BELGIUM
René Magritte
James Ensor
Gotye
Stromae
Brussels flowercarpet
Architecture
Mussels & (French) fries
The Smurfs
Tintin
chocolate
waffles
Excellent Science

François Englert
Nobel Prize in Physics
2013

Dirk Frimout
NASA Astronaut
1992

Pattie Maes
MIT Media Lab
One Country; Three Regions

Flanders
Brussels
Wallonia
FEDERAL STATE

Regions
- Flanders Region
- Brussels-Capital Region
- Wallonia Region

Communities
- Flemish Community
- French Community
- German Community

Scientific Research in:
- Economy
- Energy
- Public works & Transport
- Environment
- Technical & industrial
- Education
- Healthcare
- Culture
- Research performed in higher education institutions
Federal level

Competencies in Scientific Research:
- Space
- Earth Observation
- Polar (Station in Antarctica)
Federal level: Opportunities

Grants & Fellowships

Belgian-American Education Foundation:  
1 year, 25,000$ per year (www.baef.us)

Fulbright Commission: Grants varies, cover round trip, rent, incidental cost + accident & health insurance (www.fulbright.be)

Belspo: Postdoc Fellowship for non EU-researchers, 6-18months, 2700$/month (www.belspo.be)
Flanders: Academic landscape

4 Major Public Universities in the Flemish Part of Belgium
(105,000 students / 15,500 PhD students / 35,000 faculty, admin & research staff)
Students at each: Leuven & Ghent ~ 40K; Antwerp ~20K; Hasselt ~6,000
(Number of international students varies greatly by program area.)

www.kuleuven.be  www.uantwerp.be
www.ugent.be     www.uhasselt.be
Some Applied Research & Innovation Centers

Demand-driven research initiated by industry:

- Flanders' Drive: [www.flandersdrive.be](http://www.flandersdrive.be) (Transportation)
- Flanders' Food: [www.flandersfood.com](http://www.flandersfood.com) (Agriculture)
- Flanders' Plastic Vision: [www.plasticvision.be](http://www.plasticvision.be) (Plastics, Rubber, Nanotech)
Other Programs in Flanders

www.researchinflanders.be/en/
Wallonia-Brussels: 
Academic landscape

Six Major Public Universities in the French Part of Belgium
(85,000 students / 18,500 internat. / 30% non EU)

www.studyinbelgium.be

« IN. WBI » grants: 1300$ / month

www.wbi.be
Funding basic research

Annual Calls for Mandates:  www.fnrs.be

1. General call for **4 year** PhD Fellowship (**ASP**, Dec – Feb)

2. Call for **4 year** PhD Fellowship in Industry and Agricultural Research (**FRIA**, Jul – Sep)

3. Call for **4 year** PhD Fellowship in Social and Human Sciences (**FRESH**, Jul – Sep)

4. General Call for **3 year** Post-Doc Fellowship (**CR**, Dec – Jan)

5. General call for Tenure Positions, Experienced researchers (**CQ, MR, DR**, Dec – Jan)
Breaking NEWS :
BeWaRe FELLOWSHIPS

Eligibility: all fields - PhD or 4 years of research exp.
Duration: 18-36 months contract
Project: innovative, tech transfer, bottom-up
Host: Company or University (25% in a company)
Contract: 100,000$ (incl. health & personal liability) + 500$/month mobility allowance = 3500$ net + 20,000$ bench fee/year

Matching officer: pierre.demoitie@spw.wallonie.be

www.bewarejobs.be (deadline April 30)
Future calls: July 2015 / Feb 2016 / July 2016 / Feb 2017
Past Calls: overview

universities: 32 / research centers: 7 / SME: 3

woman: 13 / man: 28 [average: 33 y. old]

24 months: 8 / 30 months: 2 / 36 months: 29

13.22 millions € (≈ 15 billions $)
Research Opportunities in Belgium

Mr. Maxime Van Cauter
Wallonia-Brussels International
Tel: 617-333-8951

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Northeastern University
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