Melanie Blokesch CH
 2022 Karin de Visser NL
 2023 Matteo Iannacone IT
 2025 Karim Labib UK
 2023 Andreas Ladurner DE
 2022 Giampietro Schiavo UK
 2022 Katja Sträßler DE
 2022 Miguel Torres ES
 2022 Dolf Weijers NL

Global Investigator Network Committee

2019 Cayetano González ES *Chair*
 2025 Angela Falciatore FR
 2022 Toni Gabaldón ES
 2024 Alwin Köhler AT
 2023 Ilaria Malanchi UK
 2024 Ruth Massey IE
 2024 Christoph Müller DE
 2025 Nina Papavasiliou DE
 2023 Wim Vermeulen NL

I Gender statistics

EMBO closely monitors gender statistics for applications and selections. Over a five-year period success rates by gender are nearly equal with

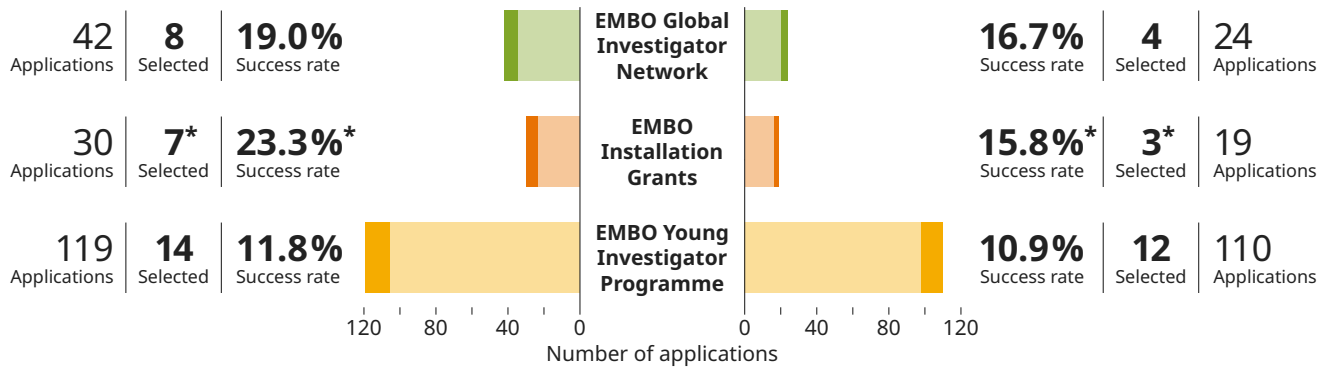
minor annual fluctuations averaging out. Committees hear a talk on how to mitigate unconscious bias before each round of interviews.

The complete statistics can be found in the *EMBO Facts & Figures 2025*, which can be downloaded from the [EMBO Website](#) (available from July 2026).

Male

2025**

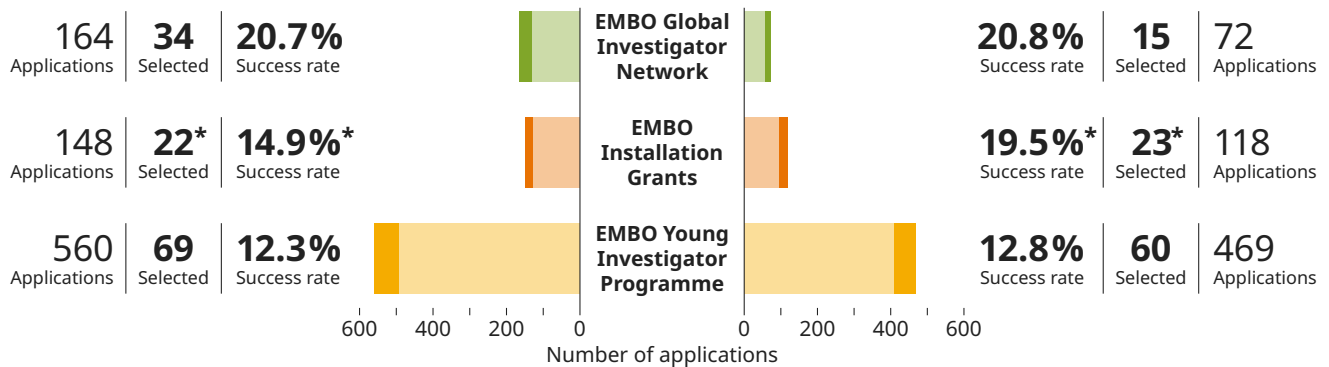
Female



Male

2021–2025**

Female



* The number of selected scientists is entirely dependent on the budget made available by the participating member states.

