



Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions

Funding opportunities for researchers

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What are the Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions?

A European Union funded programme for structuring researcher **training, mobility and career development**

Objectives

Ensure the optimum development and dynamic use of Europe's intellectual capital in order to
generate new skills, knowledge and innovation

Budget 2014-2020: € 6.162 billion

*What do the **MSCA** offer you?*

- Prestigious **career opportunities**
- Excellent **working conditions**: employment contracts, full social security etc.
- Very **competitive salaries**
- Opportunities **to work and train with the best** researchers in Europe and worldwide
- Whole career training: **complementary skills**
- **Access to top level** conferences, professional associations & Marie Curie Alumni

Who, what and where?

- **Who: All levels** of research experience from PhD researcher upwards – there are actions for different levels of experience.
- **What: All areas** of research are supported: bottom-up approach
- **Where: Anywhere:** any research performing organisation, public or private worldwide - there are actions for European and international mobility.



Some **Marie Curie Actions** facts & figures:

- **Since 1996**, more than **80,000 researchers** of **100 different nationalities** working in **70 countries** supported.
- Nearly **6 300 universities**, research **organisations** and companies **worldwide** have participated since 2007.
- The countries hosting the highest number of Marie Curie researchers:
 - United Kingdom,
 - Germany,
 - France,
 - Spain,
 - the Netherlands
 - Italy
- The total number of Marie Curie researchers supported to date is expected to hit 90,000 by the end of 2013.

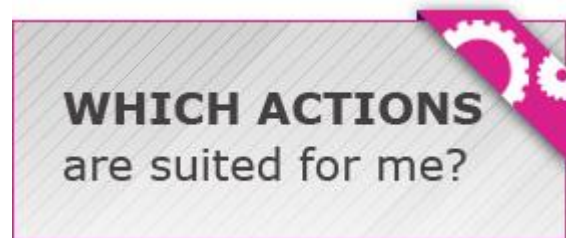
*How are the **MSCA** structured?*

- **ITN:** Innovative Training Networks: support for doctoral and early-stage training
 - **Researchers supported apply to a project**
- **IF:** Individual Fellowships: support for experienced researchers undertaking international mobility
 - **Researchers supported apply to directly to a call for proposals**

...How are the MSCA structured?

- **RISE:** International and inter-sector cooperation through the exchange of staff
 - **Researchers supported are already in the institutions**
- **COFUND:** co-funding of regional, national and international doctoral and fellowship programmes
 - **Researchers supported apply to a call cofunded by the MSCA**

*Which actions are **suited for me?***



Depends on **experience** and **type of mobility**



WHICH ACTIONS
are suited for me?

Support for two categories of researchers:

Early Stage Researcher: Less than 4 years of research experience*, and without a doctoral degree (pre-doc)

Experienced Researcher: In possession of a doctoral degree or at least 4 years of research experience* (postdoc)

* counted from the time when the individual is entitled to embark on a doctoral degree

All scientific and technological fields are supported!



WHICH ACTIONS
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Support for two types of mobility:

European: based in Europe for fellowship, ie:
moving within Europe or **from outside Europe into Europe (Belarus researchers)**

Global: based in an institution outside of Europe, ie:
moving from Europe to a country outside of Europe
NB compulsory return phase of one year (fully funded)

2 ways to be supported:

*Apply for your **own fellowship***

or

*Apply **to a project***

1. Apply for your own fellowship

**Directly to the Marie Skłodowska
Curie Actions**

→ Post Doc level only



Individual Fellowships

Post-doctoral fellowships for outstanding researchers

For experienced researchers

- In possession of a **doctoral degree**, or have **4 years of full-time research** experience at the time of the call deadline
- Two types depending on the mobility of the researcher

Within Europe - European Fellowships

Outside Europe - Global Fellowships

Objective

- enhance the creative and innovative potential of experienced researchers
- provide opportunities to acquire new knowledge, work on research projects in a European context or outside Europe, resume a career or return to Europe

Scope

- Individual, trans-national fellowships awarded to the best or most promising researchers
- Career Restart Panel and Reintegration Panel

IF Main Features:

- Budget: € **240.50**m in 2014 (Global Fellowships: €29m) and € **213**m in 2015 (Global Fellowships: €m)
- Duration of projects: 2 years (Global Fellowships: 3 years)
- Focus on career development, not necessarily experience
- ***Additional 3 or 6 month secondment option - in Europe and in another sector***
- Separate multidisciplinary panels for Career Restart and Reintegration

European Fellowships Researchers:

- **International mobility** **within or into** Member States (MS) and Associated Countries (AC)
- Experienced researchers of **any nationality**
- Applicants must **not have resided or carried out their main activity in the country of the host organisation for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately prior to the call deadline**

Global Fellowships Researchers:

- International mobility from Member States (MS) and Associated Countries (AC) **to a third country and return**
- Support to experienced researchers of **any nationality**: nationals of EU countries and long-term residents
- Applicants must comply with the **rules for mobility**:
 - Must not have resided or carried out their main activity in the country of the 3rd country organisation for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately prior to the call deadline

