

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions and ERC:

Your Ticket to Europe?

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Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

Individual Fellowships – IF

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Excellent Science

1. European Research Council (ERC)
2. Future and Emerging Technologies (FET)
3. Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions
4. Research Infrastructures

Industrial Leadership

1. Leadership in Enabling and Industrial Technologies (LEIT)
incl. Key Enabling Technologies (KETs)
2. Access to risk finance
3. Innovation in SMEs

Societal Challenges

1. Health, Demographic Change and Wellbeing
2. Food Security, Bioeconomy
3. Energy
4. Transport
5. Climate Action, Raw Materials
6. Inclusive, innovative and reflective societies
7. Secure societies

- Spreading excellence and Widening Participation
 - Science with and for Society
 - European Institute for Innovation- and Technology – EIT
 - Joint Research Centre – JRC

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Innovative Training Networks

Training doctoral students in the frame of an international and inter-sectoral research project

Individual Fellowships

Research and carrier development for individual researchers

Strengthen the number and the qualifications of researchers in Europe

Research and Innovation Staff Exchange

International and inter-sectoral staff exchange

COFUND

Co-financing of regional, national and international doctoral- and fellowship programmes

European Researchers' Night

Bringing together researchers and the general public

MARIE SKŁODOWSKA-CURIE ACTIONS

(MSCA) are something for you, if you...

- ... want to go to/return **to Europe** or an Associated Country, carrying out an **individual research** project at an excellent host organisation (academic or private sector)
- ... want to host excellent researchers **from Europe** or an Associated Country for the benefit of your research organisation

MSCA*-Individual Fellowships (IF) promote the career development of researchers undertaking international mobility

- ... want to establish or deepen co-operations with universities or companies in Europe or an Associated Country

MSCA-Research and Innovation Staff Exchange (RISE) promotes the international staff exchange

Individual Fellowships (IF)



„Expected impact“ of the Individual Fellowships

- Enhance the creative and innovative **potential of experienced researchers** through advanced training, international, interdisciplinary and intersectoral mobility
- Increase the set of skills, leading to **improved employability and career prospects** both in and outside academia
- Enhance **cooperation** and stronger networks
- Ensure a better **transfer of knowledge** between sectors and disciplines
- Increase **international, interdisciplinary and intersectoral mobility** of researchers

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Choice of research topic

Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions follow the **bottom up** principle, you are free to choose the research/transfer of knowledge topic. Proposals will be evaluated in *8 scientific panels*.

- ➔ Always keep the specific aim of the Fellowship in mind → *contribution of the fellowship to the career development of the most promising researchers*
- ➔ Beneficial to show the relevance of the research field for the European Research Area

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Participants

Beneficiary → **signatories** to the grant agreement with REA, always the host organisation in EU-MS/AC

Partner organisation → **non-signatory** to the grant agreement. **Host in the third country for Global Fellowships (e.g. US) or secondment host in Europe.** Partner organisations in a Third Country for GF should provide **letter of commitment** to be included in the project proposal.

Fellow / Experienced Researcher → non-signatory to the grant agreement, will be **employed by the host organisation** with the funds provided by the Fellowship

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Who applies?



Experienced researcher in cooperation with the *host institution/beneficiary* (any legal entity in the academic or non-academic sector established in a European Union Member State or Associated Country (EU-MS/AC))

Sectors



academic sector → public/private higher education establishments awarding academic degrees, public/private non-profit organisations whose primary mission is to pursue research, international European interest organisations

non-academic sector → any socio-economic actor not included in the academic sector

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Mobility

Geographical mobility: Fellows may not have lived/worked in host country for more than 12 months within the last 3 years prior to the deadline for the proposal submission →

Mobility rule!

For the *Global Fellowships*, the Mobility Rule applies only for the Third Country host organisation (not for the host organisation in the EU-MS/AC)

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Mobility

Intersectoral mobility → IFs allow for *secondments* within Europe, to gain inter-sectoral experience or to take advantage of expertise at other hosts from the same sector.