** These numbers do not include applicants who did not disclose their gender.

EMBO Young Investigators

selected in 2025

Membership starts in 2026

“Joining the Young Investigator Programme has fostered new connections and collaborations and also helped my trainees through attendance at the EMBO PhD course and funding to attend conferences.”

Danny Nedialkova
TU Munich and
MPI Martinsried, DE
Young Investigator
since 2022



Sebastian Baumgarten | FR



Anna Erzberger | DE



Dmitry Ghilarov | UK



Tapomoy Bhattacharjee | NI



Alexander Hauser | DK



Merav Cohen | IL



Daniel Hurdiss | NL



Tom Deegan | UK



Alexis Jourdain | CH



Leeat Keren | IL



Francisca Martínez Real | ES



J. Víctor Moreno-Mayar | DK



Raphael Johannes Morscher | CH



Bipin Pandey | UK



Michelle Percharde | UK



Hana Polášek-Sedláčková | CZ



Alejo E. Rodríguez-Frati | ES



Sara Sdelci | ES



Ayala Shiber | IL



Lora Sweeney | AT



See-Yun Ting | TW



Ana Tufegđić Vidaković | UK



Jesse V. Veenvliet | DE



Varun Venkataramani | DE



Berta Verd | UK



Thomas Vogl | AT



Michal Wiczorek | CH



Moran Yassour | IL

• See press release
• on [EMBO Website](#).

EMBO Installation Grantees

selected in 2025

Membership starts in 2026

“The EMBO Installation Grant provided me with the flexibility, visibility and the resources needed to properly launch my lab.”

Ilana Gabanyi
GIMM, Lisbon, PT
Installation Grantee since 2024



Ángel Álvarez-Prado | LU



Ludwik Gašiorowski | PL



Dávid Kovács | HU



Duygu Kuzuoğlu-Öztürk | TR



Kärt Mätlik | EE



Constantinos Patinios | LT



Márton Rózsa | HU



Nina Schmolka | PT



Marko Šestan | HR



Matouš Vobořil | CZ

• See press release
• on [EMBO Website](#).

EMBO Global Investigators

selected in 2025

Membership starts in 2026

“Being part of the EMBO Global Investigator Network will elevate my science by creating new opportunities for collaboration.”

Bhavana Muralidharan
InSTEM, Bangalore, IN
Global Investigator since 2025



José Miguel Álvarez | CL



Arnab Barik | IN



Ko-Hsuan Chen | TW



Gloryn Chia | SG



Soumyashree Das | IN



Min Luo | SG



Yi-Jyun Luo | TW



Mahmoud Bukar Maina | DN



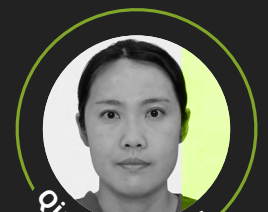
Budhaditya Mukherjee | NI



Saravanan Palani | IN



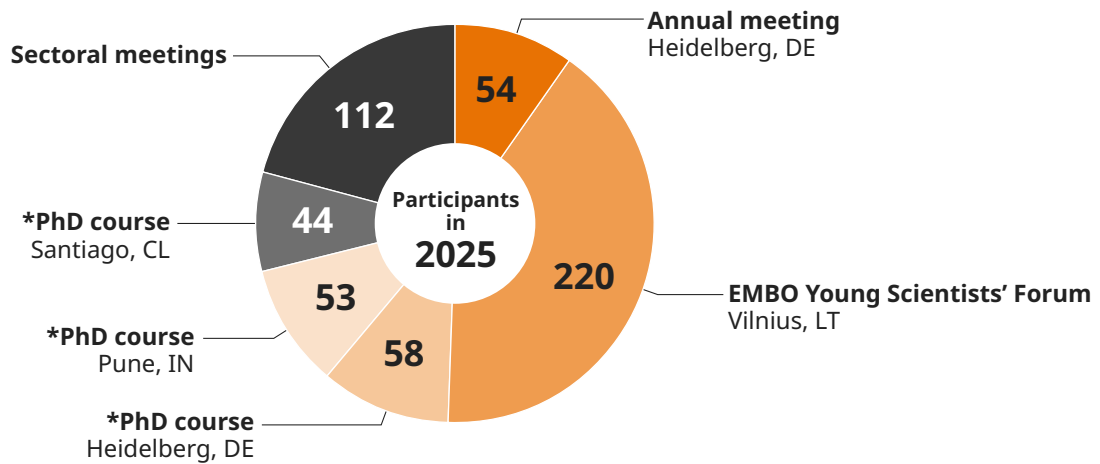
Ming-Kai Pan | TW



Qiao Yuan | SG

• See press release
• on [EMBO Website](#).

