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HHMI Awards \$2 Million to European Molecular Biology Organization

The Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) has awarded \$2 million to the European Molecular Biology Organization (EMBO) to help launch the careers of young scientists in the Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland.

The four-year grant will support six scientists a year early in their careers. It links HHMI's International Research Scholars in the three countries with EMBO's Young Investigator Programme. The HHMI/EMBO Scientists will receive €30,000 (approximately \$26,450) a year for three years and will be mentored by their more established HHMI-supported colleagues. Applications for the first year are due April 1, 2002.

The EMBO Young Investigator Programme, created in 2000, identifies promising molecular biologists in their first three years of heading independent laboratories. Currently, there are 78 EMBO Young Investigators in 17 out of 24 member countries.

HHMI launched its International Program in 1991 to recognize the international scope of modern biomedical research and the contributions of scientists outside the United States. The program supports international research scholars' work, scientific meetings of scholars and educational activities.