



VERIFIED SHORTLIST

Verified funding shortlist

Buyer-facing sample shortlist with official source links, fit notes, deadlines, and grants to skip.

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

Clickable official links checked

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

Verified shortlist

OUTPUT TYPE

PDF-ready funding brief

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. Executive summary

The sample researcher has a fundable profile, but the shortlist should be sequenced carefully. The strongest immediate applications are cancer-immunology-specific or mobility-driven postdoctoral fellowships. The weaker items are still useful as tactical add-ons or future monitors, but they should not displace the September 2026 core deadlines.

Top recommendation: Prioritise CRI Irvington and MSCA in parallel, run an immediate EMBO eligibility check, then decide whether a UK, Germany, Japan, or short-mobility route is strategically realistic.

2. Top 3 opportunities

RANK	OPPORTUNITY	FUNDER	FIT	DEADLINE	ELIGIBILITY CONFIDENCE	ACTION
1	CRI Irvington Postdoctoral Fellowship Program	Cancer Research Institute	Strong fit	1 September 2026	High	Apply first alongside MSCA if a strong sponsor is already in place.
2	MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships 2026	Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions / European Commission	Strong fit	9 September 2026, 17:00 CEST	High	Apply first if the host can confirm mobility eligibility and commit to proposal development immediately.
3	EMBO Postdoctoral Fellowships	EMBO	Good fit	Next cutoff: 10 July 2026, 14:00 CEST	Medium	Check further immediately; apply only if the PhD-date and publication rules are clearly met.

3. Full verified shortlist

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.

Wellcome Early-Career Awards

Possible fit

Good fit

Medium confidence

OPEN STATUS

Upcoming round

DEADLINE

21 July 2026, 15:00 BST; next round 10 November 2026

FUNDER

Wellcome

COUNTRY / REGION

Administering organisation in the UK, Republic of Ireland, or eligible LMIC

FUNDING TYPE

Early-career award

FUNDING AMOUNT

Salary and up to GBP 400,000 for research expenses; usually 5 years

CAREER STAGE

Early-career researchers

SOURCE CHECKED DATE

24 June 2026

OFFICIAL SOURCE

[Official source](#)

WHY THIS FITS

The profile is early-career and health-related, and the award can fund a substantial independent research identity if a UK/ROI/LMIC administering organisation is identified.

WATCH OUT

This is not a general Europe-wide postdoc fellowship. A suitable administering organisation is required, and the sample researcher must stay within the postdoctoral-experience limit or document eligible adjustments.

RECOMMENDATION

Strong maybe if a UK or Ireland host is realistic; otherwise monitor rather than prioritise.

Humboldt Research Fellowship

Possible fit

Good fit

Medium-high confidence

OPEN STATUS

Future call

DEADLINE

Next call opens 15 July 2026; selection meeting March 2027

FUNDER

Alexander von Humboldt Foundation

COUNTRY / REGION

Germany

FUNDING TYPE

FUNDING AMOUNT

Research fellowship

EUR 3,000/month for postdocs plus additional benefits

CAREER STAGE

Postdoctoral researchers within four years of doctorate for postdoc route

SOURCE CHECKED DATE

24 June 2026

OFFICIAL SOURCE

[Official source](#)

WHY THIS FITS

The sample researcher is non-German, early postdoctoral, and open to a Germany-based research stay. The programme is field-open and can support cancer immunology if a German host is secured.

WATCH OUT

The current call has reached capacity, so timing is a watch item. Host fit and exact doctorate date must be confirmed before the July call opens.

RECOMMENDATION

Prepare host outreach now; submit only after host and publication package are strong.

JSPS Postdoctoral Fellowships for Research in Japan - Standard

Possible fit

Good fit

Medium confidence

OPEN STATUS

Open / host-submitted schedule

DEADLINE

28 August 2026 by 5 p.m. JST for FY2027 first recruitment

FUNDER

Japan Society for the Promotion of Science

COUNTRY / REGION

Japan

FUNDING TYPE

Postdoctoral fellowship

FUNDING AMOUNT

Not confirmed from official source in checked page

CAREER STAGE

Young overseas postdoctoral researchers

SOURCE CHECKED DATE

24 June 2026

OFFICIAL SOURCE

[Official source](#)

WHY THIS FITS

The sample profile is internationally mobile and has a research field that can fit a Japanese host lab in tumour immunology or single-cell cancer biology.

