



EURAXESS Country in Focus: LUXEMBOURG - heartland of Europe that embraces diversity

Meet LUXEMBOURG – an Inspiring Place!

Strategically located in the heart of Europe, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg is a strategic smart business, **research and innovation location** with a national character of openness, dynamism, reliability. For centuries, the country has been at the heart of a multitude of cultural influences, partly because of its geography but also because of trade, industrialisation, and **immigration**. It has protected its woodlands, shaped its landscapes with winegrowing, farming, and architecture. It has cultivated linguistic diversity, cultural originality, and economic freedom. It was also considered for a long time that the prosperity of Luxembourg was due to the richness of its soil. Once one of the main steel plant sites of Europe, the country became a financial place over the years due to the steel crisis in the seventies, before morphing recently into a research and innovation hub. Today, Luxembourg is **one of the most attractive countries in the world for working and living**, and a genuine societal laboratory.

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Welcome to Luxembourg - [video](#)



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Belval – the City of Science



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Luxembourg is becoming an energetic international research center. A great part of this ambition is and will be realised in Belval.

LUXEMBOURG Policy and Strategy

LUXEMBOURG IS A DYNAMIC COUNTRY, WHERE RESEARCH HAS BECOME A CENTRAL ISSUE

Public research in Luxembourg is young and dynamic with research policy contributing to the transition of the country towards a knowledge-based society. The overarching rationale behind research policy is to strengthen innovation as a driver of sustainable socioeconomic development and to contribute to a further diversification of the economy by developing new and strengthening existing high added-value economic activities. In this sense, research and innovation policy has been one of the major priorities of the Government since 1999 with Government budget outlays rising from 28 million euros in 2000 to approximately 400 million euros in 2016. This **proactive and committed policy approach puts Luxembourg firmly on the map of European research.** This is illustrated among others with the position of the University of Luxembourg, while only created in 2003, ranging 11th in the latest “Times Higher Education” ranking of the 200 Universities under 50 years.

Public research is mostly performed at

- the [University of Luxembourg](#);
- one of the 3 public research centres;
 - [Luxembourg Institute of Technology \(LIST\)](#)
 - [Luxembourg Institute of Health \(LIH\)](#)
 - [Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research \(LISER\)](#)
- the [Max-Planck Institute Luxembourg](#) for International, European and Regulatory Procedural Law



Innovation



[Luxinnovation](#) is a key partner for companies looking to engage in innovative activities in Luxembourg or aiming to expand their business at the international level.

Recruitment Opportunities

Luxembourg is a dynamic country, where research has become a central issue.

Public Sector Recruitment Opportunities

Most researchers in Luxembourg are employed in public sector institutions, with University of Luxembourg being one of the most important employers of research staff. All positions open at the public sector institutions and the University of Luxembourg are published on the [EURAXESS webpage](#).

Private Sector Recruitment Opportunities

The financial sector is the main driving force behind the Grand Duchy's economy. The Grand Duchy's authorities have adopted a policy of diversification of the country's economic fabric by providing support for information and communication technologies (ICTs), logistics, bio- and eco-technologies, research, etc. as well as actively promoting the diversification of the financial marketplace.

Several instruments for investment aid to stimulate R&D activities within companies: grants, loans, venture capital, export credit lowest VAT rate in Europe.

Source: <http://www.luxembourg.public.lu>

Find innovative partners in the [private and public sector](#).

Funding Opportunities



The **Luxembourg National Research Fund (FNR)** is the **main funder of research activities in Luxembourg**. The FNR invests public funds and private donations into research projects in various branches of science and the humanities, with an emphasis on selected core strategic areas. Furthermore, it supports and coordinates activities to strengthen the link between science and society and to raise awareness for research. The FNR also advises the Luxembourg government on research policy and strategy. The FNR has a broad range of international funding opportunities, further details are available under the “**International Cooperation**” section of the [Luxembourg National Research Fund website](#).



Our newly updated [guide](#) includes key topics such as **employment, entry conditions, visa procedures, taxation, social security, health care**, as well as relevant information about **housing and daily life**.

Important Information for Incoming Researchers

The [EURAXESS Luxembourg team](#) is at your full disposal.

[EURAXESS Luxembourg](#) provides information and support to international researchers, all services are free of charge. We provide information about **entry conditions, visas** and residence permits, Luxembourg in general, the Luxembourgian research landscape, **job & funding offers**, partnering, events for researchers and much more! Please read our [Foreign Researchers' guide to Luxembourg](#), a practical guide on living & working in Luxembourg.

ENTRY CONDITIONS:

Please [check if you need a visa](#).

For working and long-term stays, they require a hosting agreement and a residence permit. See all [Luxembourgian embassies and representations](#) around the world.

Fees are waived for researchers from third countries travelling within the EU for the purpose of carrying out scientific research. For additional information on visa issues please visit the [Euraxess Luxembourg website](#).

Interview with an Indian researcher in Luxembourg



Pranjul SHAH, University of Luxembourg - LCSB, Indian, married, 2 children

EURAXESS – Researchers in Motion is an initiative of the European Research Area (ERA) that addresses barriers to the mobility of researchers and seeks to enhance their career development. This pan-European effort is currently supported by 40 countries.

How did you hear about Luxembourg and why did you decide to work in Luxembourg?

I was close to completion of my PhD at the Technical University of Denmark and was looking for opportunities where I could apply my research in more applied projects. I stumbled upon an interesting project in Luxembourg where my PhD thesis and outcomes were the missing piece in the puzzle and instantly decided to visit Luxembourg to get an exposure to the research environment and eventually decided to move to Luxembourg.



Name three characteristics about research work in Luxembourg or about Luxembourg in general.

Quality of research, State-of-the-art research facilities and ample funding opportunities are the three key characteristics which make Luxembourg an ideal destination for a researcher. Additionally, the dynamism and international outlook of the country's research community and attractive salary schemes for researchers makes it further appealing.



What role did EURAXESS play in this whole process (in the process of your settlement in Luxembourg)? Describe your experience with EURAXESS Luxembourg.

From the beginning, Euraxess was very helpful in simplifying the administrative process for me and this simplified the uncertainties linked to moving to a new country. Luxembourg can be a bit administratively heavy country at the start and Euraxess does the perfect job in minimizing this burden for the researchers so that they can focus on their research.

A message to anyone who is considering looking for partners in research in Luxembourg or moving to Luxembourg for work?

Luxembourg has a lot to offer as a research partner or as a next step in your career. Although small in comparison to other European countries but the sizeable research community is highly integrated, growing and reaching new heights each year. This is a right time to plan your move and get your Luxembourgish research career in motion. I am confident that in years to come Luxembourg research scene will race to the top.