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INDIVIDUAL FELLOWSHIPS
KIRSTIN KRAAV
STRUCTURE OF HORIZON 2020

- Excellent Science
- Industrial Leadership
- Societal Challenges

MSCA
NATIONAL CONTACT POINTS FOR HORIZON 2020

ETAG IS THE NATIONAL CONTACT POINT FOR HORIZON 2020. THE TASKS OF THE NCPS:

• Providing information about Horizon 2020
• Advising and training applicants
• Help with partner search
• Advising and training successful participants
• Feedback to the European Commission

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ETAG MSCA NCP SUPPORT
DURING PROPOSAL PREPARATION

• **Info days**— Tartu 24.04; Tallinn 25.04 – www.etag.ee

• **Training days**— Tartu 10.06 (Est) and 11.06 (Eng); Tallinn 30.05 (Est) and 31.05 (Eng) – www.etag.ee

• **Questions**, consultations – any time before the deadline: kristin.kraav@etag.ee; 730 0337; skype:kristinkraav

• **Pre-screening of the proposal** – (sufficiently early) before the call deadline: kristin.kraav@etag.ee
Support for researchers in all career stages via different actions:

- Innovative Training Networks
- Research and Innovation Staff Exchange
- **Individual Fellowships**
- Cofunding national or regional PhD and Fellowship Programmes

Main principles of the MSCA:

- The actions support the career development of researchers through **mobility**;
- The Actions are open to applicants from **any research field**, including social sciences and humanities as well as engineering – excl. nuclear research;
- Participating researchers can be from any country;
- The Actions support the cooperation between **different sectors** and staff exchange with countries all over the world;
- The use of **unit costs** makes the financial reporting of the MSCA very easy.
MSCA INDIVIDUAL FELLOWSHIPS

ARE MEANT FOR

- Researchers holding a doctoral degree, for acquiring new knowledge and skills:
  - in another European country (European Fellowship – EF)
    - Special case: for continuing research career after a break
    - Special case: for (re)integration after a mobility period outside Europe
  - or outside Europe (Global Fellowship – GF)
- The host organisation can be from either academic or non-academic sector. More flexible conditions apply if the host is a non-academic institution in Europe
- The Fellowship aims at acting as a catalyst to the researchers’ careers, enabling them to maximise their contribution to economy and society
MSCA IF ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA
FIXED AT CALL DEADLINE

**Experience**: applications can be submitted by researchers who
- are in possession of a **PhD degree** or
- have at least **4 years** of full-time equivalent research experience after obtaining the degree that would enable them to embark on a PhD

**Mobility**: the researcher will not have worked or resided more than **12 months** in the last 3 years in the country of the host organisation (special cases: no more than **36 months** in the last 5 years)

**Nationality and age** are not important, but to apply for GF and re-integration the researcher must be a national or long-term resident of a MS/AC

**Duration** of the grant: standard EF 12-24 months; Career restart: 12-36 months; GF 12-24 months + 12 months return phase in Europe
- the grant period can include a **secondment** to another European institution (up to 3 or 6 months depending on the duration of the grant)
MSCA IF BUDGET
IS BASED ON UNIT COSTS PER 1 MONTH

Researcher unit costs:
• Living allowance: 4880 € x correction coefficient of the destination country
• Mobility allowance 600 €
• Family allowance 500 €

Institutional unit costs:
• Research, training and networking costs 800 €
• Management and overhead 650 €

89 160* € / year

EXPECTED IMPACT
OF THE MSCA INDIVIDUAL FELLOWSHIPS

Researcher:
- Increased set of skills, both research related and transferable ones, leading to improved employability and career prospects both in and outside academia
- Increase in higher impact R&I output, more knowledge and ideas converted into products and services
- Greater contribution to the knowledge-based economy

Organisation:
- Enhanced cooperation and stronger networks
- Better transfer of knowledge between sectors and disciplines
- Boosting of R&I capacity among participating organisations
MAIN ACTIVITIES
OF A MSCA IF PROJECT

• Carrying out the research project: training-through-research at the host organisation’s premises
  • Gaining experience from non-academic sector
• Acquiring of scientific skills: new methods, techniques, instruments, etc.
• Developing transferable skills: entrepreneurship, proposal preparation, patent applications, IPR, supervising, etc.
• Taking part in the research and financial management of the project
• Communication and outreach activities, incl organisation of scientific/training/dissemination events

• I.e. acquisition of a variety of experiences needed for career development
MSCA IF APPLICATION

VIA THE FUNDING AND TENDERS PORTAL

- The call was opened on 11 April, with the deadline on 11 September 2019 at 17:00 (CET)
- Teadlane koostöös vastuvõtva vastuvõtva organisatsiooniga Euroopas kirjutab projektitaotluse
- Application is fully electronic

Proposal parts:
- Administrative forms (Part A) are filled on-line
- The content of the application (Part B): to PDF documents to be uploaded

MSCA IF APPLICATION
PART B

Two separate PDF documents:

Document 1 – max 10 p
1. EXCELLENCE: research, training, supervision, researcher
2. IMPACT: impact on career, dissemination, communication
3. IMPLEMENTATION: work plan, resources, management

Document 2 – no overall page limit
4. CV OF THE EXPERIENCED RESEARCHER: max 5 p
5. CAPACITIES OF THE PARTICIPATING ORGANISATIONS: 1 p overall + max 1 p per organisation
6. ETHICAL ASPECTS: no limit, based on ethics table in Part A
7. LETTER OF COMMITMENT OF PARTNER ORGANISATION (GF ONLY): signed and scanned letter from organisation outside Europe

