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## EURAXESS China

Dear readers,

Welcome to the 3<sup>rd</sup> issue of EURAXESS China's quarterly newsletter in 2018!  
This issue's hot topic is the news of the return of the EURAXESS Science Slam  
in China! EURAXESS will be returning with the Science Slam China at the  
beginning of December. In the [article](#) you can learn about the details of the  
event, how to take your creative presentation all the way, see photos and  
videos from previous events, and go over the FAQ.

17 October is the deadline for the European Research Council's Starting Grant  
application. If you are an early career researcher interested to know if you are  
eligible and how to apply you can check out our special feature "[How to know if  
I'm eligible for 1.5 million € ERC Starting Grant](#)".

The Chinese Scholarship Council is the main funding mechanism for Chinese  
students interested in doing their PhD in Europe. Now is a great time to start  
preparing your next year's application so we give you an [overview](#) of the  
different European countries that have joint funding programmes with the CSC.

Like usual we finish up with a short overview of the main EURAXESS news last  
quarter, [In Case You Missed](#).

Best regards

The EURAXESS China team



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# science slam

## 1. The Science Slam is back!

Share your research and win a trip to Europe!

After a brief hiatus in 2017, the EURAXESS Science Slam China will be held for the 5<sup>th</sup> time at the beginning of December 2018. This time the event will be held at the Techcode incubator space in the high-tech area Zhongguancun in the Haidian university district in Beijing. As usual, 5 researchers from all over China will be invited to participate in the final competition and the winner will get a return trip to Europe to visit a research institute of their own choice. The call for applications has just opened – visit <http://scienceslamchina.com> to participate.



### What?

A science slam is a scientific talk where researchers compete to present their work in front of a non-expert audience.

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### Why?

The slam is a way to show the engaging and fascinating side of research to the wider public.

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## How to take your creative presentation all the way

### • Step 1

Get creative and develop an **original idea to present your research** project to the world. Everything is allowed to demonstrate your creativity - live experiment, cooking, tap dancing - you name it.

### • Step 2

Click the button below to **register**. We will ask you to show us your slam idea with a **short abstract** (max. 300 words). Deadline is 30 November. Everybody who submits an application receives a small prize!

### • Step 3

Authors of the 5 best submissions will be selected and invited to the live EURAXESS Science Slam China in Beijing in December 2018, where they **compete for a trip to Europe**.

All Science Slam presentations must be in English. Video submissions must be max. 5 minutes long.





## Gallery of Photos from Previous Science Slams

See more at <http://scienceslamchina.com>.



### When?

The EURAXESS Science Slam 2018 finals will take place 7 December in Beijing.

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### Where?

The finals will be held at the Techcode Incubator Space in Zhongguancun in Beijing

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### Who?

It is open to China-based researchers; from all fields, all nationalities and all research career stages

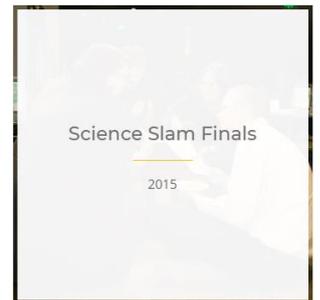
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### And then?

The winner will win a trip to Europe and a help to visit any European research institution

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## Watch videos from our previous Science Slams

From our EURAXESS Youku Channel



Video from the Finals 2013  
Science Slam China / 26 SEPTEMBER 2013



Video from the Finals 2014  
Science Slam China / 20 OCTOBER 2014



Video from the Finals 2015  
Science Slam China / 08 OCTOBER 2015



Video from the Finals 2016  
Science Slam China / 02 NOVEMBER 2016



## Hear from previous Science Slam winners

Are you interested in participating? Wondering how it is to participate in the EURAXESS Science Slam and what the benefits can be? Hear the testimony of some of our previous winners to get an idea!



