WHERE WE ARE...

HORIZON 2020

*the European Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020)*

the biggest EU Research and Innovation programme ever

€80 billion of funding available over 7 years (2014 to 2020)

It promises more breakthroughs, discoveries and world-firsts by taking great ideas from the lab to the market.
3 PRIORITIES

- Excellent science: 32%
- Industrial leadership: 22%
- Societal Challenges: 39%
- CCI: 7%
PRIORITY 1
EXCELLENT SCIENCE

Why?

Since world class science is the foundation of tomorrow’s wellbeing, Europe needs to develop, attract and retain research talent... and...

researchers need access to the best infrastructures
EXCELLENT SCIENCE CONSISTS OF FOUR SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

1. The European Research Council (ERC)
   • attractive and flexible funding to enable talented and creative individual researchers and their teams to pursue the most promising avenues at the frontier of science, on the basis of Union-wide competition.

2. Future and emerging technologies
   • collaborative research in order to extend Europe’s capacity for advanced and paradigm-changing innovation. It shall foster scientific collaboration across disciplines on radically new, high-risk ideas and accelerate development of the most promising emerging areas of science and technology.

3. Marie Curie actions
   • excellent and innovative research training as well as attractive career opportunities through cross-border and cross-sector mobility and knowledge-exchange of researchers to best prepare them to face current and future societal challenges.

4. Research infrastructure
   • European research infrastructure for 2020 and beyond, foster their innovation potential and human capital, and complement this with the related Union policy and international cooperation.
MSCA-KEY FEATURES

✓ the objective is to develop EU intellectual capital to generate new skills, knowledge and innovation
✓ open to all domains (from basic research to market take up) and entirely bottom up
✓ mobility is the key requirement
✓ attractive working and employment conditions
✓ attention to gender balance and public engagement
✓ participation of non-academic sector is strongly encouraged
2 ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS

Researchers

- EXPERIENCED
  In possession of a doctoral degree or at least 4 years of research experience

- EARLY-STAGE
  Less than 4 years of research experience, and without a doctoral degree

Mobility rule

The researcher must not have resided in the country of the chosen host organization for more than 12 months in the 3 years prior to his/her recruitment.
Innovative Training Networks (ITN)
- early stage researchers
- at least three beneficiaries (both academic and non)
- awarding of a PhD Diploma

Individual Fellowships (IF)
- experienced researchers
- individual based
- European or global

Co-funding of regional, national and international programmes funding doctoral and postdoctoral researchers (COFUND)

International and inter-sector cooperation through research and innovation staff exchange (RISE)
INDIVIDUAL FELLOWSHIPS - IF

European Fellowships – 2 YEARS

Global Fellowships – 3 YEARS*

* 12-24 months for the outgoing phase plus 12 month return phase in Europe
Support is foreseen for individual in EU Member States or Associated Countries, based on an application made jointly by the researcher and host organisation in the academic or non-academic sectors.

Topics: bottom up (*multidisciplinary, inersectoral, transferable skills*)

Proposals for European Fellowships involve a *single* host organisation (future beneficiary) established in a MS or AC. The project proposals are submitted by this host organisation, which is represented by the supervisor, in *liaison* with the researcher.

The country where the European Fellowship is held is subject to the rules of mobility. Global Fellowships are based on a secondment to a third country and a mandatory 12 month return period to a European host.

The country where the Global Fellowship secondment takes place is subject to the rules of mobility, whereas the return phase is not.
Researchers receiving an Individual Fellowship may opt to include a **secondment phase** in Europe, notably in the non-academic sector, within the overall duration of their fellowship. The secondment phase can be a single period or be divided into shorter mobility periods. The secondment should significantly add to the impact of the fellowship.

For a fellowship of 18 months or less, the secondment phase may last up to three months. For a fellowship of more than 18 months, the secondment phase may last up to six months.

A **Career Development Plan** should be established jointly by the supervisor(s) and the researcher. In addition to research objectives, this plan comprises the researcher's training and career needs, including training on transferable skills, planning for publications and participation in conferences.
REINTEGRATION AND CAREER RESTART GRANTS

Return and reintegration of researchers into a longer term research position in Europe, including in their country of origin, is supported via a separate multi-disciplinary reintegration panel of the European Fellowships.

For the reintegration panel, there shall be mobility into Europe.

Support to individuals to resume research in Europe after a career break, e.g. after parental leave, is ensured via a separate multi-disciplinary career restart panel of the European Fellowships.

To qualify for the career restart panel, researchers must not have been active in research for at least 12 months immediately prior to the deadline for submission.
### Overview IF

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| DURATION (months) | 12 - 24 | 12 - 24 | 12 - 24 | 12 to 24 + 12 |
| SCIENTIFIC PANELS AREAS | 8 panels | 8 areas | 8 areas | 8 panels |
| NUMBER OF RANKING LISTS | 8 | 1 | 1 | 8 |

**BUDGET**

€240.5 million

€211.5 million

€29 million
EXPECTED IMPACT:

- Individual Fellowships are expected to add significantly to the development of the best and most promising researchers active in Europe, in order to enhance and maximise their contribution to the knowledge-based economy and society.

