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MARIE SKŁODOWSKA-CURIE ACTIONS

National and European Funding Opportunities in the Social Sciences for Young Researchers

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Excellence

Research

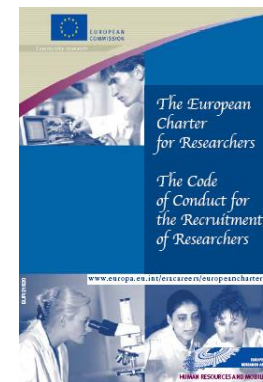
Training

Skills

Mobility

Budget 2014-2020:

€ 6.162 billion



MSCA Objectives



- Attract and retain **research talent** in Europe
- Develop state-of-the-art, **innovative training schemes**, consistent with the requirements of R&I
- Promote sustainable **career development** in R&I
- Focus on **delivering new knowledge and skills**
- Back up **strong partnership with MS** via co-funding mechanism

Key Features



- development of knowledge and enhancement of skills
- excellent and innovative research training
- attractive career and knowledge-exchange opportunities through cross-border and cross-sector mobility
- bottom-up approach
- openness to all career stages
- strong participation of industry, i.e. SMEs

...and Principles



- European Charter for Researchers & Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers
- European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity
- Ethical aspects
- Gender balance
- Public outreach activities

Who can participate?

Academia

Public or private **High Education Institutions**
awarding academic degrees

Public or private **non-profit research organisations**

International **European interest**
organisations

Universities

Non-profit
research
institutes

IEIOs

Business and non-academia

Broad definition:

Any socio-economic actor not
included in the academic
sector definition

Industry

SMEs

Other socio-
economic
actors



1. Member States (MS) – 28 countries

2. Associated Countries (AC)

- Iceland
- Norway
- Albania
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
- Montenegro
- Serbia
- Turkey
- Israel
- Moldova
- Switzerland
- Faroe Islands
- Ukraine
- Tunisia
- Georgia
- Armenia

NEW!

3. Third Countries (TC): any other country

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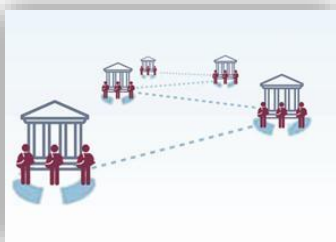
ITN

Innovative Training
Networks



IF

Individual Fellowships



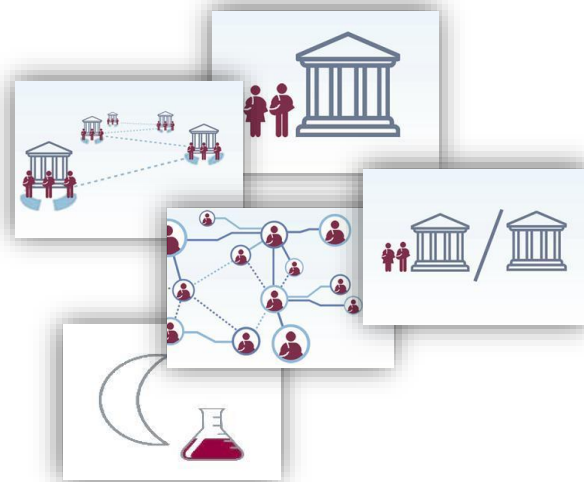
RISE

Research and
Innovation Staff
Exchange



COFUND

Which MSCA should you choose?



ITN

Innovative Training Networks

Objective

- To train a new generation of creative, entrepreneurial and innovative early-stage researchers, able to face current and future challenges and to convert knowledge and ideas into products and services for economic and social benefit.
- To raise excellence and structure research and doctoral training, extending the traditional academic research training setting, incorporating the elements of Open Science and equipping researchers with the right combination of research-related and transferable competences.
- To provide enhanced career perspectives in both the academic and non-academic sectors through international, interdisciplinary and intersectoral mobility combined with an innovation-oriented mind-set.

ITN features

- Only for **early stage researchers**
- Fellowships of **3-36 months**
- Project duration up to **4 years**
- Maximum **540 researcher-months**
- 3 different modalities: **ETN, EID, EJD**



ETN - European Training Networks

- at least 3 beneficiaries from 3 different EU MS or AC. Above this minimum any country can participate

EID - European Industrial Doctorates

- at least 2 beneficiaries established in 2 different MS or AC.
- At least one beneficiary must come from the non-academic sector, primarily enterprise.
- Each researcher - enrolled in a doctoral programme and spend at least 50% in the non-academic sector.
- The joint supervision of fellows by supervisors from each sector is mandatory.

EJD - European Joint Doctorates

- at least 3 beneficiaries from different EU MS or AC which are entitled to award doctoral degrees.
- creation of joint doctoral programmes, leading to the delivery of joint, double or multiple doctoral degrees.