IF Financial Aspects

Monthly Living Allowance

- €4,650 gross monthly salary (€55,800 annually) corrected for the cost of living in the country

Mobility Allowance

- €600 per month

Family Allowance

- €500 per month for researchers married/legally partnered or with dependant children

Contribution to Research, training and Transfer of Knowledge

- €800 per month

Overheads and management

- €650 per researcher month

Next call: March 2104

Opens: 12 March 2014

Closes: 11 September 2014

@ 17:00:00 CET

1. Apply for your own fellowship

To a **cofunded call for proposals**

→ currently Post Doc level only

→ 2015 onwards – post doc and pre-doc



Cofunding of regional, national and international doctoral and fellowship programmes

Why: to **stimulate regional, national or international programmes** to foster excellence in researchers' training, mobility and career development

- Opportunities for researchers from **all countries**
- Researchers comply with the **mobility rules** of the MSCA
- Open and transparent: **calls/vacancies widely publicised**

How to apply for a fellowship:

- Known calls are **always listed** on the Marie Curie Website
- **Future calls must be advertised** there also
- Eligibility depends on the call - **consult the documentation** carefully
- **Funding levels depend on the call** but are within a range pre-approved by the MSCA

!!! Check the website frequently !!!

2. Apply to a project

→ PhD

**limited opportunities for first post
doc also**



Innovative Training Networks

Research training for **PhD & (some) first PostDoc**

- transnational network in multi/interdisciplinary and emerging fields
- training primarily through **research on individual, personalised research projects**
- complemented by substantial **training modules in key transferable skills**
- Strong involvement of commercial entities in training



Features

- **Consortium applies** to MSCA for funding; consortium then recruits the researchers
 - leading networks of European and international researchers
- **3 year PhD training**
- Max **24 months for post docs**
- **Employment contracts** with full social security
- Researchers enjoy **same rights** as fellows that apply directly to MSCA for a post-doc

How to apply for a fellowship

- All projects publish their **vacancies on the Marie Curie website** + on *NatureJobs*
- Eligibility criteria depend only on **level of research experience and mobility**
- Funding levels defined by the MSCA: gross monthly amounts: **€3110 living allowance** (corrected for the cost of living in the country) + **€600 mobility allowance** + **€500 family allowance where applicable**

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Information on Marie Curie Actions

Funded projects

Calls currently open

Apply here!

Euraxess

The screenshot shows the Marie Curie Actions website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Home', 'About', 'Apply now', 'Funded projects', 'News and events', and 'Media library'. Below this is a main content area featuring a banner for 'ESOF2012 DUBLIN' (Marie Curie Actions Conference at Euroscience Open Forum) and a section for 'Open calls' listing several grant opportunities with their respective deadlines. On the right side, there are links for 'Participant portal', 'Solutions for researchers', and 'Euraxess'. At the bottom, there are sections for 'JOB VACANCIES in your country' and 'WHICH ACTIONS are suited for me?'. Red arrows from external text labels point to these various sections: 'Information on Marie Curie Actions' points to the top navigation; 'Funded projects' points to the 'Funded projects' button; 'Calls currently open' points to the 'Open calls' section; 'Apply here!' points to the 'Apply now' button; 'Euraxess' points to the Euraxess logo; and 'Published vacancies in funded projects' points to the 'JOB VACANCIES' section.

Published vacancies in funded projects

JOB VACANCIES
in your country

WHICH ACTIONS
are suited for me?

MARIE CURIE ALUMNI

✓ Research Participant Portal

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/home>

✓ Marie Curie Actions home page

<http://ec.europa.eu/mariecurieactions>

✓ National Contact Points

✓ EURAXESS

<http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess>



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News

H2020 call for expression for interest for experts (11/2013)
New calls for expression of interest [for individual experts](#) and [for organisations to suggest experts](#) were just published in [OJ C342 of 22 November 2013](#).
European Commission will soon need experts to evaluate first Horizon 2020 proposals. Don't forget to tick the H2020 box in the registration platform and update your expertise.

Quick Links



Experts

[H2020 ONLINE MANUAL](#)

Join the database of independent experts for European research and innovation.

The European Commission appoints independent experts to assist with research and innovation assignments including the evaluation of proposals, monitoring of projects, and evaluation of programmes, and design of policy.

New experts

Who can be an expert?

You have a chance of being selected as an expert if you:

- have high-level of expertise in the relevant fields of research and innovation ([see call](#) for details on types of expertise).
- can be available for occasional, short-term assignments

[REGISTER AS EXPERT](#)

What do expert assignments involve?

Experts, as peer reviewers, assist in the:

- **evaluation** of proposals
- **monitoring** of actions

In addition, experts assist in the :

- **preparation, implementation or evaluation of programmes** and **design of policies**.

**Thank you
for
your attention**

