Horizon Europe

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellowships

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**information, advice & training on EU research & innovation funding**

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**service platform for our supporting association* focussing on universities**

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* Association for the Promotion of European and International Cooperation in Science e.V.
Horizon Europe – Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2021-2027)

**Horizon Europe (2021-2027)**

**Pillar I**
Excellent Science

- European Research Council (ERC)
- Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA)
- Research Infrastructures

**Pillar II**
Global Challenges & Industrial Competitiveness

- Thematic clusters
  1. Health
  2. Culture, Creativity and inclusive Society
  3. Civil Security for Society
  4. Digital, Industry and Space
  5. Climate, Energy and Mobility
  6. Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment
- Non-nuclear direct actions of the Joint Research Centre (JRC)

**Pillar III**
Innovative Europe

- European Innovation Council (EIC)
- European Innovation Ecosystems (EIE)
- European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT)

**Widening participation and strengthening the European Research Area**

- Widening Participation and Spreading Excellence
- Reforming and Enhancing the European R&I System

*General approach 29.09.2020*
Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

**Pillar 1**
Excellent Science

- European Research Council (ERC)
- Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA)
- Research Infrastructures

- Doctoral Networks
- Postdoctoral Fellowships
- Staff Exchanges
- Cofunding of regional, national and international programmes (COFUND)
- MSCA and Citizens
**Aims**

- Strengthening the European Research Area (ERA)
- Increasing Mobility through exchanging staff, knowledge and technology
  - International
  - Interdisciplinary
  - Intersectoral
- Promotion the researchers’ career development
  - Providing training for key competences in science and industry
  - Creating fair and attractive working conditions
Postdoctoral Fellowships – Global und European Postdoctoral Fellowships

Global Postdoctoral Fellowships

European Postdoctoral Fellowships
Horizon Europe – Country Categories

- Funding from Horizon Europe
  - EU Member States (MS): including their overseas departments
  - Associated Countries (AC): e.g. United Kingdom, Norway, Albania, North Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Turkey
  - Third Countries (TC): selected countries from Asia, Africa and South America
- Participation without funding from Horizon Europe
  - Third Countries (TC): other industrialized countries, e.g. Japan, USA as well as China, Brasil, Russia etc.
European Postdoctoral Fellowship – Research Project in Europe (MS or AC)

- Eligible
  - Postdoctoral researchers with ≤ 8 years* of full-time postdoctoral research experience, no nationality restriction
  - The application must have reached the quality threshold of 70% for resubmission
- Mobility Rule: Stay in the host country not longer than 12 months within the last 3 years
- Project duration: 1-2 years (optional: +6 months in the non-academic sector in Europe)
- Secondment phase: Optionally worldwide for max. 1/3 of the project duration
- Procedure and contents of the Fellowship:
  - Fellow writes individual application jointly with Host Institution
  - Research & skill training at Host Institution

*Departing from periods outside research and career breaks as well as periods in a TC (only applies to citizens of an EU MS or AC, or “long-term residents”).
Global Postdoctoral Fellowship – Research Project in Third Country (TC) and Europe

- Eligible
  - Postdocs with ≤ 8 years* of research experience after PhD (full-time)
  - The proposal must have reached the quality threshold of 70% for resubmission
- Researchers Nationality: MS / AC or at least 5 years of residence in MS /AC (“long-term residents”)
- Mobility Rule: Stay in the TC not longer than 12 months within the last 3 years
- Project duration
  - 1-2 years in TC (outgoing phase) + 1 year obligatory return phase in MS /AC (optional: +6 months in non-academic sector in Europe)
- Secondment phase: Optionally worldwide for max. 1/3 of the outgoing phase
- Procedure and contents of the Fellowship:
  - Fellow writes individual application jointly with Host Institution
  - Research & skill training at Host Institution

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Host Institution

- Any public or private institution conducting research in or outside Europe
  - Universities
  - Higher Education Institutions
  - Research centres or institutes
  - Industry companies (e.g. SME)
  - Non-profit organisations
  - Governmental organisations
  - International European Interest Organisations (e.g. CERN, EMBL)
Funding & Tender Opportunities Portal

Many of the regulations for the new EU Programmes 2021-2027 are not yet formally adopted by the EU legislator. The content on some of the pages is therefore provisional and may be subject to changes.

The Grant Management Services could experience intermittent unavailability of the system. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Proposals Submission service may be unavailable on Monday 22.02.2021 between 05:00 PM and 07:00 PM due to maintenance activities.

Find calls for proposals and tenders

Search for proposals and tenders by keywords, programmes...

Search

News

22 Feb, 2021
First calls under Horizon Europe to be launched by the European Research Council

The European Commission today presented the Work Programme 2021 for the European Research Council. This is the first work programme under Horizon Europe, Europe...