RISE

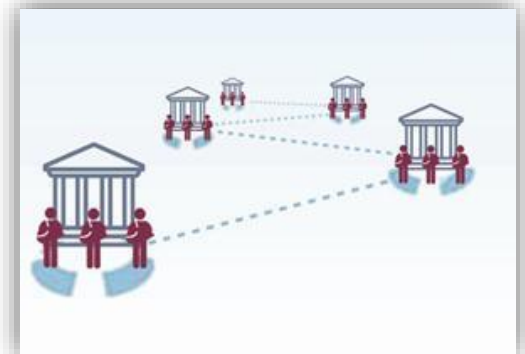
Research and Innovation Staff Exchange

Objective

- To strengthen the interaction between academic and non-academic organisations, and between Europe and third countries
- Research projects implemented through research and innovation staff exchanges
- International and inter-sector transfer of knowledge and sharing of ideas and of R&I culture

RISE features

- **Staff members eligibility condition:** at least 6 months at the sending institution prior to first secondment
- **Secondments** from 1 to 12 months
- Project duration up to **4 years**
- Maximum **540 researcher-months**
- Budget for 2017 call: **€ 80 Million**



Two different set-ups :



• **INTERNATIONAL**



• **EUROPEAN**

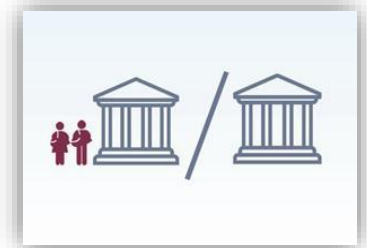
COFUND

Objective

- To stimulate regional, national or international programmes to foster excellence in researchers' training, mobility and career development, spreading the best practices of Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions.
- This will be achieved by co-funding new or existing regional, national, and international programmes to open up to, and provide for, international, intersectoral and interdisciplinary research training, as well as transnational and cross-sectoral mobility of researchers at all stages of their career.

COFUND features

- **Mono-beneficiary:** organisation funding or managing doctoral or post-doctoral programmes
- **Duration of projects:** maximum 5 years
- **Duration of fellowships:** minimum 3 months
- Budget for 2018 call: **€ 80 Million** (DP: 30 M€)



- **Leverage funding** and combat fragmentation (possible synergies with ESIF)
- EU contribution to cover living allowances for researchers and management costs – limited to **10 M€ per beneficiary per call**
- **50% co-funding** for established unit costs (living allowance and management costs)
- Minimum living allowance fixed in the WP

Doctoral Programmes

Early stage
researchers

Fellowship Programmes

Experienced
researchers

What are IFs?

- Individual trans-national fellowships to the best and most promising **experienced*** researchers
(* PhD or 4-year full-time equivalent research experience)

European Fellowships (EF)

Career
Restart Panel
(CAR)

Reintegration
Panel (RI)

Society and
Enterprise
Panel (SE)

Global Fellowships (GF)

- ✓ **Secondments** of 3 – 6 months in Europe (MS or AC), for greater impact
- ✓ Specific eligibility criteria
- ✓ Career development with an appropriate **inter-sectoral** dimension



An Experienced Researcher may submit only one proposal to this call for proposals.



European Fellowships

For fellows coming to or moving within Europe (duration 12-24 months)



Global Fellowships

For fellows from Europe going to Third countries (12-24 months) returning to Europe (12 months)



Total duration 24/36 months

A project is:

- **written by the experienced researcher**
- **a concrete plan of training-through-research**
- **the host organisation's premises**
- **under the direct supervision of the Supervisor(s)**

*Realistic and well-defined objectives in terms of **career advancement** or resuming a research career after a break.*

Typical training activities may include:

- training-through-research: individual personalised action
- Hands-on training activities for developing scientific (new techniques, instruments) and transferable skills (proposal preparation to request funding, IPR management , task coordination, supervising & monitoring, exploitation of research results)
- Inter-sectoral or interdisciplinary transfer of knowledge (e.g. through secondments)
- Organisation of scientific/training/dissemination events
- Communication, outreach activities and horizontal skills
- Training dedicated to gender issues