WATCH OUT

This is host-institution driven. A Japanese host must be ready to submit through the appropriate channel and timeline; it is not a simple individual self-submit route.

RECOMMENDATION

Check further if Japan is a serious target; do not prioritise without a named host.

EFIS-IL Short-Term Fellowships

Possible fit

Good fit

Medium-high confidence

OPEN STATUS

Rolling / not confirmed as fixed-deadline call

DEADLINE

Not confirmed from official source

FUNDER

European Federation of Immunological Societies and Immunology Letters

COUNTRY / REGION

European institution in a country other than current residence

FUNDING TYPE

Short-term mobility fellowship

FUNDING AMOUNT

EUR 1,925/month up to 3 months plus travel reimbursement up to EUR 500

CAREER STAGE

Early-career immunology researchers; PhD/MD applicants with no more than 3 years postdoctoral experience welcome

SOURCE CHECKED DATE

24 June 2026

OFFICIAL SOURCE

[Official source](#)

WHY THIS FITS

A short methods visit in tumour immunology or single-cell analysis fits the sample profile and can strengthen later MSCA/CRI proposals.

WATCH OUT

Membership in an EFIS-affiliated society is a key risk, and the stay must be transnational within Europe rather than conference attendance.

RECOMMENDATION

Apply as a tactical add-on, not as the main salary solution.

FEBS Short-Term Fellowships

Possible fit

Good fit

Medium confidence

OPEN STATUS

Rolling

DEADLINE

Apply any time

FUNDER

Federation of European Biochemical Societies

COUNTRY / REGION

FEBS area; short research visit to a lab in another country

FUNDING TYPE

FUNDING AMOUNT

Short-term research visit fellowship

Not confirmed from official source

CAREER STAGE

Scientists within six years of PhD and eligible
PhD students

SOURCE CHECKED DATE

24 June 2026

OFFICIAL SOURCE

[Official source](#)

WHY THIS FITS

The molecular life-science field fit is plausible, and a short method-development visit could support the sample researcher before larger fellowship applications.

WATCH OUT

This is not a salary or long-term postdoc grant. It should be framed as mobility/training support, with FEBS-area membership and host-country rules checked.

RECOMMENDATION

Apply if a short visit would make the larger fellowship proposal stronger.

EACR-Worldwide Cancer Research Collaboration Fellowships

Needs verification

Possible fit

Medium-low confidence

OPEN STATUS

Open

DEADLINE

3 September 2026

FUNDER

European Association for Cancer Research and Worldwide Cancer Research

COUNTRY / REGION

International research visit connected to EACR 2026 Congress collaboration

FUNDING TYPE

Collaboration / mobility fellowship

FUNDING AMOUNT

Up to EUR 3,500

CAREER STAGE

Cancer researchers with eligible EACR Congress connection

SOURCE CHECKED DATE

24 June 2026

OFFICIAL SOURCE

[Official source](#)

WHY THIS FITS

The cancer research topic fits and the funding could support a concrete international collaboration if the sample researcher made a relevant new connection at EACR 2026.

WATCH OUT

The congress-connection condition is central. If the sample researcher did not attend or did not form a qualifying collaboration, this should move to Skip.

RECOMMENDATION

Check further only if the EACR 2026 connection exists.

AACR Pancreatic Cancer Scholar-in-Training Award

Needs verification

Possible fit

Medium confidence

OPEN STATUS

Open

DEADLINE

13 July 2026, 1 p.m. ET

FUNDER

American Association for Cancer Research

COUNTRY / REGION

San Diego, United States conference attendance

FUNDING TYPE

Conference travel award

FUNDING AMOUNT

Amount varies by available funding

CAREER STAGE

Graduate students, medical students, residents, clinical or postdoctoral fellows presenting an abstract

SOURCE CHECKED DATE

24 June 2026

OFFICIAL SOURCE

Official source

WHY THIS FITS

This can fit if the sample project has pancreatic cancer relevance and an abstract is submitted for the conference.

