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## Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

### Driving innovation, cultivating excellence in doctoral and postdoctoral training

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) are part of Horizon 2020, the EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation 2014-2020. With a budget of EUR 6.16 billion for this period, MSCA will support 65,000 researchers in Europe and beyond, promoting collaboration between academic, scientific and business communities, boosting the careers of scientists and developing excellent doctoral programmes.

#### The Actions

**Any research field may qualify for funding. The researcher and host institution decide.**

#### 1 Innovative Training networks (ITN):

Joint research training or doctoral programmes bring together universities, research institutes and other sectors from across the world to train researchers to doctorate level and develop excellent doctoral programmes.

#### 2 Individual fellowships (IF):

Fellowships for postdoc researchers of any nationality enabling them to move across borders within and outside Europe, sectors and disciplines.

#### 3 Research and Innovation Staff Exchanges (RISE):

Short-term exchanges of personnel between universities, research institutes and other sectors throughout the world.

#### 4 Co-funding of regional, national and international programmes (COFUND):

Provides organisations in Europe with financial support for their own doctoral, postdoctoral and career development programmes.

#### 5 The European Researchers' Night (NIGHT):

Annual public event promoting research that takes place in September and attracts 1.5 million visitors in over 370 cities across Europe and beyond.

#### For researchers who want to

- > undertake a research project in Europe through a doctorate or a postdoc programme, in an academic or other (e.g. business) setting
- > spend their time at the leading labs in Europe or beyond
- > be part of a well-established and prestigious European Union programme
- > benefit from good working conditions

#### For organisations to

- > build and strengthen strategic partnerships with leading research groups, universities and industry worldwide
- > develop excellent doctoral programmes
- > increase the number of researchers
- > host and train leading and promising researchers at no cost

## What's in it for you?

MSCA offers opportunities wherever you are in your research career.

## STUDENTS

### Would you like to do a PhD abroad?

Receive high-quality training and excellent working conditions while doing your doctorate in another country. Take a look at the Euraxess jobs site [<https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/jobs>] for vacancies for doctoral candidates in the numerous MSCA **Innovative Training Networks** and in the **COFUND** doctoral programmes.

## UNIVERSITIES/RESEARCH INSTITUTES

### Interested in training PhD candidates from abroad? In developing an excellent doctoral programme?

Join with colleagues from other universities, researcher institutes and other sectors from across the world and apply for an **Innovative Training Network**; hire young PhD candidates as part of the network, helping them gain experience of different working environments while developing transferable skills and training them to doctorate level.

### Interested in attracting highly qualified postdoctoral researchers from Europe and beyond at no cost?

Become a host of an MSCA **Individual Fellowship**; the grant provides allowances for salary, travel and family costs to the researcher, and contributes to training, networking, research, and management costs.

## POSTDOCS

### Are you a talented researcher already with a PhD and looking to undertake research abroad?

Apply for a two (or three) year **individual fellowship** together with the university, research institute or company of your choice. Go anywhere in Europe and beyond and boost your career through high-quality training and skills development. And look at EURAXESS Jobs for vacancies under **COFUND** postdoc programmes.

### Looking to broaden the horizon of your staff?

Engage in a **MSCA RISE** project to build a new research network or consolidate an existing one; arrange for short-term exchanges of personnel between academic and non-academic organisations across the globe; develop your and your staffs' skills and careers while building strong collaborative links between the network partners..



## COMPANIES and OTHER NON ACADEMIC PARTNERS

### Do you want to strengthen your cooperation with academic partners?

Join an **Innovative Training Network** or a **European Industrial Doctorate** that help PhD candidates step outside academia and develop skills in business and beyond; individuals are jointly supervised by the academic and non-academic partners.

### Interested in a highly qualified postdoctoral researcher at no cost?

Become a host organisation for an MSCA **Individual Fellowship**; the MSCA grant provides allowances for salary, travel and family costs to the researcher, and contributes to training, networking, research, and management costs.

## Funding opportunities

### Innovative Training Networks (ITN):

▶ 12/10/2019    ◻ 14/01/2020    € €530.10 million

### Individual Fellowships (IF):

▶ 11/04/2019    ◻ 11/09/2019    € €294.50 million

▶ 08/04/2020    ◻ 09/09/2020    € €328.00 million

### RISE:

▶ 05/12/2019    ◻ 28/04/2020    € €80.00 million

### COFUND:

▶ 04/04/2019    ◻ 26/09/2019    € €90.00 million

▶ 08/04/2020    ◻ 29/09/2020    € €100.00 million

### NIGHT:

▶ 08/10/2019    ◻ 09/01/2020    € €8.00 million

