

Implementation Period: Visits must be settled by the end of 2026 (with the report submitted no later than 15 December 2026).

EMERALD Grant for Inviting EMBL Researchers to Poland

This EMERALD "Incoming" Grant supports Polish research institutions in strengthening ties with the European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL). This funding allows host institutions in Poland to invite EMBL researchers for scientific exchange, enhancing local networks and showcasing the Polish life sciences infrastructure.

Who can apply: Researchers in institutions and laboratories located in Poland.

Types of Visits: You may apply for funding to support either of the following activities:

1. **Seminar/Lecture:** Inviting an EMBL researcher to give a scientific seminar (Must be open to the public).
2. **Short Research Visit:** Hosting an EMBL researcher for collaboration, consultation, or technology transfer.

Funding: Successful applicants will receive up to **€1,500** to cover the costs of the visit.

- **Eligible costs include:** Travel (flights/trains), accommodation, and networking costs (e.g., lunch or dinner with the speaker).
- **How to Apply:** Applications are assessed by the EMERALD committee. Please refer to the "Rules and Regulations" document for detailed application requirements and submission guidelines.

Rules and Regulations for the EMERALD Grant for Inviting EMBL Researchers to Poland:

1. General Information

1. Information about the call is announced on the EMERALD website (www.emerald.nencki.edu.pl).
2. The aim of the competition is to finance short visits by researchers affiliated with EMBL (European Molecular Biology Laboratory) to research institutions located in Poland.
3. The competition is open to **Host Institutions** located in Poland. The application must be submitted by the Polish host, not the visiting EMBL researcher.
4. The calls and deadlines will be announced on the EMERALD website: <https://emerald.nencki.edu.pl/funding.html>



5. All funded visits must take place within the calendar year **2026**.

2. Scope of Activities

1. Applications may be submitted for two types of activities:
 - a. **Seminars:** Inviting an EMBL researcher to deliver a lecture.
 - b. **Short Research Visits:** Hosting an EMBL researcher for scientific collaboration, training, or usage of core facilities.
2. If the visit involves a seminar, the lecture must be open to the academic community, advertised publicly, and explicitly announced as an **"EMERALD Lecture"** and include EMERALD, Ministry of Science of the Republic of Poland and Minister of Science of the Republic of Poland logos with the statement "The EMERALD project is supported by the Ministry of Science of the Republic of Poland grant no. MNiSW/2024/DWM/272.

3. Funding and Eligible Costs

- The maximum funding amount per visit is **€1,500**.
- Funds are reimbursed on the basis of actual costs incurred, documented with invoices.
- **Eligible costs include:** a. Travel expenses for the guest (Economy class flights or Second class train tickets). b. Accommodation costs in Poland. c. Networking expenses (e.g., lunch or dinner with the speaker/guest).
- **Non-eligible costs include:** Daily allowances (per diems), personal insurance, salaries, or honorariums.

4. Application Process

1. Applications must be submitted as a single PDF document via email to **emerald@nencki.edu.pl**.
2. The subject line of the email must include: "EMERALD Incoming Grant Application – [Host Name/Institution]".
3. The application must include:
 - a. Name and details of the Host (applicant) and the Invited Guest (EMBL researcher).
 - b. Short CV of the invited guest (including ORCID ID).
 - c. Description of the planned activity (Seminar topic or Research visit plan).
 - d. Proposed dates and budget overview.
 - e. A statement of expected benefits for the host institution/inviting person.
4. In a given call, an applicant may submit only one application.



5. Evaluation and Decision

1. Applications are assessed by the EMERALD Competition Committee.
2. Criteria for evaluation include: Scientific merit of the visit, potential for long-term collaboration, and feasibility of the budget.
3. Decisions will be communicated to applicants via email within 30 days of the application deadline.
4. Decisions made by the Competition Committee are final.

6. Reporting and Obligations

1. The Beneficiary (Host) is obliged to submit a **Final Report** within **30 days** after the completion of the activity, but not later than on 15 December 2026.
2. The Final Report must include:
 - a. Name of the event/visit.
 - b. Dates of the activity.
 - c. A list of participants (or attendance estimate for open lectures) and their affiliations.
 - d. A short description of the activity and its outcomes (200 – 400 words).
 - e. A photo documenting the visit/lecture.
 - f. Debit note or re-invoice and copies of documents confirming the costs incurred (invoices)
3. The Host grants the EMERALD program permission to use the submitted materials (reports, photos, and activity descriptions) for future marketing and promotional activities related to the EMERALD project, including web and social media publication.

7. GDPR and Data Processing

1. By submitting an application, the applicant confirms they have read and agreed to the data processing clause below.

When applying for the EMERALD Networking Funds, the Applicant is asked to consent to the processing of personal data and to read the information on the processing of personal data by the EMERALD Committee. Providing personal data is voluntary but necessary to apply. Personal data (Name, Affiliation, Email, ORCID) will be stored also after the activity to monitor the long lasting effects of the EMERALD Programme.
2. Personal data provided in the application is processed by the Nencki Institute of Experimental Biology PAS (Data Controller) for the purpose of conducting the EMERALD grant competition, pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (GDPR).
3. Data is collected voluntarily but is necessary for participation. The applicant has the right to access, rectify, or request the deletion of their data by contacting the Data Protection Officer at iod@nencki.edu.pl.



4. Personal data will be processed for the duration of the competition and reporting period and will not be transferred to third parties unrelated to the program administration.

The competition is carried out as part of the EMERALD project which is supported by the Minister of Science and Higher Education of the Republic of Poland special task no. MNiSW/2024/DWM/272.



Minister of Science and Higher Education
Republic of Poland



Ministry of Science and Higher Education
Republic of Poland

The EMERALD project is supported by the Minister of Science and Higher Education of the Republic of Poland special task no. MNiSW/2024/DWM/272.