- The action will also strengthen the contact network of both the researcher and the host organisation.

- The fellowship will contribute to realising the full potential of researchers and to catalysing significant development in their careers in both the academic and non-academic sectors.

- Some researchers will be resuming a research career in Europe after a break, or reintegrating within Europe after living abroad.
Typical training activities in IFs may include:

- Primarily, training-through-research under the direct supervision of the supervisor and other members of the scientific staff of the host organisation by the means of an individual personalised action;
- Hands-on training activities for developing scientific and transferable skills (entrepreneurship, proposal preparation to request funding, patent applications, management of IPR, action management, task coordination, supervising and monitoring, take up and exploitation of research results etc.);
- Inter-sectoral or interdisciplinary transfer of knowledge (e.g. through secondments);
- Taking part in the research and financial management of the action;
- Organisation of scientific/training/dissemination events;
- Communication, outreach activities and horizontal skills;
- Training dedicated to gender issues.
COMMUNICATION AND DISSEMINATION

In addition to publications, communication of the MSCA actions should aim to demonstrate the ways in which research is contributing to a European "Innovation Union", and account for public spending by providing tangible proof that the funded research adds value by:

✔ showing how YOUR creative and innovative potential of is better achieved through training, international and inter-sectoral mobility, which contributes also notably to competitiveness, in achieving research excellence, and where relevant, addressing societal challenges;

✔ showing how YOUR outcomes are relevant to our everyday lives, by creating jobs, training skilled researchers, introducing novel technologies, or by making our lives more comfortable in other ways;

✔ making better use of YOUR results, by promoting their take-up by decision-makers to influence policy-making, and by industry and the scientific community to ensure follow-up.
In the Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions, the primary goal of public engagement activities is to create awareness among the general public of the research work performed and its implications for citizens and society. The type of outreach activities could range from press articles and participating in European Researchers‘ Night events to presenting science, research and innovation activities to students from primary and secondary schools or universities in order to develop their interest in research careers. The frequency and nature of such activities should be outlined in the proposal.
GENDER ISSUES

Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions pay particular attention to gender balance.

In line with the European Charter for Researchers and Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers, all Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions proposals are encouraged to take appropriate measures to facilitate mobility and counter-act gender-related barriers to it.

Equal opportunities are to be ensured, both at the level of supported researchers and that of decision-making/supervision.
THE GRANT COVERS:

Researcher unit costs
Living Allowance € 4,650* / month
Mobility allowance € 600/month
Family Allowance € 500/month

Institutional unit costs
Research, training and networking costs €800/month
Management and indirect costs €650/month
AWARD CRITERIA

3 criteria:

- Excellence
- Impact
- Implementation

Evaluation scores will be awarded for each of the criteria, and not their individual elements.

Each criterion will be scored from 0 to 5.

The total score will be subject to a threshold of 70%.
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<td>Competences, experience and complementarity of the participating organisations and institutional commitment</td>
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| Weighting | 50% | 30% | 20% |

| Priority in case of ex aequo | 1 | 2 | 3 |
EVALUATION PANELS

The applicants can submit their proposals as Standard to one of the 8 main evaluation panels* or to one of the 2 multidisciplinary panels: Career Restart Panel (CAR) and Reintegration Panel (RI).

The CAR panel provides financial support to individual researchers who want to resume research in Europe after a career break, while

the RI panel is dedicated to researchers who want to return to Europe to reintegrate in a longer term research position.

* 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).
EVALUATION PROCEDURE

In Marie Skłodowska-Curie ITN, IF and RISE, proposals are allocated to one of the eight main evaluation panels: 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). Separate multidisciplinary panels will be created for the Career Restart Panel (CAR) and the Reintegration Panel. COFUND evaluation will be organised in two different panels: Doctoral programmes and Fellowship programmes.

For each panel a ranked list is established.

The distribution of the indicative budget of the call will be proportional to the number of eligible proposals received in each panel, except where a specific budget for a multidisciplinary panel has been fixed in the call. If the budget allocated to any panel exceeds the requirements of all proposals positively evaluated in that panel, the excess budget will be reallocated to the other panels.

Proposals will not be evaluated anonymously. Proposals may be evaluated remotely.

As part of the evaluation by independent experts, a panel review will recommend one or more ranked lists for the proposals under evaluation, following the scoring systems indicated in this work programme.
EURAXESS - Researchers in Motion is a unique pan-European initiative providing access to a complete range of information and support services to researchers wishing to pursue their research careers in Europe or stay connected to it.
INDIVIDUAL FELLOWSHIPS
CALL FOR PROPOSAL - H2020-MSCA-IF-2014

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*Evaluation of proposals: October-November 2014*

*Outcome of the evaluation: February 2015*

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