



GRANT FIT CHECK

Grant fit check

Compact source-checked sample report showing likely-fit opportunities and likely-skip warnings.

PREPARED FOR

Confidential researcher - sample profile

CAREER STAGE

Early-career postdoctoral researcher

FIELD

Cancer immunology and tumour microenvironment

TARGET COUNTRY / REGION

Europe, UK, Japan, selected global fellowships

PREPARED ON

24 June 2026

SOURCE STATUS

Official source links checked for listed items

INSTITUTION

University research institute - not disclosed

CITIZENSHIP / VISA STATUS

Non-EU citizen, European work/residence permit - details not provided

KEYWORDS

Tumour immunology; T cells; single-cell analysis; translational oncology; biomarkers

FUNDING GOAL

Postdoctoral salary support, mobility funding, and transition-to-independence options

PLAN TYPE

Grant fit check

OUTPUT TYPE

Compact PDF-ready mini-report

Human-verified focus: eligibility, deadlines, official source links, and fit notes.

Scope: independent funding intelligence, not legal, immigration, financial, or grant-writing advice.

Buyer value: includes grants to skip, not just grants to apply for.

Privacy: sample intake details are used only to prepare this demonstration report.

1. Quick verdict

Full shortlist recommended

The sample profile has enough credible routes to justify a full shortlist. The strongest early signal is a cluster of September 2026 opportunities, but EMBO has a very near July cutoff and should be checked immediately if the PhD-date rule is satisfied.

2. Summary table

| TYPE | OPPORTUNITY / CATEGORY | FIT | ELIGIBILITY CONFIDENCE | DEADLINE / STATUS | ACTION |
|-------------|--|----------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| Likely fit | MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships 2026 | Strong fit | High | 9 September 2026, 17:00 CEST | Apply first if the host can confirm mobility eligibility and commit to proposal development immediately. |
| Likely fit | CRI Irvington Postdoctoral Fellowship Program | Strong fit | High | 1 September 2026 | Apply first alongside MSCA if a strong sponsor is already in place. |
| Likely fit | EMBO Postdoctoral Fellowships | Good fit | Medium | Next cutoff: 10 July 2026, 14:00 CEST | Check further immediately; apply only if the PhD-date and publication rules are clearly met. |
| Likely skip | Royal Society Newton International Fellowships | Weak / monitor | Medium | Closed or stage-risk | Monitor |
| Likely skip | HFSP Postdoctoral Fellowships | Weak / monitor | Medium | Closed or stage-risk | Skip for this cycle |
| Likely skip | Wellcome Career Development Awards | Weak / monitor | Medium | Closed or stage-risk | Skip for now |

3. Three likely-fit opportunities

MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships 2026

Eligible fit

Strong fit

High confidence

OPEN STATUS

Open

DEADLINE

9 September 2026, 17:00 CEST

FUNDER

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions / European Commission

COUNTRY / REGION

EU Member States, Horizon Europe associated countries, and global outgoing route

FUNDING TYPE

Postdoctoral fellowship

FUNDING AMOUNT

Not confirmed from official source for individual budget; 2026 call budget listed as EUR 399.05m

CAREER STAGE

PhD-holding researchers of any nationality

SOURCE CHECKED DATE

24 June 2026

OFFICIAL SOURCE

[Official source](#)

WHY THIS FITS

The sample profile is a PhD-holding postdoc seeking international mobility and a European research base. The scheme is explicitly open to excellent researchers of any nationality and fits a cancer immunology project if the host and mobility rule are satisfied.

WATCH OUT

Mobility is the main risk. Time spent in the proposed host country before the call deadline must be checked against the MSCA mobility rule, and the application must be submitted jointly with the host organisation.

RECOMMENDATION

Apply first if the host can confirm mobility eligibility and commit to proposal development immediately.

CRI Irvington Postdoctoral Fellowship Program

Eligible fit

Strong fit

High confidence

OPEN STATUS

Open

DEADLINE

1 September 2026

FUNDER

Cancer Research Institute

COUNTRY / REGION

Global, host at eligible research institution

FUNDING TYPE

Postdoctoral fellowship

FUNDING AMOUNT

Stipend of USD 74,000, USD 76,000, and USD 78,000 in years 1-3, plus USD 5,000 annual host allowance

CAREER STAGE

Postdoctoral researchers in immunology and cancer immunology

SOURCE CHECKED DATE

24 June 2026

OFFICIAL SOURCE

[Official source](#)

WHY THIS FITS

This is the cleanest topic fit in the sample set: tumour immunology, mechanistic cancer research, and postdoctoral training under a sponsor are all directly aligned with the stated sample profile.

WATCH OUT

Sponsor strength and training environment matter heavily. The project must be mechanistic and immunology-centred, not only broad oncology or biomarker work.