Meetings



* The total number in the graph shows all registered participants including all trainers.

EMBO Young Investigator annual meeting

The EMBO Young Investigator Network annual meeting is an opportunity for active network members to get to know each other. The meeting includes talks from participants, workshops, discussion sessions as well as informal interactions.

In 2025, the EMBO Young Investigator Network annual meeting took place from 24–27 June.

“At the EMBO Young Investigator meetings you can calibrate your benchmark for quality – for communication, presentation, writing grants, managing groups.”

Petr Svoboda
Institute of Molecular Genetics (IMG)
Prague, CZ
Installation Grantee 2007
EMBO Member 2018

EMBO Young Investigator Network PhD course

The EMBO Young Investigator Network PhD course is a two-week long course for PhD students from the labs of network members. It is annually organized by a team of young investigators and the EMBO Young Investigator office. The aim of the course is to provide PhD students with the opportunity to learn skills essential to their scientific careers. The course includes scientific lectures, workshops, soft-skill courses, research presentations, poster sessions, grant writing and paper review exercises.

“It was my first time at the course as a teacher – even if several of my students went through it over the last years – and I not only really enjoyed myself, but I feel that I have learned a lot from the teachers and students!”

Sebastian Glatt
University of Veterinary Medicine
Vienna, AT
Installation Grantee 2016
EMBO Member 2024

In 2025, one PhD course took place at EMBL in Heidelberg, Germany, from 18–28 May. 41 PhD students participated.

The PhD course at the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research in Pune, India, took place from 3–14 February and was attended by 34 students and co-taught by a group of network members from India, Taiwan and countries in Europe.

The PhD course at the Universidad Catolica in Santiago de Chile took place from 13–24 October and was attended by 28 PhD students and co-taught by a group of network members from Chile and countries in Europe.

EMBO Young Scientists' Forum (EYSF)

The EMBO Young Scientists' Forum takes place once a year in a member state participating in the EMBO Installation Grants scheme and is organized by local Installation Grantees.

The EMBO Young Scientists' Forum in Vilnius, Lithuania, from 24–26 September was attended by 220 scientists.

Meetings (cont.)

Sectoral meetings

Sectoral meetings are focused on specific scientific topics and are self-organized by and for current and former network members. The aim of sectoral meetings is to support

collaboration between network members working on similar topics and to foster discussion as well as the exchange of ideas and data.

Nine sectoral meetings took place in 2025:

ABCD-AI, Bioinformatics, Computation & Data
Heidelberg, DE

RNA & Structural Biology
Würzburg, DE

Mitochondrial Genomics, Immunity & Cancer
Glasgow, UK

Chromatin & Transcription
Warsaw, PL

Tissue Morphogenesis
Paris, FR

Immunology
Marseille, FR

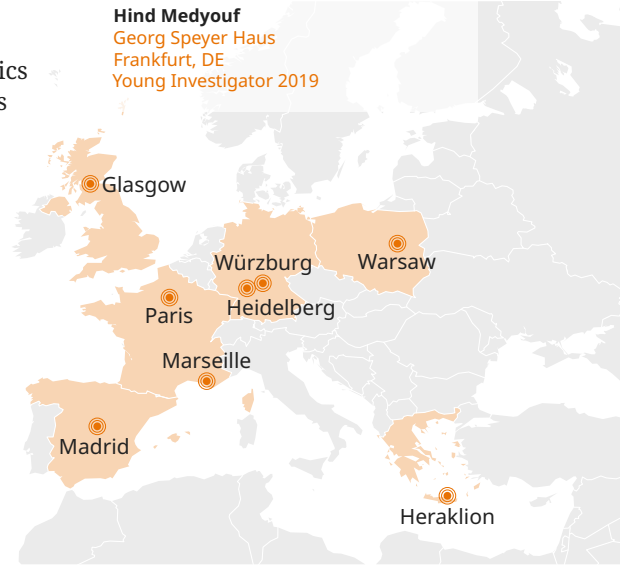
Genome Integrity Forum
Heraklion, GR

Cancer
Madrid, ES

Evolution & Biodiversity
Heidelberg, DE

“Once again, this sectoral meeting will result in new joint endeavours!”

