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## **Highlight:**

### **Opening ERC teams to the world**

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The ERC has today contacted its grantees to inquire about their interest to host young non-European scientists in their research teams.

Some ERC grantees can now benefit from a set of international agreements that make it easier for scientists from Argentina, China, Japan, Korea, South Africa and the United States to join ERC research teams for short periods of time. The programme is open to the grantees who are at least 18 months away from finishing their projects. The partner research funding agencies contribute financially to the visits.

The purpose of these agreements ("implementing arrangements"), four of which entered into force in 2015, is to foster scientific cooperation between the European Union and some of the leading research agencies outside the EU, boosting the global circulation of talent. This allows ERC grantees to draw on the experience and new ideas of young international researchers.

About seventy US and Korean researchers have joined the research teams of the ERC grantees since 2013, thanks to such agreements (data as of December 2014). New similar agreements are currently being negotiated with other countries for possible adoption in 2015 and 2016.

### **For more information**

[ERC website: Opening ERC teams to the world](#)

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