

PhD Opportunities through the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

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Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions (MSCA)



Named after Marie Skłodowska Curie, a Polish and naturalized-French physicist and chemist who conducted pioneering research on radioactivity.

Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions (MSCA)



Key figures (2014-2020)

+65,000

Researchers,
including
25,000 PhD
candidates

37%

Researchers
from outside
of the EU

6.2 billion €
Under
Horizon 2020



Budget under Horizon Europe: 6.6€ billion

Doctoral Programmes & Networks



*Renamed Doctoral Networks under Horizon Europe

Please note that you do not apply to these programme. You apply to the vacancies coming out of them.

Innovative Training Networks

- Interdisciplinary & international doctoral training networks
- Multi-beneficiary Action: PhD programmes made up of partner organisations from different sectors such as universities, public and private research centres, companies, non-profit organisations etc.
- Dedicated to training early-stage researchers to become leaders in their field



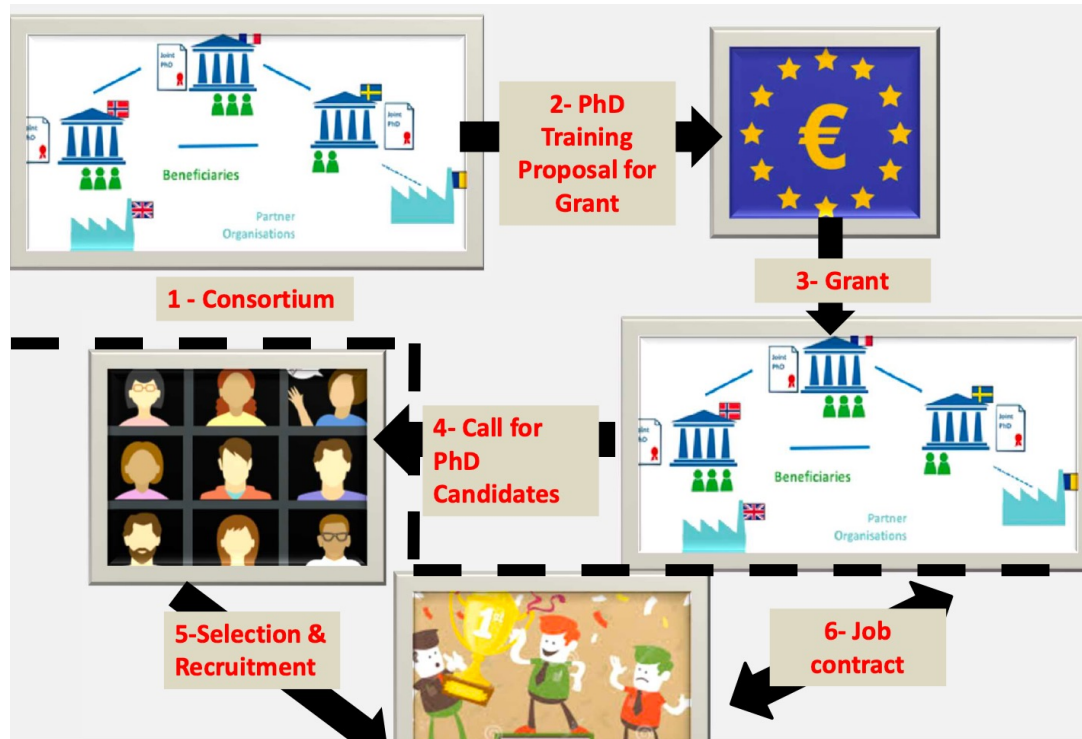
COFUND

- Mono-beneficiary action to co-fund new or existing national, regional, institutional schemes for doctoral training and postdoctoral fellowships
- Individuals - both early-stage and experienced researchers - are supported in their research training and career development through the co-funding.



What is unique about the MSCA?





- Applying for an MSCA PhD position is very much like applying for a job role.
- Projects have already been set by the Beneficiaries and Partner Organisations - all you have to do is apply to one that interests you.

Multidisciplinary training

- PhD candidates will establish a **Career Development Plan** (with supervisor) setting out research objectives, career objectives & training needs. Career plan includes planned publications and participation in conferences.
- PhD candidates will be engaged in a number of **Networking activities**:
 - Attending conferences and network meetings
 - Visiting participating organisations in order to exchange knowledge
 - Meeting with external experts to gain specialist input
 - Attending workshops
 - Collaborating with other projects or research groups

Am I Eligible?

