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The European Science Foundation (ESF) provides a platform for its Member Organisations to advance European research and explore new directions for research at the European level.

Established in 1974 as an independent non-governmental organisation, the ESF currently serves 78 Member Organisations across 30 countries.

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#### What is ALLEA?

The European Federation of National Academies of Sciences and the Humanities (ALLEA) was founded in 1994.

ALLEA is the Federation of 53 Academies of Sciences and Humanities in 40 European countries, whose Member Academies are self-governing communities of scientists and scholars.

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## Early Career Researchers Forum

**“From Learned Societies to  
Knowledge-Based Society:  
Towards a European Young Academy?”**

ESF / ALLEA

Humanities Spring 2009 I

**ESF and ALLEA offer, on a competitive basis, full-cost awards to leading early career scholars to participate in the ESF / ALLEA “new horizons” workshop in Vienna**

The European Science Foundation (ESF) and the **European Federation of National Academies of Sciences and the Humanities (ALLEA)** invite the next generation of leading scholars (“early career researchers”) to participate in a three-day “new horizons” workshop in Vienna, Austria, from 8 – 10 June 2009.

ESF and ALLEA both play central roles in coordinating science policy activities of their member organisations and in supporting transnational networks of scholars and institutions. Both are working towards new ways to allow early career researchers from all fields of science to contribute to European and global science policy debates. With this event, ESF and ALLEA wish to mobilise the creative potential of the next generation of leading scholars to **reflect on a new platform (“European Young Academy”) for them** to inform these processes. Successful applicants will be given access to planning documents for their discussions.

The 2009 I symposium will be held under the title:

**“From Learned Societies to Knowledge-Based Society:  
Towards a European Young Academy?”**

A distinguished group of 21 young scholars will debate challenges and opportunities for science and scholarship in Europe, and the **contributions a “European Young Academy” could make to the relationship of science and society**. Issues to be reflected on include, but are not limited to:

- how to improve environments to enhance scholarship across areas of specialisation;
- which formats are useful for non-topic related / cross-disciplinary scientific networking that might encourage new developments in their own disciplines;
- how to safeguard a full portfolio of disciplinary and cultural knowledge in academic research environments;
- what new forms of instilling a passion for a career in research in younger generations;
- what is the nexus between societal relevance of science and personal responsibility?

By way of introduction, three senior academicians will present and interpret national and international examples of relevant strategic activities involving early career scholars. Discussions will be animated by keynotes of three other senior colleagues. During thematically defined break-out sessions and more broadly conceived plenary sessions, participants will work towards a document that will provide input for discussions on the terms of reference **for the “European Young Academy”**.

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### Eligibility

- PhD holders, no longer than 10 years after the defence, and not older than 38 years of age (both sub-criteria will be jointly applied); there is no restriction on nationality or discipline;
- Individuals eligible under point 1 who are currently conducting research must be affiliated with an institution of higher education and/or research in Europe (= ESF/ALLEA membership countries plus countries of Europe as defined by Council of Europe membership);
- Institution of higher education and/or research may include research centres in the private sector and other research infrastructures, as well as Academies;
- Ability and willingness to reflect on progress and visions for the position of science and research in society in an interdisciplinary and international context based on a solid mastery of their own discipline, all as demonstrated by the CV and attached documentation.

### Documentation requested (compiled in one document)

- One-page presentation letter
- Full CV (max. 2 pages)
- Statement of past and current research (max. 1 page)
- References to 3 publications (incl. links to self-archived / online texts)
- Statement on the theme of the call, incl. possible additional themes to be dealt with (max. 1 page).

**N.B.:** The working language for application, selection, the event itself and follow up documents is English. Short-listed candidates are asked to indicate availability (at short notice) for a telephone interview in that language to verify their ability to actively participate in discussions (see timeline below).

### Selection criteria and process

- Formal eligibility
- Scientific track record; scientific potential (solid grounding in disciplinary work)
- Originality of prospective thinking as expressed in the "statement" and in publications

*The selection will be carried out by a dedicated Panel composed of ESF and ALLEA representatives.*

### Timeline for application and selection

1 December 2008	Call published and circulated
<b>15 January 2009</b>	Deadline for submission of online application: <a href="http://www2.esf.org/WD110AWP/WD110Awp.exe/CONNECT/Humanities_Spring?id=182">http://www2.esf.org/WD110AWP/WD110Awp.exe/CONNECT/Humanities_Spring?id=182</a>
By 25 February 2009	Short-listing of suitable candidates
By 4 March 2009	Telephone interviews (if necessary)
By 15 March 2009	Notification of successful applicants
By 22 March 2009	Acceptance letter to be sent by selected applicants to ESF

**The ESF/ALLEA award will cover travel costs, meals, accommodation for the event.**

### N.B.:

No more detailed information on the event itself or the selection process than this Call text will be made available for applicants except for the updates on the upcoming "ESF/ALLEA Humanities Spring" website.

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