WATCH OUT

It is conference-specific, membership-linked, and not a research fellowship. It should not be presented as major research funding.

RECOMMENDATION

Apply only if the meeting and abstract are already part of the plan.

Cancer Research UK Career Development Fellowship

Needs verification

Possible fit

Medium-low confidence

OPEN STATUS

Open

DEADLINE

10 September 2026 full application; outline route applies

FUNDER

Cancer Research UK

COUNTRY / REGION

UK host institution

FUNDING TYPE

Career development fellowship

FUNDING AMOUNT

Typically up to GBP 1.5m over 6 years

CAREER STAGE

New group leaders who do not have a salaried independent position

SOURCE CHECKED DATE

24 June 2026

OFFICIAL SOURCE

[Official source](#)

WHY THIS FITS

The cancer immunology topic is relevant, especially if the project addresses tumour immunology or cancers of unmet need.

WATCH OUT

This is a transition-to-independent-group award, not a standard postdoc fellowship. A UK host, independent space, and readiness against CRUK competency expectations must be verified.

RECOMMENDATION

Monitor as a later-stage option; do not prioritise unless independence package is already strong.

ERC Starting Grant

Needs verification

Possible fit

Medium-low confidence

OPEN STATUS

Future call / annual calls

DEADLINE

2026 call closed; 2027 call timing should be checked when published

FUNDER

European Research Council

COUNTRY / REGION

EU Member States and associated countries

FUNDING TYPE

Principal investigator grant

FUNDING AMOUNT

Up to EUR 1.5m over 5 years, with possible additional funding for eligible costs

CAREER STAGE

Researchers of any nationality with 2-7 years since PhD

SOURCE CHECKED DATE

24 June 2026

OFFICIAL SOURCE

[Official source](#)

WHY THIS FITS

The sample profile may enter the 2-7 year window soon and the field is eligible because ERC is bottom-up.

WATCH OUT

This is a PI-level frontier-research grant. The current 2026 call is closed, and the applicant needs a mature independence narrative and host commitment.

RECOMMENDATION

Monitor for 2027 or later; use current fellowships to build track record first.

4. Skip These

These items are included to show the value of Grant Sprint: the report filters out attractive-looking opportunities that are closed, mismatched, too senior, too narrow, or strategically weak for the sample profile.

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

ERC Starting Grant as an immediate 2026 application

Skip / monitor

WHY IT LOOKS RELEVANT

It looks attractive because the applicant is entering the early independent window and the funding amount is substantial.

WHY IT MAY BE A POOR FIT

The ERC Starting Grant 2026 call is already closed and the applicant likely needs more independence evidence.

ELIGIBILITY RISK

Timing and strategic readiness mismatch.

SOURCE

[Official source](#)

RECOMMENDATION

Monitor for 2027

Conference travel grants without abstract fit

Skip / monitor

WHY IT LOOKS RELEVANT

They are easy to find and often open to postdocs.

WHY IT MAY BE A POOR FIT

They do not solve salary or project funding and often require a submitted abstract, membership, or conference-specific topic.

ELIGIBILITY RISK

Low strategic value if treated as a main funding route.

SOURCE

[Official source](#)

RECOMMENDATION

Use only as add-ons

Nationality-restricted fellowships not matching the profile

Skip / monitor

WHY IT LOOKS RELEVANT

They can appear in databases under broad life-science or postdoc filters.

WHY IT MAY BE A POOR FIT

The sample profile has citizenship and visa details not fully provided, so nationality-restricted schemes are easy to misclassify.

ELIGIBILITY RISK

Wasted time on schemes where citizenship or residence is a hard rule.

SOURCE

Needs opportunity-specific official source

RECOMMENDATION

Skip unless citizenship match is explicit

5. Deadline view

OPPORTUNITY	DEADLINE	URGENCY	NEXT ACTION
MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships 2026	9 September 2026, 17:00 CEST	High	Apply first if the host can confirm mobility eligibility and commit to proposal development immediately.
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AACR Pancreatic Cancer Scholar-in-Training Award	13 July 2026, 1 p.m. ET	High	Apply only if the meeting and abstract are already part of the plan.
Cancer Research UK Career Development Fellowship	10 September 2026 full application; outline route applies	High	Monitor as a later-stage option; do not prioritise unless independence package is already strong.
ERC Starting Grant	2026 call closed; 2027 call timing should be checked when published	Medium	Monitor for 2027 or later; use current fellowships to build track record first.