*I put a lot of effort into preparing for the Science Slam! Honestly, there are only three times in my life that I've prepared so well for anything. The first time was at 18 years old when I was finishing high school and preparing for the Gaokao, the Chinese university entrance exam. Secondly, there was the time that I did my entrance exam for my graduate studies. And after that there is the Science Slam. I had never had such a good opportunity in my life. This was my first chance to go abroad and to think about my future. It was a big motivation for me.*

### **MS MENG XIAOTONG**

WINNER OF SCIENCE SLAM 2016



*The most important thing for scientists is to communicate and share ideas. Unfortunately, in most cases people think that researchers a bit boring, that they spend a lot of time in lab. My motive was to change people's perception. The most important factor is that the audience understands the way I tell the science story.*

### **DR WANG YANTING**

WINNER OF SCIENCE SLAM CHINA 2014



*One of the best experiences from the EURAXESS Science Slam was that I got to show what we work on. I was able to tell everyone what our work means to the outside world; how we combine technology, art, and public space together. And you know what, a lot of people turned out to be very interested! They talked to me after my Science Slam presentation, and wanted to find out more about the project. I had a lot of communication afterwards, and several articles were published about the project. So not only it helped my skills but it helped the project itself.*

### **DR YU YANG**

WINNER OF SCIENCE SLAM CHINA 2013



## Frequently Asked Questions about the Science Slam

Anything about the Science Slam you need clarified? Contact us at [china@euraxess.net](mailto:china@euraxess.net) or check the FAQ below.

### 1. **What Does The Word "Slam" Mean?**

A science slam is a competition at which researchers explain their original work with impact.

Each slam (performance) is judged by the audience and/or a jury based solely on certain criteria and nothing else.

An effective slam is a clear and entertaining explanation of your research that leaves a strong impression with the audience.

### 2. **So What Is The Criteria?**

The slam is evaluated on the criteria of **accessibility, conceptualisation, presentation style, originality** and **interest**.

### 3. **What Does the Word "Slam" Mean?**

In the dictionary, you can find many meanings for the word **slam**, like:

- To slam (e.g., a door): To close or strike with strong impact (great force, loud noise)
- To slam (e.g., an opinion): To attack verbally or criticize harshly
- A poetry slam: A competition at which poets recite original work

### 4. **So It's Like A Poetry Slam?**

Of course, the last meaning, Poetry Slam, is closest to the meaning of "science slam", although it is also about making a strong impact (figuratively) on your audience and making clear and strong statements about your ideas.

### 5. **My Research Is Not In Science/Engineering, Can I Participate?**

The science slam is open to everyone who is doing research. Law, literature, economics, medicine, agriculture, any field is fine.

### 6. **Can Undergraduate Or Master Students Participate?**

The Science Slam is aimed at researchers participating actively in research.

This includes PhDs, postdocs, researchers, Professors, researchers in industry and occasionally Masters Students if they are involved actively in a proper academic research. Unfortunately, this does not include undergrads in our China science slam edition.

### 7. **I Want To Participate, How Can I Register?**

Go to <http://scienceslamchina.com> and click the registration button. You will be taken to the EURAXESS registration portal.

You will be asked to fill out some basic information. Later in the process EURAXESS China team will contact you and ask you to provide 200 words summary of your approach to the presentation.

#### **8. *Do I Have To Present In English?***

Yes, but your level of English is NOT part of the evaluation. Only the 4 criteria above are evaluated, so if understandability and style are unaffected, any level is OK. Taking part in the Science Slam will help you improve your English science communication skills!

#### **9. *What Is The Minimum Level Of English?***

There is no minimum level of English. If your slam is clear and smooth, it doesn't matter if you speak slowly or use very simple English. Sometimes slow & simple is even better!

#### **10. *About What Should I Slam?***

The slam should be about your original research. It can be research you are doing now, or research you did before, but it has to be your own research.

Which part of your research you present, to what level of detail, and in what way, is all up to you. Please confirm with your supervisor to make sure there is no problem with confidentiality.

#### **11. *How Long Should My Slam Be?***

If you win the pre-round and get to the EURAXESS Science Slam China 2018 live finals in December, your slam there has to be 10 minutes maximum.

#### **12. *Will There Be A Questions & Answers Session After My Slam?***

No. The slam is not like most academic presentations, it is more like a performance.

You will not get any questions from the audience (so you also don't have to give any answers).

#### **13. *Can I Do A Slam Together With Someone Else?***

Basically not; the slam is individual.

However, you can (try to) interact with the audience, as long as it is always clear that you are the slammer.

