

# Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) in Horizon Europe

## Infosheet



MSCA fund postdoctoral fellowships and research networks for all stages of researchers' careers - be they doctoral candidates or experienced researchers - and encourage international, intersectoral and interdisciplinary mobility. MSCA include the following instruments:

- **Doctoral Networks (DN)** support competitively selected joint research training and/or doctoral programmes, implemented by European partnerships of universities, research institutions and non-academic organisations. The eligible candidates are early-stage researchers that have not completed a doctoral degree yet and comply with the respective MSCA mobility rule. DN include three special schemes: European Training Networks (TN) help researchers gain experience in different working environments while developing transferable skills; Joint Doctorates (JD) for collaborations leading to a joint/multiple degree; and Industrial Doctorates (ID) for networks offering at least 50% of training time in the non-academic sector. The grant covers recruitment and training of each researcher for up to three years.
- **Postdoctoral Fellowships (PF)** enhance the potential of experienced researchers (in possession of a doctoral degree obtained in the last 8 years prior to the call deadline) in Europe and beyond through advanced training, international and intersectoral mobility. Candidates have to comply with the respective MSCA mobility rule. PF distinguish between European Fellowships (EF) for researchers who wish to work in an EU Member State or Associated Country and Global Fellowships (GF) for researchers who want to move to a Third Country before coming back to an EU MS or AC for the last year of the project. EF projects last 12 to 24 months while GF projects last 24 to 36 months.
- **Staff Exchanges** promote innovative, international, intersectoral and interdisciplinary collaboration in research and innovation through exchanging staff and sharing knowledge within a consortium of academic and non-academic partners. This action is open to research, technical, administrative and managerial staff. Participating institutions shall be established in at least three different countries. For international stream, there should be at least one institution outside Europe and two institutions from different MS and/or AC. For intersectoral stream, there should be at least one non-academic participant. The grant supports the secondment of staff members for one month to one year. They must be engaged in or linked to research and innovation activities at their home organisation for a certain time prior to the secondment and remain its employees during the secondment. They return to their home organisation after the secondment, in order to pass on their knowledge.

- **Co-funding of regional, national and international programmes (COFUND)** offers additional funding to single entities for their own researcher training and career development programmes based on international, interdisciplinary and intersectoral mobility. Fellowships can be either for doctoral or postdoctoral (experienced) researchers. Research organisations, research funding organisations, private organisations, as well as other legal entities established in an EU MS or AC are eligible to apply. The usual duration of a COFUND action is between 24 and 60 months. A fellowship has to last at least 3 months. Experienced researchers and doctoral candidates apply directly to the relevant funding organization through vacancies for co-funded programmes on [Euraxess](#), which is a jobs portal for researchers.

#### Useful links for MSCA:

- [Euresearch website](#)
- [European Commission website](#)
- [UNIGE regulation on hiring MSCA researchers](#)
- [Horizon Europe open calls \(Euresearch website\)](#)

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