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Georg Speyer Haus
Frankfurt, DE
Young Investigator 2019



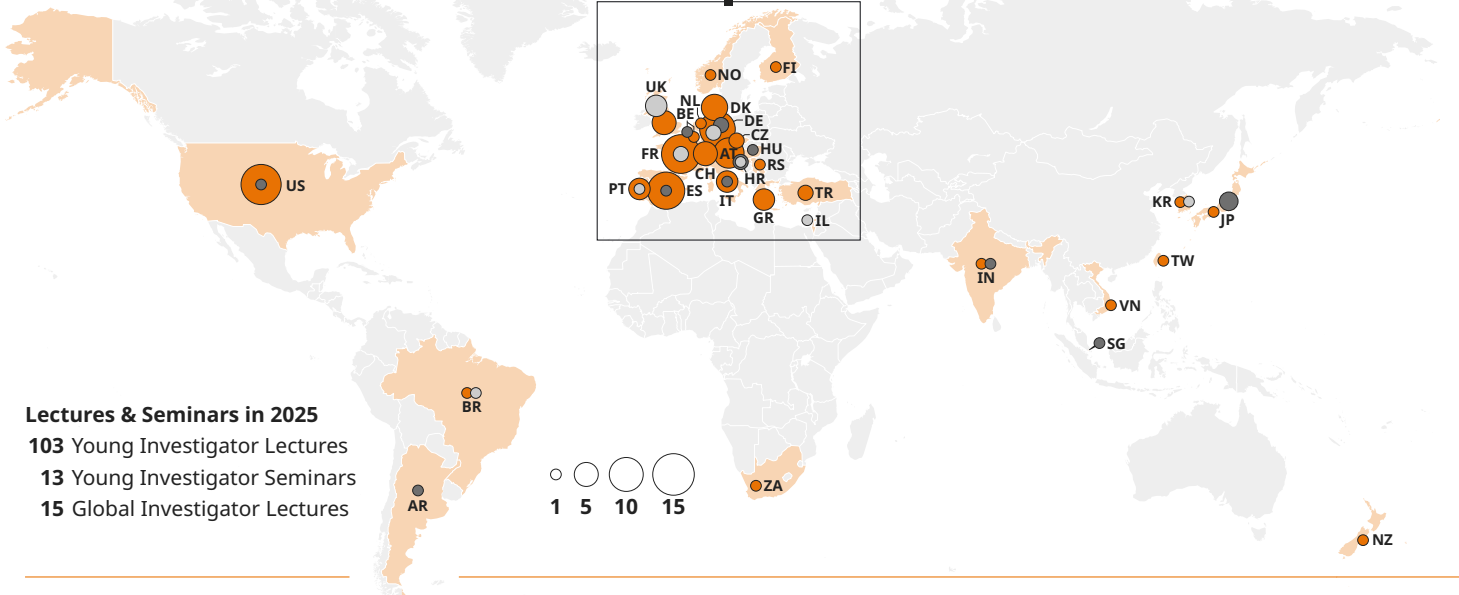
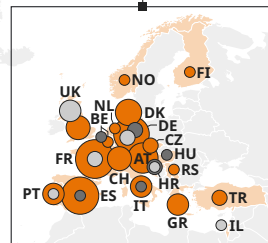
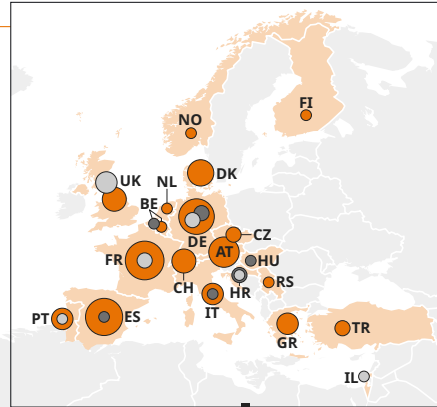
Lectures & Seminars

EMBO Young Investigators and Global Investigators who are invited to speak at international scientific meetings can be supported with an EMBO Young Investigator or EMBO Global Investigator Lecture Grant. Organizers of institutional seminars can apply for support to host a current EMBO Young Investigator.