18 Feb, 2021
An introductory webinar on OPSYS Ecosystem for RELEX Implementing Partners and Contractors

Upcoming Informative Webinar in English titled ‘Introduction to OPSYS Ecosystem for Implementing Partners and Contractors’ have been scheduled on Tuesday, 23 Fe...

01 Feb, 2021
eProcurement: eSubmission Tender Data screen improved and new Contact Person functionality
Preparation of the proposal

Work Programme
Guide for Applicants
Template

Funding & Tenders Portal: https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/home
**MSC Postdoctoral Fellowship proposal – in detail**

**Part B1**  
max. 10 pages

- **Excellence**  
  (weighting: 50%)

- **Impact**  
  (weighting: 30%)

- **Implementation**  
  (weighting: 20%)

**Part B2**

4. **CV Researcher**  
(max. 5 pages)

5. **Capacities of the Organisations**  
   List of Participating Organisations

6. **Ethical Aspects**

7. **Commitment Letter** (for GF)
1. Excellence (weighting: 50 %)

- Quality and credibility of the research / innovation project
  - Level of novelty
  - Appropriate consideration of inter / multidisciplinary and gender aspects
- Quality / appropriateness of the training and of the two way transfer of knowledge between the researcher and host
- Quality of the supervision and of the integration in the team / institution
- Potential of the researcher to reach or re-enforce professional maturity / independance during the fellowship
2. Impact (weighting: 30 %)

- Enhancing the **future career prospects** of the researcher after the fellowship
- Quality of the proposed measures to **exploit and disseminate** the project results
- Quality of the proposed measures to **communicate** the project activities to different target audiences
3. Implementation

- Coherence & effectiveness of the work plan, including appropriateness of the allocation of tasks & resources
- Appropriateness of the management structure and procedures, incl. risk management
- Appropriateness of the institutional environment (infrastructures)
Evaluation: 3 phases of evaluation

1. Individual evaluation
   - Individual evaluation report and comments and points for each criterion

2. Consensus meeting
   - Agreement of the experts

3. Panel-Review
   - Panel Ranked List & Evaluation Summary Reports (ESR)

Each proposal will be evaluated by at least three reviewers (selection by European Research Executive Agency, EREA)
Postdoctoral Fellowships (PF) – From Submission to Funding

- **Call Opening** (13 April 2022)
- **Proposal Preparation**
- **Deadline** (14 September 2022)
- **Evaluation** (~ February 2022)
- **Grant Preparation**
- **Results** (~ May 2023)

Approximately **8 months**
Basic Contract for Postdoctoral Fellowships

EC/EREA

Grant Agreement

Beneficiary

Host Institution (MS/AC)

Partnership Agreement

Associated partner(s) (MS/AC/TC)

Work contract

Fellow
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*Country correction coefficient for living allowance, e.g. for Germany 98.3%.
** If applicable, can also be applied for after project start
*** If applicable (4.000 / 5.680 x % covered by the beneficiary)
**Success Rates 2020**

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<td>22.91%</td>
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Seal of Excellence for MSCA applicants

- Outstanding projects that do not receive funding within Horizon Europe due to budget limitations

- Possible sponsors could be public or private at regional, national and / or international level

- List of funding offers: https://ec.europa.eu/info/research-and-innovation/funding/funding-opportunities/seal-excellence/funding-opportunities-under-msca_en

Über die gesamte Laufzeit von Horizon Europe (2021-2027) sind die Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions mit einem Budget von 24,9 Mrd. EUR ausgestattet. Die Förderlinien sind für alle Forschungsbereiche offen und fördern Projekte aus der Grundlagenforschung bis hin zur Markterschließung. Man unterscheidet insgesamt fünf spezifische Förderlinien:
KoWi-Services on the Marie-Skłodowska-Curie-Actions

Information
- Information events and workshops
  - KoWi-Newsletter, Factsheets, MSCA Matchmaker, etc.

Advice
- Individual consulting and support for applicants
- Tailored advice for small groups
- Advice on legal and financial project management

Training
- Workshops on application and grant management
- Workshops on legal and financial project management
KoWi-Service: MSCA Matchmaker

Virtual “bulletin board”

- express your interest in MSCA fellows (for host institutions)
- find host institutions (for postdocs)
- filter by scientific area and city

www.kowi.de/msca-host-offers
Work as an expert

The European Union Institutions appoint external experts to assist in the evaluation of grant applications, projects and tenders, and to provide opinions and advice in specific cases.

In particular, experts assist in:
- Evaluation of proposals, prize applications and tenders
- Monitoring of actions, grant agreements, public procurement contracts

In addition, experts provide opinion and advise on:
- Preparation, implementation and evaluation of EU programmes and design of policies.

In order to select experts, the European Union Institutions publish regularly calls for expression of interest (see list below) detailing the selection criteria, the required expertise, the description of the tasks, their duration and the conditions of remuneration.

https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/work-as-an-expert
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