#### **14. *I Have An Original Idea***

We welcome original ideas! Basically any concept is allowed, including for example singing, doing some experiments on stage, doing a role-play (alone), and even cool presentations with slides.

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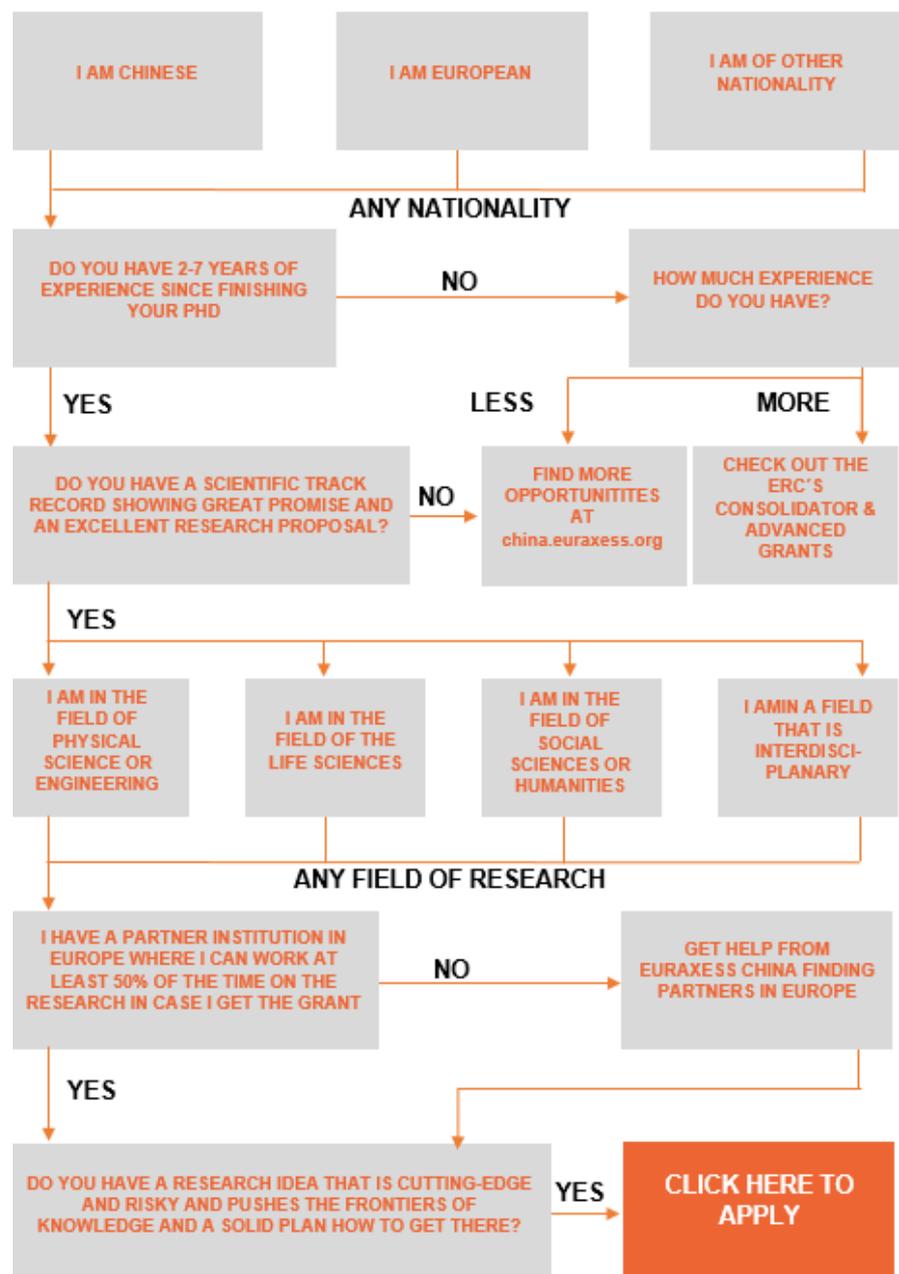
If you are still unsure, please do not hesitate to contact us via email at [china@euraxess.net](mailto:china@euraxess.net).