INDIVIDUAL FELLOWSHIPS		EUROPEAN				GLOBAL
		Standard EF	CAR	RI	SE	GF
EXPERIENCED RESEARCHERS	Nationality	ANY	ANY	MS, AC or long-term residents	ANY	MS, AC or long-term residents
	Mobility	From ANY country to MS or AC	From ANY country to MS or AC	From TC to MS or AC (location of host institution)	From ANY country to MS or AC	From ANY country to TC then to MS/AC
		< 12 months in the last 3 years	< 36 months in the last 5 years	< 36 months in the last 5 years	< 36 months in the last 5 years	< 12 months in the last 3 years
	Career break in research	-	≥ 12 mm before 14/09/17	-	-	-
PARTICIPANTS	Beneficiary	MS or AC	MS or AC	MS or AC	MS or AC <u>Non-academic only</u>	MS or AC
	Entity with capital or legal link	MS or AC	MS or AC	MS or AC	MS or AC <u>Non-academic only</u>	MS or AC
	Partner Organisation	MS or AC (optional secondments)	MS or AC (optional secondments)	MS or AC (optional secondments)	MS or AC (optional secondments)	outgoing phase (mandatory) TC
						optional secondment MS or AC
DURATION (months)		12 / 24	12 / 24	12 / 24	12 / 24	24 / 36 (12 / 24 + 12)
SCIENTIFIC PANELS/AREAS		8 panels	8 areas	8 areas	8 areas	8 panels
NUMBER OF RANKING LISTS		8	1	1	1	8

RISE

Research, networking,
training costs

1800 €

Management and
indirect costs

700 €

Top-up allowance

2100 €

ITN

Research, networking,
training costs

1800 €

Management and
indirect costs

1200 €

Living allowance*

3270 €

Mobility allowance

600 €

Family allowance

500 €

IF

Research, networking,
training costs

800 €

Management and
indirect costs

500 €

Living allowance*

4880 €

Mobility allowance

800 €

Family allowance

650 €

COFUND

Management costs

325 €

Living allowance
Early-stage researchers

1935 €

Living allowance
Experienced researchers

2740 €

- The living allowance base rate is multiplied by Country Correction Coefficient

MSCA Calls 2019-2020



ITN	<p>13 SEP 2018</p> <p>15 JAN 2019</p> <p>470 million €</p> <p>ETN 400M€ EID 35M€ EJD 35M€</p>	<p>12 OCT 2019</p> <p>9 JAN 2020</p> <p>525 million €</p>
IF	<p>11 APR 2019</p> <p>11 SEP 2019</p> <p>295,62 million €</p>	<p>08 APR 2020</p> <p>09 SEP 2020</p> <p>325 million €</p>
RISE	<p>4 DEC 2018</p> <p>2 APR 2019</p> <p>80 million €</p>	<p>5 DEC 2019</p> <p>7 APR 2020</p> <p>80 million €</p>
COFUND	<p>04 APR 2019</p> <p>26 SEP 2019</p> <p>90 million €</p>	<p>08 APR 2020</p> <p>29 SEP 2020</p> <p>100 million €</p>

Who can help you?



MSCA WP 2018-2020

What is new?

Widening Fellowships



New in
2018

- To attract participation of beneficiaries from **widening countries**
- **Widening Fellowships** implemented through **Work Programme part 15** (Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation).
- **Applications to the 2018 MSCA IF call**, where the host organization is located in an **eligible widening country**
- **Automatic transfer to this call** in case the MSCA IF proposal **does not reach funding range in the IF** ranking
- Possibility to opt-out
- **WF proposal** - admissibility/eligibility of MSCA IF
- Budget for 2018 call: **5 M€**

Individual Fellowships: Part time work for professional reasons

New in
2018

- To pursue **supplementary activities**, such as creating a business, advanced studies, etc.
- Based on agreement between supervisor and fellow
- **Minimum working time in MSC action: $\geq 50\%$**
- Can be requested during **GAP or action implementation** – not at application stage

Global Fellowships:

Possibility to spend time at the European beneficiary before the outgoing mobility foreseen



- Duration: max. 3 months

RISE:

Less strict eligibility criteria for secondments



- Staff members to be linked to the sending institution **one month** (instead of six months) **before the first period of secondment**
- More flexibility and more secondments

Teaching will be highlighted



- Teaching explicitly recommended
- Support to teaching by beneficiaries encouraged
- No specific limit will be set due to diversity of teaching cultures

Support for researchers with the special needs

New in
2018

- Financial support for the **researchers/staff members with disabilities**
- Beneficiaries to apply for a **dedicated special needs grant** in all MSCA, **max 60 000 € per researcher/action**
- Form of a **Coordination and Support Action** (CSA) to cover the additional costs that researchers/staff members with disabilities face due to the increased costs of their mobility (e.g. to ensure necessary assistance by third persons, adapting their work environment, etc.)
- It **cannot cover costs** which are already covered **by another source**, such as social security or health insurance
- A request can be made by the beneficiary **either at proposal stage** (for IF only) or at any time **during action implementation**

NCP – National Contact Point



Your country

MSCA



Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Website

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

Horizon 2020

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/horizon2020>

Participant Portal (applications)

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

*Thank you for
your attention!*