Secondments

- must be located in MS or AC
- optional: intersectoral mobility
- must significantly contribute to the impact of the fellowship
- must be clearly identified in Part B
- ≠ short visit

Duration of the Fellowship	Duration of the Secondment
< 18 months	max. 3 months
> 18 months	max. 6 months

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Who is funded?

Experienced researchers (ERs) → either **4 years full time research experience** after the degree that allows to embark on doctoral studies or **possession of doctoral degree**. Counting at the proposal deadline.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

What is funded?

- *Living- and extra expenses due to mobility and family status* of Fellows
- Contribution to *project costs* (research-, training-, networking costs)
- Contribution to *Management- und Overheadcosts*

Contribution of fixed amounts in the form of *unit costs*. Units are the total of the funded months / duration of the Fellowship.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Structure of the contribution

MSCA	Researcher unit cost (person/month)			Institutional unit cost (person/month)	
	Living allowance [*]	Mobility allowance	Family allowance	Research, training and networking costs	Management and overheads
Individual Fellowships	4.650 ^{**}	600	500 ^{***}	800	650

^{*} A correction coefficient is applied to the living allowance to reflect country specific conditions. For Austria: 104,8%, for the US: 99,4%

^{**} Basic gross amount (brutto/brutto, including compulsory deductions)

^{***} If married (or equivalent) and/or children

EUROPEAN & GLOBAL FELLOWSHIPS – SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS



EFs – European Fellowships

*For mobility within/to EU-MS/ AC**



GFs – Global Fellowships

*For mobility of researchers from EU-MS / AC to third countries** with a mandatory return phase*

* http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/grants_manual/hi/3cpart/h2020-hi-list-ac_en.pdf

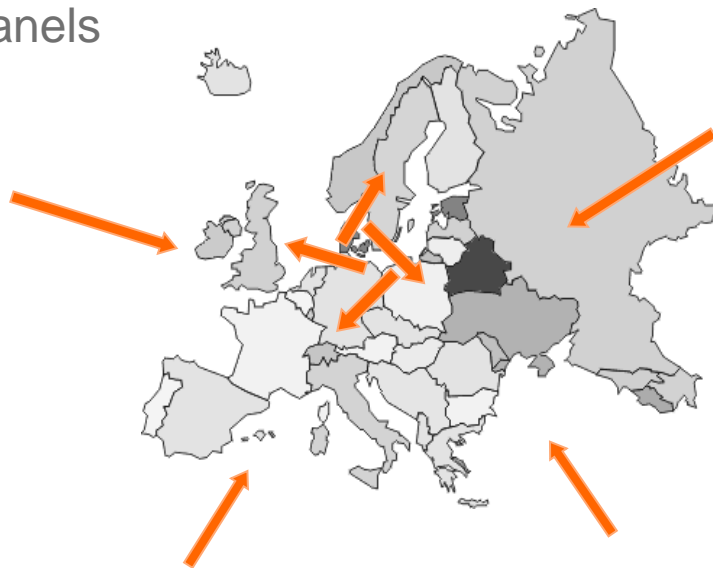
** http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/other/wp/2016-2017/annexes/h2020-wp1617-annex-a-countries-rules_en.pdf



EUROPEAN FELLOWSHIPS

Requirements

- Experienced researchers can do their projects for **12-24 months** in an EU-MS/AC
- **Mobility rule!** → Exceptions for Career Restart-, Reintegration- and Society and Enterprise-panels
- Researchers of **all nationalities** are eligible
- Contracts are signed between REA and the host institution





EUROPEAN FELLOWSHIPS

Career Restart (CAR)

- Researchers may **not have been active in research** for at least 12 months immediately prior to the deadline

Reintegration (RI)

- For researchers with EU-MS/AC nationality that move or have moved **from a TC (e.g. US) directly to the EU-MS/AC** where the host is located
- **Nationals of Third Countries** are eligible, when they have previously spent a period of full-time research activity in a EU-MS/AC of at least 5 consecutive years

Society and Enterprise (SE)

- The beneficiary must be an entity from the **non-academic sector**



Proposals are evaluated in separate, multidisciplinary panels



EUROPEAN FELLOWSHIPS

Special Mobility Rule for CAR, RI and SE

- Researchers must **not** have resided or carried out their main activity in the country of the beneficiary for **more than 36 months in the 5 years** immediately before the call deadline.



