

MARIE SKŁODOWSKA-CURIE ACTIONS

POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS

WHAT IS IT ABOUT?

The goal of the Postdoctoral Fellowships (PF) is to enhance the creative and innovative potential of researchers holding a PhD and who wish to acquire new skills through advanced training, international, interdisciplinary and intersectoral mobility (between academic and non-academic sector).

PF are open to excellent researchers of any nationality. The scheme also encourages researchers to work on research and innovation projects in the non-academic sector (e.g. industry, businesses, cultural institutions, hospitals etc.) and is open to researchers wishing to reintegrate in Europe, to those who are displaced by conflict, as well as to researchers with high potential who are seeking to restart their careers in research. Applications are made jointly by the researcher and the host organisation in the academic or the non-academic sector. The action follows a bottom-up approach, i.e. research fields are chosen freely by the applicants, including areas of research covered by the Euratom Programme.

Postdoctoral Fellowships either can take place in Europe, i.e. an EU Member State (MS) or a Horizon Europe Associated Country (AC), or in a Third Country not associated to Horizon Europe:

- **European Postdoctoral Fellowships** are open to researchers holding a PhD (at the date of the call deadline) who wish to engage in R&I projects of 12-24 months by either coming to Europe from any country in the world or moving within Europe (i.e. MS/AC). For researchers undertaking their fellowship in one of the so-called Widening Countries in Europe (countries with a relatively low research & innovation performance), the ERA Fellowships provide additional support.
- **Global Postdoctoral Fellowships** are open to researchers holding a PhD (at the date of the call deadline) who wish to engage in R&I projects with organisations in a Third Country for 12-24 months, followed by a mandatory return phase of 12 months to a host organisation based in a MS/AC.
- An additional period of up to six months at the end of the project can be awarded to researchers who will spend that period in a non-academic organisation established in a MS/AC. For fellows recruited in the non-academic sector during the PF, such a placement must be implemented at a different non-academic host organisation established in a MS/AC.

NEXT CALLS

HORIZON-MSCA-2024-PF-01, opening 23 April 2024

Budget: EUR million 417.18

Deadline: 11 September 2024

HORIZON-MSCA-2025-PF-01, opening 08 May 2025

Budget: EUR million 274.63

Deadline: 10 September 2025

ELIGIBILITY

- **Mobility rule:** Recruited researchers must not have resided or carried out their main activity in the country of destination for more than 12 months within the past 3 years immediately before the call deadline. For the Global Postdoctoral Fellowships, the researcher must comply with the mobility rule in the country for the outgoing phase (not for the return phase).
- Supported researchers can be of any nationality. However, researchers applying for a Global Postdoctoral Fellowship or researchers who wish to reintegrate to Europe, must be nationals or long-term residents of MS or AC. Long-term residence means a period of legal and continuous residence within EU Member States or Horizon Europe Associated Countries of at least five consecutive years.

- **Note:** for fellowships in research areas covered by Euratom, special eligibility conditions regarding the host countries and the nationality of the fellows apply.
- At the call deadline, researchers must have a **maximum of 8 years full-time equivalent experience in research**, measured from the date that the researcher was in a possession of a doctoral degree. Years of experience outside research and career breaks are not taken into account. For reintegration to Europe, years of research experience in Third Countries will not be considered in the above maximum.
- **Note:** For researchers wishing to reintegrate from a Third Country, must be based in a Third Country at the call deadline or have moved directly from a Third Country to a MS or AC within the last 12 months before the call deadline.
- Proposals involving the same individual researcher and host organisation (for Global Postdoctoral Fellowships, also the organisation hosting the outgoing phase) submitted to the previous call of PF under Horizon Europe and having received a score of less than 70% should not be resubmitted the following year.

FUNDING

The contribution of the European Commission covers the activities of the researcher as well as part of the costs for the implementation of the project. If applicable, the researcher is also entitled to a family allowance, long-term leave allowance and/or a special needs allowance.

Please be aware that these contributions **might not cover the real costs regarding the researcher's salary completely**, since fellows must enjoy at least the same standards and working conditions as those applicable to local researchers holding a similar position at the place of the implementation (for instance regarding collective bargaining agreements or other salary schemes).

Contributions for the recruited researcher [person/month]:

Living allowance:	EUR 5,990.00
Mobility allowance:	EUR 710.00
Family allowance (if applicable):	EUR 660.00

A correction coefficient applies to the living allowance, e.g. for Austria: 109.7%

Institutional contributions [person/month]:

Research, training and networking contribution:	EUR 1,000.00
Management and indirect contribution:	EUR 650.00

IMPORTANT LINKS

[MSCA Work Programme 2023-2025](#)

[All relevant EC documents \(overview\)](#)

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