



MARIE SKŁODOWSKA-CURIE ACTIONS INDIVIDUAL FELLOWSHIPS (IF)

The goal of the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowships (IF) is to **enhance the creative and innovative potential** of **experienced researchers**, wishing to diversify their individual competence in terms of skill acquisition through **advanced training, international and intersectoral mobility (between academic and non-academic sector)**.

Individual Fellowships provide opportunities to **researchers of any nationality** to acquire and transfer new knowledge and to work on research and innovation in Europe and beyond. **Applications are made jointly by the researcher and the beneficiary (the host organisation)** in the academic or non-academic sectors. Alike the other Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions, IF follow a **bottom-up approach**, i.e. research fields are chosen freely by the applicants.

- » **European Fellowships** are held in EU Member States (MS) or H2020 Associated Countries (AC) and are open to **experienced researchers** coming to Europe or moving within Europe to carry out research projects for the duration of **1-2 years**. Proposals are evaluated by one of **eight scientific panels**. In addition, there are three multi-disciplinary panels providing special support for specific situations:
 - » **Return and reintegration of researchers** moving from a third country (i.e. not a MS or AC) into a longer term research position **in Europe**, including in their country of origin (**RI Panel**).
 - » Individuals wishing to **resume research in Europe after a career break**, e.g. after parental leave (**CAR Panel**).
 - » Researchers seeking to work on **research & innovation projects** in an organisation from the **non-academic sector (Society and enterprise - SE Panel)**.
- » **New: Widening Fellowships** provide specific support to researchers to undertake their fellowship in one of the so-called widening countries in Europe (countries with a relatively low research & innovation performance). This will help spread excellence and close still apparent gaps within Europe.
<http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/en/h2020-section/spreading-excellence-and-widening-participation>
- » **Global Fellowships** are based on a secondment to a **third country** (i.e. not a MS or AC) for **1-2 years** and a mandatory **12 month return period** to a European host.

DEFINITIONS

- » **Experienced researcher:** with PhD or at least 4 years of research experience
- » **Academic sector:** Public or private higher education establishments awarding academic degrees, public or private non-profit research organisations whose primary mission is to pursue research, and international European interest organisations.
- » **Non-Academic sector:** Any socio-economic actor not included in the academic sector (e.g. private enterprise companies, hospitals, museums, ministries, etc.)

FACTS

Specific Programme: Excellent Science:
Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

Project duration: 12-24 months (European)
12-24 months plus 12 months return phase (Global)

Budget: EUR 273 million (2018)

Next Call: H2020-MSCA-IF-2018

Call opens: 12 April 2018

Deadline: 12 September 2018



ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS (AT THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS):

» **Mobility rule:** At the time of the deadline for submission of proposals the researcher must not have worked or resided in the country of destination for more than 12 months within the past 3 years.

Note: Special mobility rule for the panels RI, CAR, SE: researchers shall not have resided in the country of their host for more than 3 years in the 5 years immediately prior to the relevant deadline.

» For the **European Fellowship**, the researcher can be of any nationality, but must comply with the mobility rule in the country where the European Fellowship is held.

» To qualify for the **career restart panel**, researchers can be of any nationality. They must not have been active in research for at least 12 months immediately prior to the deadline for submission.

» The **reintegration panel** is open to nationals or previous long-term residents of MS and AC (i.e. having completed a period of full-time research activity of at least 5 consecutive years). Mobility shall be into Europe.

» For the **Global Fellowship**, the researcher must comply with the mobility rule in the country where secondment takes place (not for the return phase). Global Fellowships are open to nationals or long-term residents of MS and AC.

FUNDING

The contribution of the European Commission will cover the activities of the researcher as well as part of the costs for the implementation of the project.

Contribution to the researchers [person/month]:

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| Living allowance* | 4.880 € |
| Mobility allowance | 600 € |
| Family allowance | 500 € |

* A correction coefficient applies to the living allowance, reflecting the cost of living of the host country (e.g. Austria: 106,7%)

Contribution to the host institutions [person/month]:

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| Research, training and networking costs | 800 € |
| Management and indirect costs | 650 € |

LINKS

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

http://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/about/individual-fellowships_en

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