In 2025, a total of 118 lectures were funded and 13 institutional seminars were supported.

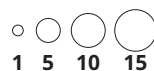
See [EMBO Facts & Figures](#) 2025 for more details (available from July 2026).

- Young Investigator Lectures
- Young Investigator Seminars
- Global Investigator Lectures

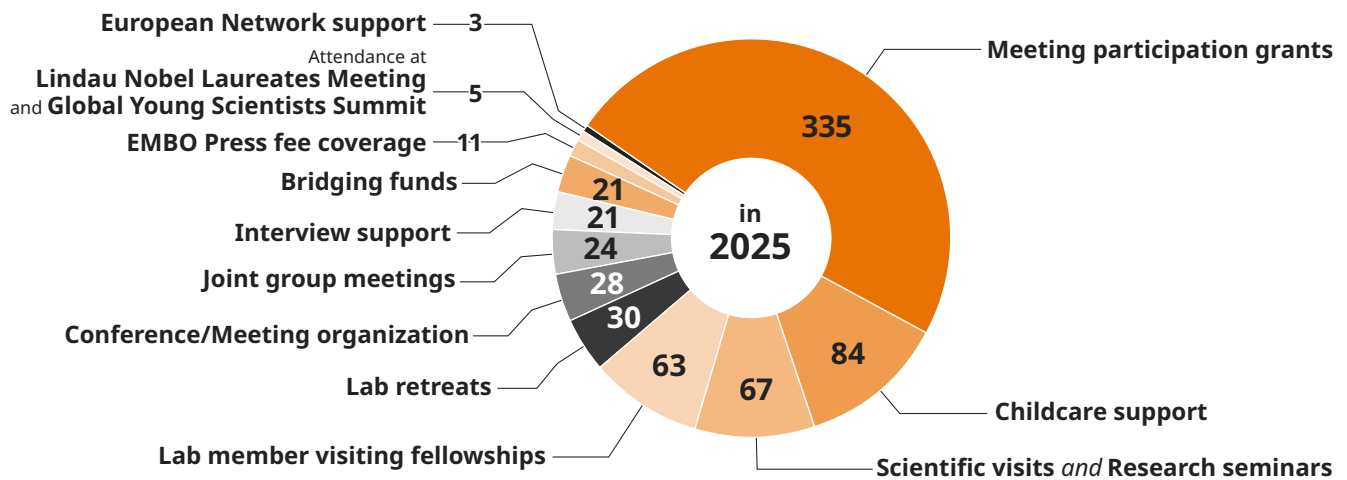


Lectures & Seminars in 2025

- 103 Young Investigator Lectures
- 13 Young Investigator Seminars
- 15 Global Investigator Lectures



Networking & Support



Lab member visiting fellowships
Current EMBO Young Investigators, Installation Grantees, Global Investigators, or their lab members, can visit a lab to carry out experiments or learn a technique. This fellowship can also be used to visit EMBL Core Facilities.

Conference/Meeting support for Young Investigators or Installation Grantees organizing meetings
Financial support is provided to current programme members who are on the organizing committee of a scientific conference.

European network support
EMBO can support other European networks of young group leaders that need financial support and involve at least one current EMBO Young Investigator or Installation Grantee. Funding is provided for annual meetings and website support.

The following networks are currently supported:

- ▶ Young Motor Control Society
- ▶ Junior Investigators in Chromatin & Epigenetics
- ▶ PROGENIE

Joint group meetings
Current EMBO Young Investigators and Installation Grantees can ask for funds to support a joint lab meeting with any research group. Up to three

research groups can attend, as long as at least one current programme member's group is involved in the meeting.

Meeting participation grants
Current programme members and their group members receive financial support to attend scientific conferences.

Scientific visits
Visits to a collaborator's lab for discussions or to give a seminar can be funded.

Lab retreat
Funds a lab retreat for programme members' research groups.

Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting and Global Young Scientists Summit
EMBO can nominate five early career scientists to participate in the annual Lindau Nobel Laureate meeting and three early career scientists for participation at the annual Global Young Scientists Summit in Singapore.

Interview support
The EMBO Young Investigator Network can support some of the costs for an interview of a postdoctoral researcher or PhD student.

