



MARIE SKŁODOWSKA-CURIE ACTIONS

CO-FUNDING OF REGIONAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMMES (COFUND)

The COFUND scheme aims at stimulating **regional, national or international programmes to foster excellence in researchers' training, mobility and career development**, spreading the best practices of Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions. This will be achieved by **co-funding new or existing programmes** to open up to, and provide for, **international, intersectoral and interdisciplinary research training**, as well as **transnational and cross-sectoral mobility of researchers** at all stages of their career.

Participants in the COFUND scheme submit **multi-annual proposals for new or existing doctoral or fellowship programmes**. Proposals must have a **sole participant**, located in an **EU Member State or Associated Country**. This single beneficiary is responsible for the availability of the necessary complementary funds to execute the proposal.

COFUND can take the following forms, evaluated in two separate panels:

- **Doctoral Programmes** address the development and broadening of the research competencies of **early-stage researchers** (i.e. researchers in the first 4 years of their research career and not yet awarded with a PhD). The training follows the EU Principles for Innovative Doctoral Training. Each researcher must be enrolled in a doctoral programme. Collaboration with a wider set of partner organisations, including from the non-academic sector, as well as innovative and interdisciplinary elements of the proposed programme, will be positively taken into account during the evaluation.
- **Fellowship Programmes** fund individual research training and career development **for experienced researchers** (i.e. researchers in possession of a doctoral degree or at least 4 years of full-time equivalent research experience). The programmes supported should have regular selection rounds, allowing fair competition between the researchers applying. Fellowship programmes should be based on individual-driven mobility, i.e., researchers should be able to freely choose a research topic and the appropriate organisation to host them, fitting their individual needs.

ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS

- Researchers supported under this scheme shall comply with the mobility rules of the Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions. Limitations regarding the researchers' origin and destination should be avoided.
- Support cannot be awarded to researchers who are already permanently employed by the organisation hosting them.
- The lengths of the individual researchers' appointments must be at least 3 months.
- In each COFUND action, a **minimum of three researchers** must be recruited/supported.

FACTS

Specific Programme: Excellent Science: Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

Project duration: max. 60 months

Budget: EUR 90 million (2019, indicative)

Next Call: H2020-MSCA-COFUND-2019

Call opens: 04 April 2019

Deadline: 26 September 2019



FUNDING

- The EU contribution for COFUND is limited to **EUR 10 million per beneficiary** per call. If an applicant submits two or more successful applications totalling more than EUR 10 million within one call, the applicant will decide which of these proposals to implement.
- The EU contribution must be used exclusively as **contribution to the management of the programme and to the living allowance of the researchers**, which is solely for the benefit of the researchers appointed under the programme and includes all compulsory deductions under national legislation. **Other cost items (such as research costs, travel, family and mobility allowances, indirect costs) may be funded through other resources.**

Minimum total costs* for the beneficiary related to the employment of the researchers [person/month]:

Early-stage researchers	2.709 €
Experienced researchers	3.836€

* This includes total living and mobility allowance, social security contributions, taxes and other costs included in the remuneration

EU contribution to the living allowance for researchers [person/month]:

Early-stage researchers	1.935 €
Experienced researchers	2.740 €

EU contribution for institutional costs [person/month]:

Institutional unit cost	325 €
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LINKS

<https://www.ffg.at/europa/h2020/msca/cofund>

http://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/actions/co-funding-programmes_en

https://cdn5.euraxess.org/sites/default/files/policy_library/principles_for_innovative_doctoral_training.pdf

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