RECOMMENDATION

Apply first alongside MSCA if a strong sponsor is already in place.

EMBO Postdoctoral Fellowships

Possible fit

Good fit

Medium confidence

OPEN STATUS

Recurring

DEADLINE

Next cutoff: 10 July 2026, 14:00 CEST

FUNDER

EMBO

COUNTRY / REGION

Europe and worldwide; international mobility required

FUNDING TYPE

Postdoctoral fellowship

FUNDING AMOUNT

Salary or stipend, relocation allowance, and support for fellows with children

CAREER STAGE

Early postdoctoral researchers

SOURCE CHECKED DATE

24 June 2026

OFFICIAL SOURCE

[Official source](#)

WHY THIS FITS

The sample profile has a life-science field, a mobility objective, and a postdoctoral training need. EMBO can be a strong route if the project includes a genuine host move and a clear skill-development angle.

WATCH OUT

The PhD-date rule is strict and can be the decisive issue. The sample profile is near the early postdoc boundary, so exact defence date, first-author output, and host-lab capacity must be checked before investing time.

RECOMMENDATION

Check further immediately; apply only if the PhD-date and publication rules are clearly met.

4. Three likely-skip warnings

Royal Society Newton International Fellowships

Skip / monitor

WHY IT LOOKS RELEVANT

It looks relevant because it supports non-UK early-career researchers moving to the UK.

WHY IT MAY BE A POOR FIT

The official page checked on the report date shows the 2026 round as closed, with a close date of 11 March 2026.

ELIGIBILITY RISK

Closed deadline; only useful for monitoring future rounds.

SOURCE

[Official source](#)

RECOMMENDATION

Monitor

HFSP Postdoctoral Fellowships

Skip / monitor

WHY IT LOOKS RELEVANT

It looks relevant because it supports international postdoctoral life-science projects and interdisciplinary training.

WHY IT MAY BE A POOR FIT

The 2027 cycle Letter of Intent initiation and submission deadlines have already passed. Only invited full proposals remain active.

ELIGIBILITY RISK

Not actionable unless the applicant already submitted an LOI and was invited.

SOURCE

[Official source](#)

RECOMMENDATION

Skip for this cycle

Wellcome Career Development Awards

Skip / monitor

WHY IT LOOKS RELEVANT

It looks attractive because it is a prestigious health-related career award.

WHY IT MAY BE A POOR FIT

It is positioned for mid-career researchers, while the sample profile is early postdoctoral.

ELIGIBILITY RISK

Career-stage mismatch; Wellcome Early-Career Awards are a better first check.

SOURCE

[Official source](#)

RECOMMENDATION

Skip for now

5. Recommendation

Proceed to a Verified Shortlist if the buyer wants a practical set of 10-15 opportunities. Proceed to Pro Sprint if the buyer wants prioritisation, a deadline calendar, and sequencing across MSCA, CRI, EMBO, and host-dependent routes.

6. Source validation log

| OPPORTUNITY | OFFICIAL SOURCE | WHAT WAS CHECKED | STATUS | CHECKED DATE |
|--|-------------------------------|---|----------------------|--------------|
| MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships 2026 | Official page | Deadline, nationality/stage fit, host/mobility rule, funding type | Listed as likely fit | 24 June 2026 |
| CRI Irvington Postdoctoral Fellowship Program | Official page | Deadline, nationality/stage fit, host/mobility rule, funding type | Listed as likely fit | 24 June 2026 |
| EMBO Postdoctoral Fellowships | Official page | Deadline, nationality/stage fit, host/mobility rule, funding type | Listed as likely fit | 24 June 2026 |
| Royal Society Newton International Fellowships | Official page | Open/closed status and primary reason to skip or monitor | Monitor | 24 June 2026 |
| HFSP Postdoctoral Fellowships | Official page | Open/closed status and primary reason to skip or monitor | Skip for this cycle | 24 June 2026 |
| Wellcome Career Development Awards | Official page | Open/closed status and primary reason to skip or monitor | Skip for now | 24 June 2026 |

7. Email-ready summary

Your sample profile has a credible funding path. I would not spend time on broad database searching first. The immediate focus should be MSCA, CRI Irvington, and EMBO, with Wellcome/Humboldt/JSPS considered in the full shortlist depending on host country preference.

The main risks are mobility eligibility, exact PhD date, and whether a named host or sponsor can support the application. A full Grant Sprint shortlist would separate real options from attractive but closed or stage-mismatched schemes.

8. Disclaimer

Grant Sprint is an independent research-funding intelligence service. It is not affiliated with funders and does not provide legal, immigration, financial, or grant-writing advice. Eligibility notes are based on available funder language and source pages at the time of review. The researcher, host institution, and grants office should confirm final eligibility before applying.