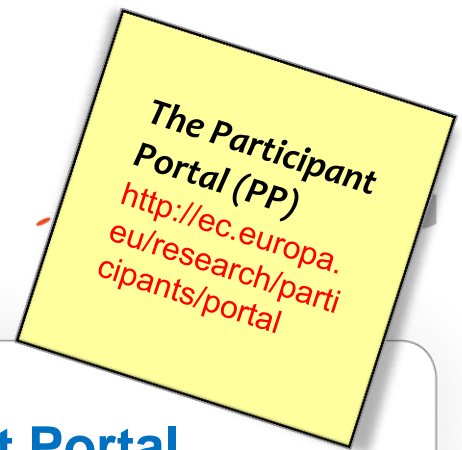
GLOBAL FELLOWSHIPS

Requirements

- Experienced researchers (ER) from EU-MS/AC can do their projects for the duration of **12-24 months** at a partner organisation in a **third country**
- **Return phase** in EU-MS/AC of **12 months** is **mandatory**
- Agreements are signed between REA and the return host in the EU-MS/AC
- ER is **employed by the host in the EU-MS/AC** and seconded to the partner organisation in the third country
- **Nationals of Third Countries** are eligible, if they have spent a period of full-time research activity in an EU-MS/AC of at least 5 consecutive years



APPLICATION AND SUBMISSION



Documents for the current IF call on the Participant Portal

Use the **current** Guide for Applicants (GfA) for the Call!

→ H2020-MSCA-IF-2017

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/topics/msca-if-2017.html>

The proposal consists of

- Part A: Administrative Forms (fill in on-line)
- **Part B: Project description** → part of the grant agreement
- **Instructions** on drafting **Part B in GfA, section 8** (p.28 ff.)
- after registration PP: download **template part B (2 documents)**

APPLICATION AND SUBMISSION

PP – Call Information



The European Commission logo, featuring the European Union flag (a circle of twelve gold stars on a blue background) and the text 'European Commission' below it.

RESEARCH & INNOVATION
Participant Portal

European Commission > Research & Innovation > Participant Portal > Opportunities

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Other Funding Opportunities

CALL: MARIE SKŁODOWSKA-CURIE INDIVIDUAL FELLOWSHIPS

Call identifier: H2020-MSCA-IF-2016

Publication date: 14 October 2015

[Call budget overview](#)

The Horizon 2020 logo, featuring a stylized globe with a blue and white color scheme.

Horizon 2020
Pillar: Excellent Science
Work Programme Year: H2020-2016-2017
Work Programme Part: [Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions](#)

[H2020 website](#)

Call updates

+ More

- 15 April 2016 17:55** The submission session is now available for: MSCA-IF-2016(MSCA-IF-EF-CAR-MSCA-IF-EF-RI-MSCA-IF-GF-MSCA-IF-EF-SE-MSCA-IF-EF-ST)

Topics and submission service

To access the **Submission Service**, please **select the TOPIC** of your interest and then open the Submission Service tab.

To access **existing draft proposals**, please login to the portal and select My Proposals from the My Area menu.

