

FEMS- Jensen Award Regulations



Title	The FEMS-Jensen Award (initiated by J.R. Norris).
Objective	The award is intended to recognise academic achievement and superior research accomplishments showing significant potential to develop an outstanding research career. The award honours Dr Hans Laurits Jensen for helping young scientists in establishing their scientific career.
Award	The award comprises a fellowship for spending at least half a year in an outstanding research laboratory chosen by the applicant. The maximum award is EUR 10.000 and includes a monthly allowance of EUR 1.600 and travel expenses. The grant cannot be used to pay for tuition fees.
Eligibility	<p>The applicant is made to outstanding European microbiology researchers in the final stages of their PhD studies, or to those who received their PhD-degree less than three years from the application deadline. In addition applicants should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• be less than 36 years old at the time of the application deadline,• have been a member of a FEMS Member Society for at least one year before applying,• hold citizenship of a European country or a country that has a FEMS member society.
Project	<p>The applicant's project should be conducted in a European host laboratory, that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• is not the laboratory at which the applicant obtained her/his Ph.D.;• is not located in the country of her/his citizenship, or the country where the applicant is working and/or living; and• is not an industrial laboratory conducting research for the development of new products and/or procedures. <p>However, centres for basic research that are endowed or financed by industry are eligible as hosts.</p>
Frequency	In principle, one award will made every two years. The awardee will be announced during the FEMS Congress.
Call	A call for applications is announced on the FEMS Website and in the FEMS Focus. The deadline for receipt of applications is March 1 st of the FEMS Congress year: 2013, 2015, 2017, 2019...).
Application	<p>Interested candidates are asked to submit their application to the convener of the Awards Board (FEMS President) via FEMS Central Office.</p> <p>The application letter should be accompanied by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• a completed application form (available at www.fems-microbiology.org);• a curriculum vitae including a list of publications;• a curriculum vitae;• two reference letters from well-known European microbiologists;• an invitation letter from the director of the host laboratory;• an outline of the research project.
Review	The FEMS Grants Administrator will check applications for completeness and eligibility before submitting them for reviewing to the Awards Board. All applications will be subjected to external peer review of scientific

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content. Applications will also be rated for project feasibility, host laboratory reputation, and applicant's profile/standing.

Award

The Grants Administrator will inform all applicants of the outcome of their application.

- Successful applicants will be provided with:
 - an award letter;
 - an illuminated address, signed by the FEMS President;
 - a FEMS-Jensen Award Certificate;
 - three FEMS claim forms to be submitted for claiming each of the instalments:
 - 45% around the starting date;
 - 45% around the middle of the period;
 - 10% following receipt of the final report.
- A change of laboratory or project will, in principle, not be permitted following approval of the fellowship.
- In the event of early termination return travel costs and any payments made after the termination date must be repaid.
- The FEMS-Jensen awardee should submit a report to the Grants Administrator within three months of completing the fellowship.
- The awardee is strongly encouraged to submit a paper to one of the FEMS journals and FEMS should be acknowledged in each publication associated with the fellowship.

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