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# Fellowships Programme

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## Summary information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Archive of the European Molecular Biology Organisation
<b>Title:</b>	Fellowships Programme
<b>Reference code:</b>	FEL
<b>Date:</b>	1966-2024 (creation)
<b>Physical description:</b>	24 boxes of paper materials, and an unknown quantity of digital material.

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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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The Fund Committee was first appointed by council on May 8th 1965, in order to manage funds the organization were to receive from the Volkswagen Foundation in December of that year . The Purpose of the Fund Committee was to handle all classes of Fellowship appointments: short-term, long-term, and senior, as well as engaging in financial supervision of the EMBO program.

The purpose of short-term fellowships was to facilitate collaboration between different scientific institutions through the provision of funds for travel and subsistence, and to make these funding decisions within a very short timeframe. In the beginning, one of the most popular uses of these grants was to allow scientists from smaller institutions to have access to complex scientific equipment at larger ones, and the program was incredibly popular from the very beginning. These fellowships lasted up to 3 months.

Long-term fellowships were modeled after the American post-doctoral fellowships of the time, enabling young researchers to carry out in-depth research immediately following their PhDs in leading hubs of scientific activity, widening their experience, building relationships with other scientists, and improving the quality of their work. EMBO was keen to ensure the highest caliber of candidates and endeavored where possible to have a member of the committee interview the applicants. These fellowships lasted up to 2 years. Senior Appointments (also known as visiting professorships and senior fellowships) were initially designed to fund scientists of a professorial rank to travel to other laboratories in to foster collaboration. In 1966, council expanded this idea to include scientists of any rank or experience who worked with new skills and techniques, or those at the forefront of novel research.

In 1997 the first EMBO Fellows meeting took place, giving Fellows the opportunity to network with their peers and EMBO staff, sharing their work and their experiences.

In 1999 a network of EMBO Fellows was created, with the intention of increasing participation in EMBO activities amongst fellows, especially in the nascent Science and Society Program.

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## Scope and content

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The "Fellowship Committee" series is comprised of agendas, minutes, and correspondence regarding Fund Committee meetings from 1966-1996, and the Fellowship Committee from 1996- 2024. Paper records for

the years up to 2016 are stored in the physical archive and subsequent years are stored as digital files on the EMBO3 server.

The “Fellows Meeting” series is comprised of correspondence, programs, abstract books, posters, and other materials regarding the organization, coordination, and running of Fellows Meetings from the years 1997-2024. Files from 2019-2024 are stored digitally on the EMBO3 server.

Working documents related to the Fellowship Department are stored in the Intermediate Archive for records management purposes.

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## Notes

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### Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
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## Access points

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- Scientific Programme (subject)
  - EMBO Communities (subject)
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## Series descriptions

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### Series FEL-1: Fellowships Committee

Creator: Fellowships Programme

Date: 1966-2024 (creation)

Scope and content: This series is comprised of agendas, minutes, and correspondence regarding Fund Committee meetings from 1966-1996, and the Fellowship Committee from 1996- 2024. Paper records for the years up to 2016 are stored in the physical archive and subsequent years are stored as digital files on the EMBO3 server.

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## **Series FEL-2: Fellowship Meetings**

Creator: Fellowships Programme

Date: 1997-2016 (creation)

Physical description: 3 boxes of paper materials.

Physical storage: Box: 167

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