## 2. How to know if I'm eligible for 1.5 million € ERC Starting Grant

Are you a **talented early-career scientist** who has already produced excellent supervised work, is ready to work independently and shows potential to be a research leader? The European Research Council's Starting Grant is for people like you.

But how would do you know if you qualify? We have put together a handy flow chart below for your convenience.



### OPEN CALL

Starting Grants  
[ERC-2019-StG](#)  
[Information for applicants](#)

Deadline:  
 17 October 2018



## How to apply for an ERC Grant?

ERC grant applications can only be submitted in response to a Call for Proposals. The ERC has yearly calls for proposals covering all scientific fields.

For an ERC grant application to be complete, it needs to include the administrative forms, the research proposal and the supplementary documents. The completed proposal should be submitted by the specified closing date.

Calls are published on the page of the ERC, the European Commission's Participant Portal and in the Official Journal of the European Union.

Step-by-step [from the website of the ERC](#):



### Before the call is published:

1. Find out which ERC grant and which call is suitable for you.
2. Identify the host institution and team members you would like to work with. (see also the [online research partner search services](#))
3. Contact the [National Contact Point](#) (NCP) in your country for support.



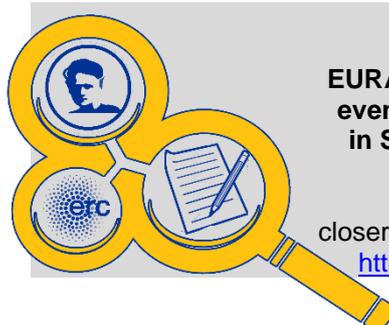
### Once the call is open:

1. Read the call documents carefully.
2. Contact the host institution and gather all the details you need for the application.
3. Start writing your proposal. Allow time for other people to review your draft. Your [NCP](#), peers and other scientists can all give you helpful support and feedback.
4. Familiarise yourself with the [Participant Portal](#)'s submission service. This is the online system through which proposals must be submitted. (see also the [online guide to using the proposal submission service](#) and the [H2020 Online manual](#).)
5. Submit your proposal as early as possible. Deadlines cannot be changed under any circumstances. You can update your submitted proposal any time before the deadline by simply submitting a new version, which will overwrite the old one.
6. You will get an 'acknowledgement of receipt' by e-mail for each submission.



### After the deadline:

1. The ERC will check whether your proposal meets the call's eligibility criteria.
2. External experts will evaluate all the eligible proposals.
3. You will receive further information as your proposal progresses through the evaluation. For more information we invite you to consult the timeframe for the current call.



