

FACTSHEET

MSCA EUROPEAN POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS

BACKGROUND

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) Postdoctoral Fellowships (formerly Individual Fellowships) are a career development scheme for promising postdoctoral researchers (up to 8 years after the doctoral degree). They provide funding for bottom-up projects of 12-24 months with a strong focus on advanced training, as well international and intersectoral mobility.

KEY FEATURES

- **Full postdoc funding for 12-24 months**, incl. travel and research costs, management and overheads, as well as a dedicated family allowance, if applicable.
- **Free choice of research topic** between postdoctoral fellow and supervisor
- **Excellence and high level of originality** of the proposed research, projects must address a challenging and timely question
- Improved employability and career prospects for the postdoc after the fellowship
- **Secondments to academic and non-academic institutions are possible**, and additional funding is available for non-academic placements of up to 6 months at the end of the project

SUCCESS RATE: Between 13% and 15% (Calls 2013-2021); 13,8% (Call 2021); 17,2% (Call2022)

NEXT CALL: The 2023 call will open on April 12, 2023, with a deadline on **13 September 2023**. The budget is 260 million EUR, and the final results will be published in February 2024.

THE MSCA PHILOSOPHY: TWO-WAY TRANSFER OF KNOWLEDGE

MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships build on a two-way transfer of knowledge between postdoc and supervisor, with the aim to attain a **high level of complementarity**:

SUPERVISOR → POSTDOC	POSTDOC → SUPERVISOR
Supervisors provide training-through-research by developing an individual project and a targeted training programme with the postdoc . PFs are a career development scheme aimed at widening the academic and transferable skills of the postdoctoral fellow.	The fellow needs to transfer previously acquired knowledge and skills with talks, targeted seminars, contributions to the ongoing research at the host institution, student supervision, etc. The goal is to enrich the scientific profile of the host.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Promising postdocs of any nationality currently residing within or outside Europe **who want to conduct research in a Member State (MS) or Associated Country (AC) of the EU.** The application must be submitted with a supervisor at a suitable Host Institution, which employs the researcher for the duration of the project. Applicants must comply with the following rules:

DEGREE AND TIME LIMIT: Postdocs must have successfully defended their doctoral thesis and have a maximum of 8 years of research experience since their doctoral graduation. Extensions are possible for years spent outside research and career breaks (e.g. due to parental leave).

MOBILITY RULE: Mobility across borders is obligatory, applicants cannot have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in the country of the prospective Host Institution for more than 12 months during the three years prior to the call deadline.

RESUBMISSION RULES: Proposals that scored below 70 (of 100) points in the 2022 call are banned from resubmission in the 2023 call.

GET IN TOUCH WITH US

Are you planning to apply? Are you unsure about your eligibility? Would you like to expand your research group with excellent postdoctoral researchers?

For LMU applicants, we offer a whole range of services including **individual consultations for prospective fellows and supervisors, info events, proposal writing workshops** and **proposal feedback.**

We are happy to support you with drafting a competitive *Postdoctoral Fellowship* application that is fully compliant with the rules and requirements listed above. This includes individual advice on designing the training program, as well as the two-way transfer of knowledge.

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