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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.** 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.** 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.

DEFINITIONS

- **Experienced researchers:** researchers in possession of a doctoral degree or at least 4 years of full-time equivalent research experience.
- **Early-stage researchers:** researchers in the first 4 years of their research career and not yet awarded with a PhD.

FACTS

Specific Programme: Excellent Science: Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

Project duration: max. 60 months

Budget: EUR 80 million (2018)

Next Call: H2020-MSCA-COFUND-2018

Call opens: 12 April 2018

Deadline: 27 September 2018

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.

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 €

LINKS

https://www.ffg.at/europa/h2020/msca/cofund
http://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/actions/co-funding-programmes_en
http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess/pdf/research_policies/Principles_for_Innovative_Doctoral_Training.pdf

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