### LEARN MORE

EURAXESS will organise an event introducing the ERC in Shanghai 9 November

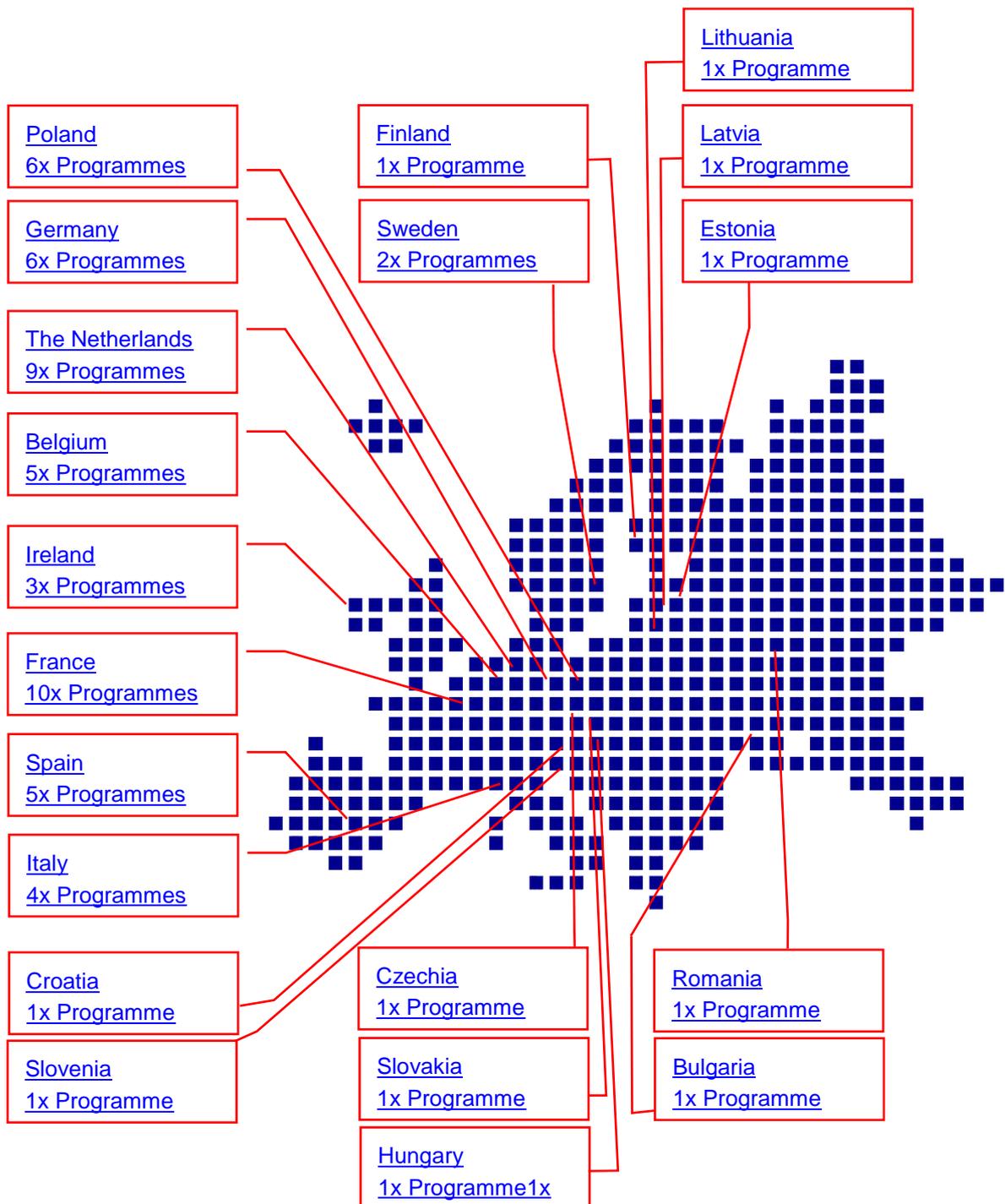
More information closer to the time of the event at <http://china.euraxess.org>

**GRANTS IN PRACTICE 2018**



### 3. Where in Europe do you want to go to do your CSC funded PhD?

The Chinese Scholarships Council offers thousands of scholarships to Chinese students that are interested to study abroad, including 63 special programmes to people that interested in doing PhD or start their research training in a European country. Some programmes are on the national level and in other cases the programmes are with particular universities. Check the map below to explore your options in Europe and click to get more info.



## 4. In case you missed...

### Grants in Practice Event Successfully Held in Beijing

The first Grants in Practice training event was held successfully on 9 August at the German Chamber of Commerce in Beijing organised jointly by EURAXESS China and the China Chapter of the Marie Curie Alumni Association. The topic of this training event was the Marie Curie Individual Fellowships which are 1-2 year fellowships in Europe open to experienced researchers in China.

The event included a training session by EURAXESS Country Representative and testimonials from one current Marie Curie Fellow and one former Marie Curie fellow that shared their experience and answered questions.

The event in Beijing was attended by 15 researchers, but it was also broadcasted as a webinar through Huajiao where more than 726 watched the training. To access a recording of the webinar or to download the speakers' presentations visit [EURAXESS China's website](http://china.euraxess.org).



### Country Representative Visits Shaanxi

In the third week of August, the Country Representative of EURAXESS China travelled around Shaanxi Province in North Western China visiting universities, cumulating with a very useful Information Session at Northwestern Polytechnical University in Xi'an.

In the information session, the Country Representative spoke with more than 40 researchers from Xi'an and introduced EURAXESS and European funding opportunities available to Chinese and international researchers. The presentation was followed by vivid discussions where the audience brought up many questions.



### About us

EURAXESS China is a networking tool for European researchers active in China and for Chinese and international researchers wishing to collaborate and/or pursue a career in Europe. EURAXESS China provides information about research in Europe, European research policy, opportunities for research funding, for EU-China and international collaboration and for trans-national mobility. **Membership is free.**

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