Status

☒ Forthcoming

☒ Open

☒ Closed

Sort by

☐ (Planned) opening date

☐ Deadline

☐ Topic title

☒ Topic identifier

Topic: **MSCA-IF-2016: Individual Fellowships**

Publication date: 14 October 2015

[Open](#)

Types of action:

MSCA-IF-EF-CAR CAR – Career Restart panel, MSCA-IF-EF-RI RI – Reintegration panel, MSCA-IF-EF-SE Society and Enterprise panel, MSCA-IF-EF-ST Standard EF, MSCA-IF-GF Global Fellowships

DeadlineModel:

single-stage

Opening date:

12 April 2016

Deadline:

14 September 2016 17:00:00

Time Zone : (Brussels time)

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PP – ECAS Account and Log in



Login - Google Chrome


https://ecas.ec.europa.eu/cas/login?domain=external&loginRequestId=ECAS_LR-8400254-Pv9MKbzH8uTAHe8zwPbe7baV7XAh0gkQfF

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 EUROPEAN COMMISSION AUTHENTICATION SERVICE (ECAS)

EUROPA > Authentication Service > Login

ECAS authenticates your identity on European Commission websites



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APPLICATION AND SUBMISSION

PIC – registration of the host organisation(s)

- Each participating organisation needs a **PIC – Participant Identification Code**
- Organisations that participated in Horizon 2020 or FP7 already have a PIC
→ search tool on the Participant Portal in the „Beneficiary Register“
<https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/organisations/register.html> → 
- If the host organisation is not yet registered → 
- Legal Entity Appointed Representative (**LEAR**):
Person who is nominated from the organisation; can change the data of the organisation and has an overview of all proposals

APPLICATION: PART B - STRUCTURE



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List of Participating Organisations

1 Excellence

2 Impact

3 Implementation, incl. Gantt Chart

max. 10 pages !!!

*max. 13
pages*

4 CV of the Experienced Researcher } *max. 5 pages*

5 Capacities of the Participating Organisations } *max. 1 p. / organisation*

6 Ethical Aspects

7 Letter of Commitment of Partner Organisations } *GF only!*

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SUBMISSION

Some hints for **SUCCESSFUL SUBMISSION...**

- Each participating organisation needs a **PIC – Participant Identification Code** → Ask your IF host organisation for it
- Use the **current Guide for Applicants**
- Download **Part B template** from the Participant Portal
- Play on the safe side → **submit early, submit often** – it is technically possible; latest submitted version will be evaluated.
- Uploading the proposal (without clicking „submit“) in the last moment invalidated the previous version – as the system replaces the old version.
- **SUBMISSION IS OVER** on 14th of SEPTEMBER 2017, 17:00:00 CET

BUDGET

Budget

Marie Skłodowska-Curie total budget in Horizon 2020 (2014-2020):
6,162 billion EUR

Individual Fellowships 2017: 248.7 Mio. EUR

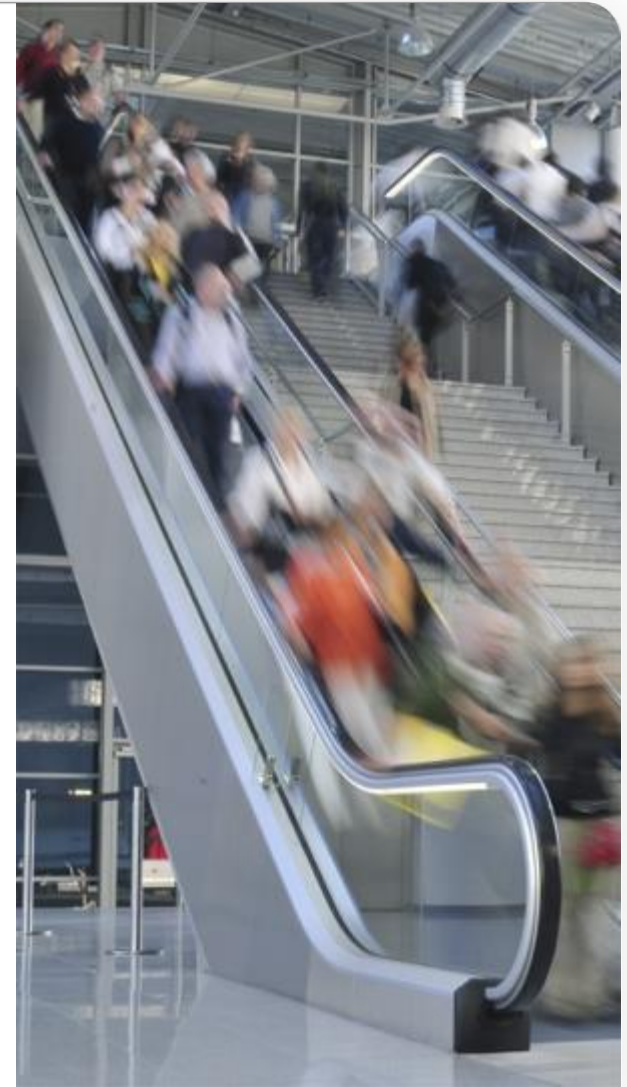
- EF: 205 Mio. EUR
- SE: 10 Mio. EUR
- GF: 33.7 Mio. EUR