APPLICATION AND EVALUATION

• Every year, the EC publishes a Call for Proposals, with a deadline in September: **12 September 2018**
  • Call budget: **273 M €**, incl
  • EF 220 M €
  • EF SE panel 8 M €
  • GF 45 M €
• The researcher writes a project proposal **in liaison with the host** organisation in Europe according to the call conditions
• At least 3 experts of the same research field evaluate the proposal
• Their grades are the basis for a priority list, where the best proposals will be funded
• The Grant Agreement will be concluded between the EC and the host organisation, which then concludes a contract with the researcher.
  • In case of Global Fellowships, the European host organisation concludes a partnership agreement with the host outside Europe.
PROPOSAL
AND SOURCES OF INFORMATION

• The proposal consists of two parts:
  • Administrative forms (Part A): to be filled on-line
  • Content of the proposal (Part B): 2 PDF files to be uploaded

• First, read carefully the **Guide for Applicants:**

• In addition to the GfA you will find on the Call page
  • the Work Programme
  • FAQ
  • additional guidelines

• On the website of the NCP network [net4mobility.eu](http://net4mobility.eu) you will find
  • Expressions of Interest (EoI) from potential host institutions
  • Guidelines
  • [mariecurieactions.blogspot.com](http://mariecurieactions.blogspot.com) – FAQ compiled by the network

• See also Hosting offers at the EURAXESS portal: [euraxess.eu](http://euraxess.eu)
EVALUATION CRITERIA 1

EXCELLENCE

• Quality and credibility of the research/innovation project; level of novelty, appropriate consideration of inter/multidisciplinary and gender aspects
• Quality and appropriateness of the training and of the two way transfer of knowledge between the researcher and the host
• Quality of the supervision and of the integration in the team/institution
• Capacity of the researcher to reach or re-enforce a position of professional maturity/independence during the fellowship

50% of the final score
EVALUATION CRITERIA 2

IMPACT

• Enhancing the future **career prospects** of the researcher of the researcher after the fellowship

• Quality of the proposed measures to exploit and **disseminate** the project results

• Quality of the proposed measures to **communicate** the project activities to different target audiences

30% of the final score
EVALUATION CRITERIA 3
IMPLEMENTATION

• Coherence and effectiveness of the work plan, including the appropriateness of the allocation of tasks and resources
• Appropriateness of the management structure and procedures, including risk management
• Appropriateness of the institutional environment (infrastructure)

20% of the final score
SOURCES OF INFORMATION I

MSCA IF 2019

- **Guide for Applicants:**

- **Work Programme:**

- **Horizon 2020 Manual:**
  - Application process
  - Links to guidance materials: Ethics; Open Access/ Open Data; dissemination and communication, incl social media; gender aspects in research, etc.

- **MSCA website of the European Commission:**

- **MSCA NCP project Net4Mobility+ info pack:**
  [https://www.net4mobilityplus.eu/scientific-community/](https://www.net4mobilityplus.eu/scientific-community/)
  - handbook; flyer; success stories; videos; FAQ; statistics; Expressions of Interest
SOURCES OF INFORMATION II

MSCA IF 2019

• MSCA IF manual for evaluators (2018):

• Briefing of evaluators (H2020 general):
  https://ec.europa.eu/info/briefings-horizon-2020-independent-experts_en

MSCA
Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions
FINDING YOUR MSCA IF HOST

EURAXESS.EU – FIND HOSTING

Are you a researcher interested in carrying out your research in Europe? At this page you will find hosting offers (Expressions of Interest) from research institutions interested in supporting your application to the MSCA Individual Fellowships Calls, as well as offers from institutions which dispose of research infrastructures (facilities, resources, services or any other infrastructure of a unique nature essential to achieve excellence in research and innovation) and wish/are able to make them available to researchers, in an effort of supporting the research communities to conduct research and foster innovation in their field.

Your search results (249)

17/04/2019 Marie Curie Actions

Applying for a post-doctoral Individual Fellowship with Aix-Marseille University

HOSTING DEADLINE 11/09/2019 16:00 - Europe/Brussels
LOCATION France, Marseille
ORGANISATION/COMPANY Aix-Marseille Université
TIMELINE
OF THE 2019 MSCA IF CALL

1. DEADLINE:
   11 SEPTEMBER 2019

2. EVALUATION:
   OCTOBER-NOVEMBER

   Remote evaluation + remote consensus + panel raking lists

3. RESULTS:
   FEBRUARY 2020

   Each applicant receives an Evaluation Summary Report with consensus score

4. GRANT AGREEMENTS:
   MAY 2020

   Start of the IF project can be postponed by up to 18 months (latest start time: Sept 2021)

Strict cut-off time at 17:00 CET
## SUCCESS RATES
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Success rate: 9.62% 14.79% 15.08% 16.25% 11.57% 8.84% 4.78%
WIDENING FELLOWSHIPS
WIDENING FELLOWSHIPS
NEW INITIATIVE

- **Aim**: to combat brain drain and support researchers to undertake their fellowship in a *Widening country* (27 countries including Estonia)
- All **non-funded** European Fellowship applications that pass all evaluation thresholds (70%) will be automatically passed on to the Widening Fellowships call (NB! no applications will be submitted directly to this call)
- A single multidisciplinary ranking list will be formed; ca. 35 top-ranking proposals will be funded
- Conditions of the MSCA EF will apply (same funding, same Grant Agreement)
- Budget: 6 M€ (7 M€ 2020)
Widening countries: 773 proposals submitted in IF 2018

+ 8% overall proposals,
+ 27% proposals from widening countries
Total funded proposals (IF + WF)

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