Bridging funds
Bridging funds support staff members of EMBO Young Investigator or Installation Grantee labs in critical

transition periods, i.e. when funding runs out but projects are not yet completed.

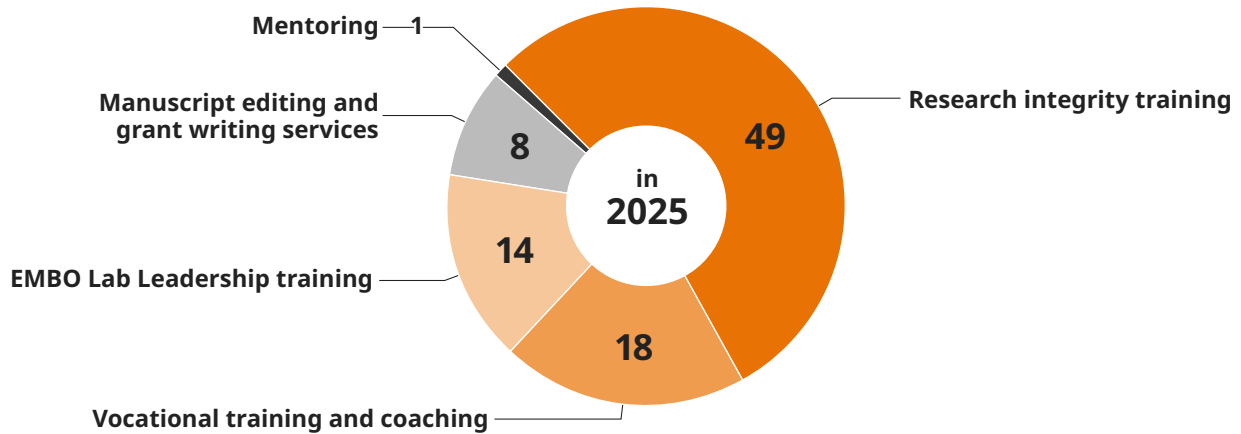
Childcare support
EMBO is committed to gender balance and equal opportunity. Recognizing that taking care of children adds financial and time obligations to parents, EMBO provides additional support for programme members with families.

"The EMBO childcare support has allowed me to accept many more invitations to present at conferences and institutes, which has been beneficial for our papers and career advancement!"

Nina Cabezas Wallscheid
MPI of Immunobiology and Epigenetics
Freiburg, DE
EMBO Young Investigator 2022

For more details please see the [programme guide](#).

Training & Professional development



EMBO supports training for network members:

EMBO Lab Leadership training

Specifically developed for group leaders, this four day residential course delivered by *EMBO Lab Leadership* covers critical leadership and management skills such as team development and conflict resolution, providing feedback and general communication, as well as delegation, recruitment and running effective meetings. Participation costs for programme members are covered.

Mentors

EMBO Young Investigator Network members can choose an EMBO Member as their mentor. EMBO funds an annual visit between mentor and mentee.

“EMBO Lab Leadership courses, whether on leadership or negotiation, were incredibly helpful. No one teaches you how to become a PI.”

Ilana Gabanyi
Gulbenkian Institute for Molecular Medicine
Lisbon, PT
Installation Grantee 2024

Manuscript editing and grant writing

Funds to pay for manuscript and grant editing services.

Research integrity training

All EMBO awardees have to take a course on research ethics and integrity, offered by *Epigeum*.

Vocational training and coaching

Young Investigator Network members and their groups can ask for professional development (e.g. project/team management, negotiation, communication, writing a paper, research integrity training, etc).