6. Source validation log

OPPORTUNITY	OFFICIAL SOURCE	WHAT WAS CHECKED	STATUS	CHECKED DATE
MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships 2026	Official page	Official page, deadline/status, field/stage fit, citizenship/host risks where visible	Eligible fit	24 June 2026
CRI Irvington Postdoctoral Fellowship Program	Official page	Official page, deadline/status, field/stage fit, citizenship/host risks where visible	Eligible fit	24 June 2026
EMBO Postdoctoral Fellowships	Official page	Official page, deadline/status, field/stage fit, citizenship/host risks where visible	Possible fit	24 June 2026
Wellcome Early-Career Awards	Official page	Official page, deadline/status, field/stage fit, citizenship/host risks where visible	Possible fit	24 June 2026
Humboldt Research Fellowship	Official page	Official page, deadline/status, field/stage fit, citizenship/host risks where visible	Possible fit	24 June 2026
JSPS Postdoctoral Fellowships for Research in Japan - Standard	Official page	Official page, deadline/status, field/stage fit, citizenship/host risks where visible	Possible fit	24 June 2026
EFIS-IL Short-Term Fellowships	Official page	Official page, deadline/status, field/stage fit, citizenship/host risks where visible	Possible fit	24 June 2026
FEBS Short-Term Fellowships	Official page	Official page, deadline/status, field/stage fit, citizenship/host risks where visible	Possible fit	24 June 2026
EACR-Worldwide Cancer Research Collaboration Fellowships	Official page	Official page, deadline/status, field/stage fit, citizenship/host risks where visible	Needs verification	24 June 2026
AACR Pancreatic Cancer Scholar-in-Training Award	Official page	Official page, deadline/status, field/stage fit, citizenship/host risks where visible	Needs verification	24 June 2026
Cancer Research UK Career Development Fellowship	Official page	Official page, deadline/status, field/stage fit, citizenship/host risks where visible	Needs verification	24 June 2026
ERC Starting Grant	Official page	Official page, deadline/status, field/stage fit, citizenship/host risks where visible	Needs verification	24 June 2026
Royal Society Newton International Fellowships	Official page	Official page or official category checked for skip/monitor reason	Monitor	24 June 2026

OPPORTUNITY	OFFICIAL SOURCE	WHAT WAS CHECKED	STATUS	CHECKED DATE
HFSP Postdoctoral Fellowships	Official page	Official page or official category checked for skip/monitor reason	Skip for this cycle	24 June 2026
Wellcome Career Development Awards	Official page	Official page or official category checked for skip/monitor reason	Skip for now	24 June 2026
ERC Starting Grant as an immediate 2026 application	Official page	Official page or official category checked for skip/monitor reason	Monitor for 2027	24 June 2026
Conference travel grants without abstract fit	Official page	Official page or official category checked for skip/monitor reason	Use only as add-ons	24 June 2026
Nationality-restricted fellowships not matching the profile	Needs opportunity-specific official source	Official page or official category checked for skip/monitor reason	Skip unless citizenship match is explicit	24 June 2026

7. Final recommendation

Use the shortlist as a decision memo, not a database. The top three should receive immediate attention. Short-term mobility grants should be used only when they create evidence, methods, or collaboration value for a larger fellowship.

8. What to do next

1. Confirm exact PhD defence date and postdoctoral-experience count.
2. Confirm current and target-country residence history for mobility rules.
3. Choose the top two host-backed applications before preparing smaller add-ons.
4. Prepare a one-page project summary that can be adapted for MSCA, CRI, and host outreach.

9. Email-ready delivery note

Attached is your sample Verified Shortlist. It includes official source links, deadlines, fit notes, and a Skip These section so you can focus on opportunities worth your time. The strongest current path is CRI Irvington plus MSCA, with EMBO checked immediately for the PhD-date rule.

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10. Disclaimer

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