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**Scheda a cura di D.ssa Ester Maria Loi**

**REF. N. 12\_21**

**AXA Research fund 2021**  
**Postdoctoral Fellowship**

The AXA Research Fund is looking at supporting post-doctoral research in understanding the impact of harmful substances on human health, and in investigating the way they are – and could be – regulated, as well as the role of public health policy and the costs for the economy and the insurance business.

Projects will focus on issues around – but not limited to – the following areas:

- the specific study of the next concerning substances and their impact on human health and the environment;
- the development of green toxicology and prevention around hazardous chemicals;
- the role of public policy, especially looking comparatively, in developing actions to protect human health and to measure the effects of these substances;
- economic costs of exposures to concerning substances, and recommendations to be made for policy makers and the insurance business.

The final objective is to develop better knowledge of harmful substance risk for human health, inform and optimize public health policy, and feed insurance risk models and investment strategies.

AXA Fellowships aim at supporting promising early-career researchers, defined as no more than five years past the completion of their PhD,<sup>13</sup> on a topic aligned with AXA's priorities and societal challenges. The support of AXA Research Fund should be transformative for the researcher and the advancement of their field.

**Duration:**

An AXA Postdoctoral Fellowship is awarded for a period of 2 years.

**Institution eligibility:**

The project calls are global. However, the AXA Research Fund partners with academic institutions only; thus, NGOs, governmental bodies, foundations, independent research centers, cultural institutions (such as museums).

Hospitals are not eligible.

Each institution can present at most ONE CANDIDATE (and not one per department, faculty, or laboratory). In case of several Expressions of Interest submitted from a single institution, all applications would be disqualified.

Institutions hosting an AXA Chair cannot request an extra Post-Doctoral fellowship for a researcher working on the AXA Chairholder's team.

**Researcher:**

Candidates should be of the highest caliber and have demonstrated outstanding research achievements, as evidenced by the usual indicators for assessing academic excellence such as research outputs (e.g., publications), research activities (e.g., organizing networks, being involved in communities) and research impact (e.g., policy report, specific recognition through awards, etc.).

Candidates must be awarded their PhD before they submit their Expression of Interest. AXA Fellowships aim at supporting promising early-career researchers who hold a PhD (but for no longer than five years).

**Budget:**

An AXA Fellowship is awarded for a maximum amount of 125,000€ in total, to be spent over the two years.

**Notice:** To apply for the AXA Fellowship grants, academic institutions must be registered on AXA platform.

**Deadlines:**

**HOST INSTITUTION'S PHASE:**

**Step1: May 3, 2021 – May 20, 2021 - Registration**

Only if your institution is not already registered on the AXA Research Fund's online platform.

Registrations must be submitted at least 5 days before the Expression of Interest's deadline (see below)

**Step 2: May 3, 2021 – May 25, 2021 4 PM Paris time - Expression of interest**

On the AXA RF platform

**RESEARCHER'S PHASE**

**Step 3: May 27, 2021 – June 24, 2021 4 PM Paris time - Research proposal submission**

On the ESF platform, AXA partner organization (online link to be provided on due time)

**Step 4: September 21, 2021 – September 28, 2021 Noon Paris time – Rebuttal**

On the ESF platform

**AXA RESEARCH FUND**

**December 15, 2021 – Results announcement** by email to the candidates and published on AXA website.

**Projects selected for funding are expected to start between December 2021 and September 2022.**

**More information:** <https://www.axa-research.org/en/page/AXA-Fellowships>