IF CALL 2017

Timeline 2017

Deadline	14 September 2017
Evaluation of proposals	October-December 2017
Evaluation results	February 2018
Signature of GA → <i>Project start</i>	As from March 2018

Research and Innovation Staff Exchange (RISE)



RISE – PROJECT MAIN ASPECTS



- Project built on **joint** research and innovation activities
- Project implemented through the **secondment of staff** (no recruitments)
- **Each staff** member seconded for a period of **1 to 12** months
- The **maximum** size for a project is **540** seconded person months
- No minimum size explicitly defined for the project, but substantial impact is expected
- Maximum project duration is **4 years**

Consortium:

- **At least 3 independent participants** in 3 different countries and at least 2 of them from **2 different EU-MS/AC**.
- If all in MS/AC: at least 1 academic and 1 non-academic

Modes:

- **International** staff exchanges between MS/AC and TC institutions (**e.g. US**)
- Intra-European staff exchanges between MS/AC academic institutions and MS/AC non-academic institutions

→ Possible to combine the two modes!



Beneficiaries

- Are established in a **EU-MS/AC**
- **Sign** the Grant Agreement and **claim costs**
- Are responsible for the execution of the programme

Partner Organisations

- Are established in a **TC (e.g. US)**
- Do **not sign** the Grant Agreement and do **not claim costs**
- Must include a **letter of commitment** in the proposal

In practise, this means that

- staff seconded from EU-MS/AC to US will be funded
- staff seconded from US to EU-MS/AC will NOT be funded

→ **Partnership Agreement** (a.o. to define the distribution of the funding budget, also to TC Partner Organisations)

In **very exceptional cases**, partners from Third Countries might be funded if

- a) This partner has competences/expertise that no organisation in MS/AC has
- b) The transfer of knowledge can only be done via a secondment TC → MS/AC
- c) Points a) and b) must be endorsed by the expert evaluators
- d) The experts' endorsement (point c) must be confirmed by the REA

Unit costs **per researcher per month** of secondment
For secondments eligible for funding

MSCA	Researcher unit cost * (person/month)	Institutional unit cost (person/month)	
		Research, training and networking costs	Management and overheads
Research and Innovation Staff Exchange	2.000	1.800	700

* Intended to support the travel, accommodation and subsistence costs linked to the respective secondments. Participants are expected to continue paying the salary of the seconded staff during the period of exchange.

The EU contribution must be fully used for the benefit of the seconded staff member.

The RISE call 2018 will be published in the MSCA
Work programme 18-20 → expected in fall 2017

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- Detailed questions
- **PROPOSAL CHECK SERVICE** (if host organisation in AT)

Research Support Services at your host organisation <http://www.forschungsservice.at>



- Basic questions
- Organisation specific questions

National Contact Points (NCPs) in other countries



- http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/support/national_contact_points.html



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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS



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