MARIE SKŁODOWSKA-CURIE ACTIONS

Individual Fellowships (IF)

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Purpose and Scope

- To enhance the creative and innovative potential of experienced researchers (ER)
- To provide opportunities to acquire and transfer new knowledge

This action provides financial support for individual experienced researchers who want to work in host organisations established in EU Member States or Associated Countries (for European Fellowship) and Third Countries (for Global Fellowship).
Who can apply?

- Exclusively experienced researchers
- IFs are opened to any nationality
Academic and non-academic organisations can take part as either a **beneficiary** or a **partner organisation**:

**Beneficiary**
- Sign the Grant Agreement;
- Recruits, assures the supervision and training of the researchers;
- Appoints the scientist in charge;
- Responsible for the execution of the project.

**Partner organisation**
- Additional training and hosting for the researcher during the period of secondment.

**NB.** Each partner organisation must include a letter of commitment in Part B of the proposal. The precise role of each partner organisation should also be clearly described in the proposal.
Organisations

Individual Fellowships (IF)

- Academic sector
- Non-academic sector
Eligible Country Groups

- EU Member States (MS)
- Associated Countries (AC)
- Third Countries (TC)
- International European Interest Organisations (IEIO)
- International Organisations
Structure of Individual Fellowships

- **European Fellowships (EFs)**
  - Standard EF ➔ 8 main scientific areas
  - Career Restart Panel ➔ multidisciplinary
  - Reintegration Panel ➔ multidisciplinary

- **Global Fellowships (GFs)**
  8 main scientific areas, composed of a secondment (outgoing phase) of the researchers to a Partner Organisation
The 8 Scientific Areas

- Chemistry (CHE)
- Social Sciences and Humanities (SOC)
- Economic Sciences (ECO)
- Information Science and Engineering (ENG)
- Environment and Geosciences (ENV)
- Life Sciences (LIF)
- Mathematics (MAT)
- Physics (PHY)

Eligibility Conditions

- Experienced researcher
- Any nationality
- Comply with the mobility rule
- The Beneficiary must be a participant located in an EU Member State or Associated Country
Career Restart Panel

- Multidisciplinary panel which provides financial support to individual researchers who want to resume research in Europe after a career break

Eligibility Conditions

- Experienced researcher
- Any nationality
- Comply with the mobility rule (*)
- The Beneficiary must be a participant located in an EU MS/AC
- The researcher must have undertaken a career break: (not have been active in research for at least 12 months)
• **Multidisciplinary** panel dedicated to researchers who want to return and reintegrate in a longer term research position in Europe.

Eligibility Conditions

• Experienced researcher
• Nationals or **long-term residents** of MS/AC
• Comply with the mobility rule
• The Beneficiary must be a participant located in a MS/AC.
Global Fellowships

Eligibility Conditions

- Composed of a outgoing phase (secondment) of the researchers to a Partner Organisation and a mandatory 12 months return period to a Host organization (Beneficiary)

- Experienced researcher
- Nationals or long-term residents of MS/AC
- Comply with the mobility rule (*)
- The Beneficiary must be a participant located in a MS/AC

(*) Please refer to the Mobility Rule.
Duration

- **European Fellowships**: (Standard, CAR and Reintegration panels): between 12 and 24 months
- **Global Fellowships**:
  - Outgoing phase between 12 and 24 months
  - Additional mandatory 12 months return phase
  - Total duration: between 24 and 36 months.
Expected Activities of an IF (I/II)

Mobility (key factor)

- Contributes to the enhancement of creativity, efficacy and performance
- Condition: to move from one country to another

Training

- Concrete plan of training-through-research in the proposal
- The researcher may be seconded
- A Career Development Plan, produced by the ER and the scientist in charge prior to the start of the fellowship
Expected Activities of an IF (II/II)

Communication & Dissemination

• Contribution to a European "Innovation Union"
• Account for public spending
• Show how the outcomes are relevant to our everyday lives

Public Engagement

• To create awareness of the research work and its implications
• To present science, research and innovation activities to students
Financial Aspects: Expenses covered

- Funding is exclusively in the form of unit costs
- One unit is defined as one person-month

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- Correction coefficient applied according to the country in which the Host Institution is located
Evaluation

Areas

- Chemistry (CHE)
- Social Sciences and Humanities (SOC)
- Economic Sciences (ECO)
- Information Science and Engineering (ENG)
- Environment and Geosciences (ENV)
- Life Sciences (LIF)
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Criteria

- Award Criteria
- Selection Criteria
## Award Criteria

**IF - Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowships**

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<td>Quality, innovative aspects and credibility of the research (including inter/multidisciplinary aspects)</td>
<td>Enhancing research- and innovation-related human resources, skills, and working conditions to realise the potential of individuals and to provide new career perspectives</td>
<td>Overall coherence and effectiveness of the work plan, including appropriateness of the allocation of tasks and resources</td>
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<td>Clarity and quality of transfer of knowledge/training for the development of researcher in light of the research objectives</td>
<td>Effectiveness of the proposed measures for communication and results dissemination</td>
<td>Appropriateness of the management structures and procedures, including quality management and risk management</td>
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<td>Quality of the supervision and the hosting arrangements</td>
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<td>Appropriateness of the institutional environment (infrastructure)</td>
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<td>Capacity of the researcher to reach or re-enforce a position of professional maturity in research</td>
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<td>Competences, experience and complementarity of the participating organisations and institutional commitment</td>
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**NB:** An overall threshold of 70% will be applied to the total weighted score.
Selection Criteria

- Operational capacity will be checked
- Proposals must include a description of:
  - The CV of the researcher
  - Any significant infrastructure or major items of technical equipment, relevant to the proposed work
  - Any partner organisations
The **Electronic Submission Service** provides guidance on how to complete the Part A, which includes the following sections:

**Section 1**: General information about the proposal

**Section 2**: Data on participating organisations

**Section 3**: Budget

**Section 4**: Ethics table

**Section 5**: Information on Partner organisations
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## Calls

### Individual Fellowships (IF)

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<td>Indicative date for the signing of grant agreements</td>
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Useful Links

- **Call Information**
  
  *Participant Portal call page and Work Programme*
  

- **General Sources of Help**
  
  *Marie Skłodowska-Curie website:*
  
  http://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/

  *EURAXESS:*
  
  http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess/

  *The European Commission's Horizon 2020 Enquiry service:*
  
  http://ec.europa.eu/research/index.cfm?pg=enquiries
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COFUND

Co-funding of regional, national and international programmes funding doctoral and postdoctoral researchers
Direct access to Marie Curie Actions COFUND:
http://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/about-mca/actions/cofund/index_en.htm

General Sources of Help

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EURAXESS: http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess/

The European Commission's Horizon 2020 Enquiry service:
http://ec.europa.eu/research/index.cfm?pg=enquiries
Thank you