Solidarity Grants

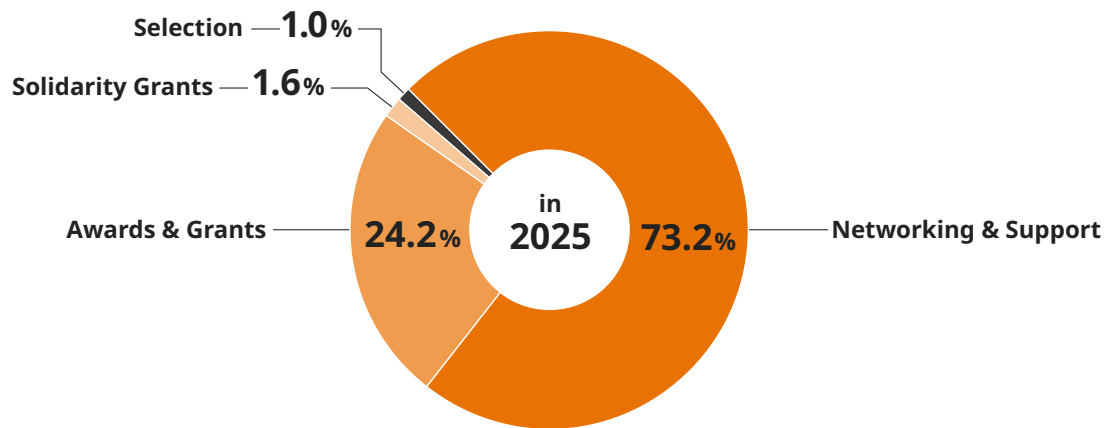
In response to the war on Ukraine the EMBO Young Investigator Network launched Solidarity Grants supporting the relocation of a displaced scientist to work in the lab of a programme member. In 2025, four grants of €5,000 were disbursed.

“Thanks to the EMBO Young Investigator Network Solidarity Grant we could host a Ukrainian scientist who was later able to receive a fellowship that supported further studies in my lab.”

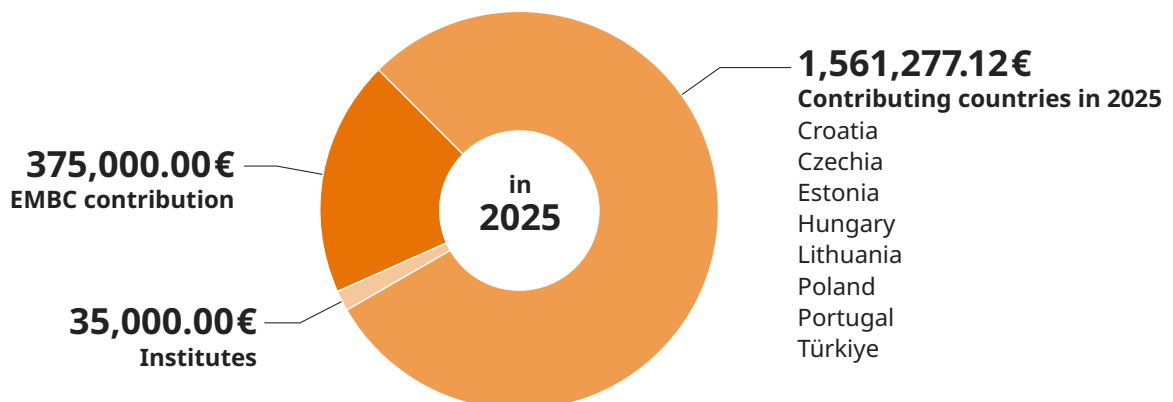
Poul Nissen
Aarhus, DK | EMBO Young Investigator 2001 | EMBO Member 2006

Budget

EMBO Young Investigators and Installation Grantees: Networking, selections and awards



EMBO Installation Grants



EMBO is financially supported by the EMBC, an inter-governmental organization of 32 member states:

Austria	Iceland	Portugal
Belgium	Ireland	Slovakia
Bulgaria	Israel	Slovenia
Croatia	Italy	Spain
Czechia	Latvia	Sweden
Denmark	Lithuania	Switzerland
Estonia	Luxembourg	Türkiye
Finland	Malta	United Kingdom
France	Montenegro	
Germany	Netherlands	
Greece	Norway	
Hungary	Poland	

Ministries and funding agencies supporting the Installation Grants:

Croatia	Ministry of Science and Education
Czechia	Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports
Estonia	Ministry of Education and Research
Greece	General Secretariat for Research and Innovation
Hungary	Hungarian Academy of Sciences
Lithuania	The Research Council of Lithuania
Luxembourg	Ministry of Higher Education and Research
Montenegro	Ministry of Science
Poland	Ministry of Education and Science
Portugal	Fundaç�o para a Ci�ncia e a Tecnologia
T�rkiye	The Scientific and Technological Research Council of T�rkiye (T�BİTAK)

EMBO and EMBC have agreements with the governments of *Chile* (managed by ANID), *India* (managed by the Department of Biotechnology), *Singapore* (managed by A*STAR) and *Taiwan* (managed by NSTC/AS). EMBO also has a memorandum of cooperation with the *Japan Science and Technology Agency* (JST).