The European Union offers three funding possibilities for researchers interested to come to Europe.

Whatever your nationality, you can apply for:
- Scholarships for joint masters or doctorate programmes, and grants for student or researchers or staff mobility between the rest of the world and Europe (Erasmus Mundus),
- Fellowships at all stages of researchers’ careers from PhD programme onwards, in both the public and private sectors (Marie Curie Actions),
- Grants for outstanding researchers of any nationality and age addressing research topics at the frontier of knowledge (European Research Council).

To assist researchers in their move to Europe, EURAXESS – Researchers in Motion offers administrative and legal support (visas, research career development, etc.) and informs about research job opportunities.

From Masters Scholarships to Research Fellowships and Grants, the European Union helps outstanding researchers from all over the world develop their potential in Europe.

Questions? Contact Europe Direct services:
http://ec.europa.eu/europedirect/index_en.htm
ERASMUS MUNDUS
Academic Excellence

What
Erasmus Mundus offers:
> Action 1: Scholarships to students and researchers of exceptional quality to follow an Erasmus Mundus Masters Course or Joint Doctorate at two or more European universities. There are currently nearly 170 masters and doctoral courses to choose from.
> Action 2: Scholarships to promote the exchange of students, researchers and staff between European and non-European universities. Study periods can vary between 3 months and 3 years, and cover all academic levels from undergraduate students to doctoral and post-doctoral researchers and academic staff.
> A scheme open to scholars throughout the world.

How
> Students, doctoral candidates and academics apply directly to the selected Erasmus Mundus course or partnership.

How much
> The size of the scholarship may vary according to the level of the studies, research or secondment, their duration (3 months to 3 years) and the nationality of the applicant.

More information
Erasmus Mundus Website
http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus_mundus

Here you will find all the Erasmus Mundus courses and partnerships, as well as information on applying.
Plus contact details for National Contact Points in Europe and EU Delegations elsewhere.

Other links
EMA - Erasmus Mundus Students and Alumni Association
http://www.em-a.eu

Study in Europe website
http://ec.europa.eu/education/study-in-europe

MARIE CURIE ACTIONS
Exploit your research potential

What
> Researchers of any nationality and scientific discipline can benefit from European Marie Curie fellowships in both industry and academia and throughout their research career, from PhD onwards. A Marie Curie fellowship gives attractive career development opportunities with prestigious research training and mobility in Europe.

Who
> The Marie Curie Actions provide funding for research organisations to host fellows or for individual experienced researchers to work in another country. Regardless of your age, research experience and nationality, there is a Marie Curie Action for you.

How
> You can either apply directly to a funded project or submit a funding application in response to a call for proposals.

How much
> As a fellow, you receive a competitive salary, a monthly international mobility allowance and an annual travel allowance. Your research institution also benefits from a contribution to your research costs, including provisions for your training and career development (e.g. course attendance, participation in international conferences, membership of professional organisations).

More information, including calls and contact details, on:
http://ec.europa.eu/mariecurieactions

THE EUROPEAN RESEARCH COUNCIL
Bringing Great Ideas to Life

What
> The ERC supports excellent investigator-driven frontier research projects without predetermined research priorities, through open and direct competition.

The ERC offers the following Grants to individual researchers:
> ERC Starting Grants
For researchers at the stage of establishing an independent research career with 2 to 7 years experience since completion of PhD
Funding per grant: Up to € 2.0 Mio, for up to 5 years

> ERC Consolidator Grants
For researchers at the stage of consolidating their research career with 7 to 12 years experience since completion of PhD
Funding per grant: Up to € 2.75 Mio for up to 5 years

> ERC Advanced Grants
For researchers who have already established themselves as research leaders
Funding per grant: Up to € 3.5 Mio for up to 5 years

> ERC Synergy Grants
Support small groups of researchers collaborating on a complex scientific problem at the frontiers of knowledge
Funding per grant: Up to € 15 Mio for up to six years

Who
> Top-researchers of any nationality and age from everywhere in the world

Where
> Research project must be carried out in a public or private research institution based in an EU Member State (•), an Associated Country (•), or an International European Interest Organisation (•)

How
> Applications can only be submitted in response to calls for proposals via the Electronic Proposal Submission Services (EPSS): https://www.epss-fp7.org/epss/

> Calls for Proposals are published annually, between the summer and the autumn on the ERC website:
http://erc.europa.eu