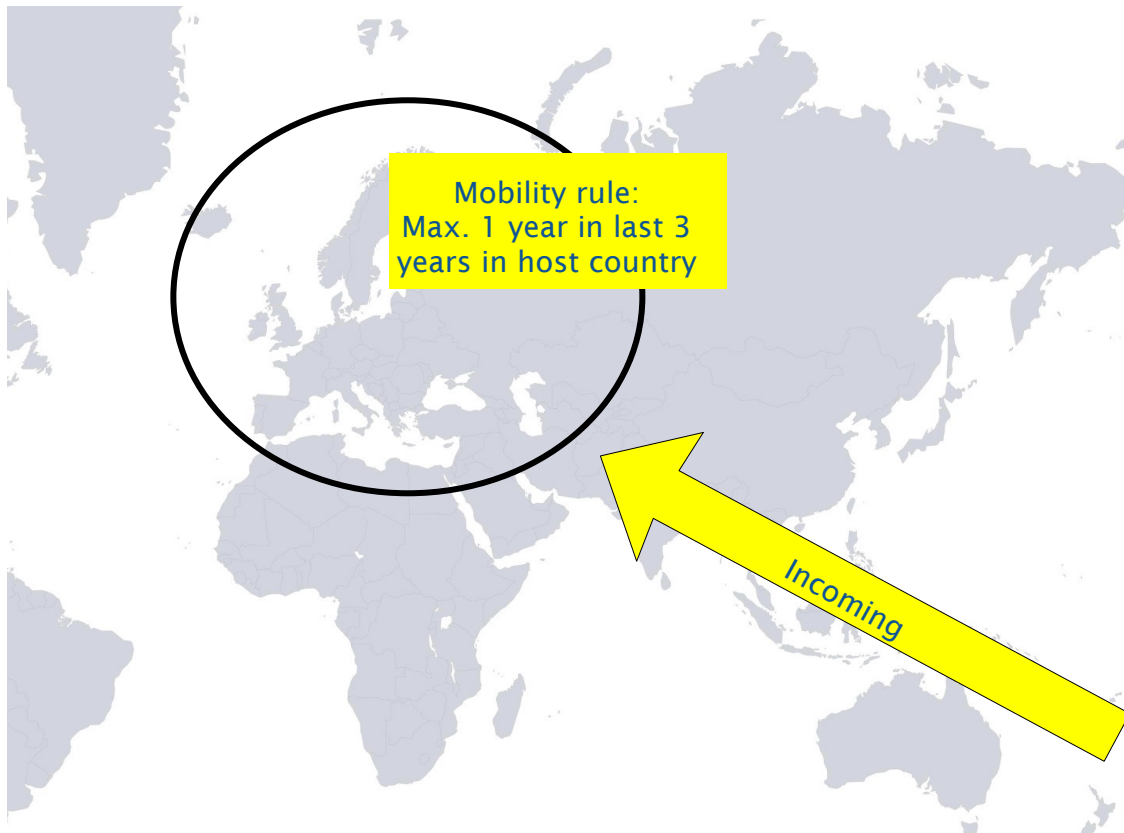


Eligibility – General Rule

- To be eligible for recruitment, you must – at the date of recruitment – be within the first four years (full-time equivalent research experience) of your research career and not have a doctoral degree.
- Nationality: No restrictions based on nationality

*Full-time equivalent research experience is measured from the date when you obtained the degree entitling you to embark on a doctorate (either in the country in which the degree was obtained, or in the country in which you are recruited), even if a doctorate was never started or envisaged.

Eligibility – Mobility Rule



You must not have resided or carried out your main activity (e.g. work, studies) in the country where you have been recruited "for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately before the recruitment date".

Where in Europe can I find these opportunities?



Mobility to ...

27 EU Members

Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria,
Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic,
Denmark, Estonia, Germany,
Greece, Finland, France,
Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia,
Lithuania, Luxemburg, Malta,
Netherlands, Poland, Portugal,
Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia,
Spain, Sweden

16 Associated Countries

Albania, Armenia, Bosnia &
Herzegovina, Faroe Islands,
FYROM, Georgia, Iceland, Israel,
Liechtenstein, Moldova,
Montenegro, Norway, Serbia,
Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine

Question: Can I apply with an institution in the UK?

Yes

UK already eligible

As the first funding calls under Horizon Europe are launched, the new Q&A-style document confirms that UK applicants are already eligible to apply. The United Kingdom will therefore have the same rights and obligations, including financial, as other Horizon Europe associated countries.

What about funding?





What does the funding cover?

Funding (per month)

Early Stage Researcher	Living allowance*	3,270 €
	Mobility allowance	600 €
	Family allowance	500 €
Institutional	Research, training and networking costs	1,800 €
	Management and indirect costs	1,200 €

* The funding is subject to a country correction coefficient adjusted for the cost of living in the country in which the researcher will work.

** In any ITN project, MSCA funding can support the researcher for a maximum period of 36 months. There is no exception to this rule, meaning that in those cases where the completion and submission of your doctoral thesis takes more than 36 months, you may need to look for additional financial support.

*** Note that the total amount received may vary from employer to employer, even within the same country. This is because employer as well as employee payroll taxes and social security costs can be deducted from the gross salary.

****The amount will change under projects funded by Horizon Europe.

What does the funding cover?

- Participating organisations receive a fixed amount for each supported researcher as contribution to the researcher's remuneration and to the management of the programme.
- They must complement these contributions with their own sources (other than EU funding) to achieve the minimum living allowances to be paid to each researcher as established in the Work Programme.

EU contribution to living allowance for researchers recruited under an employment contract (EUR/person-month)	Beneficiary contribution to [living allowance + mobility allowance] for researchers recruited under an employment contract (EUR/ person- month)	Total (Euro)
1 935	minimum 774	minimum 2709

* In addition to the researcher unit cost, there will be an EU contribution for institutions based on unit costs, which amounts to EUR 325/person-month. These costs must be used towards the management of the programme.

**Other cost items (such as mobility allowance, family allowance, research, training and networking costs, travel, and indirect costs) may be funded through other resources, including other EU funds such as the European Structural and Investment Funds, but not through funding from the Horizon 2020.

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What documents do you need?



Types of documents to provide:

- Proof that you are qualified to undertake a PhD (relevant Masters Degree or equivalent qualification)
- A transcript of your grades
- A CV detailing prior experiences of projects, and any publications
- A personal statement detailing why you are suitable for the project
- Contact details for two or more individuals that can provide a reference/ letter of recommendation
- Certificate of language proficiency (if required)

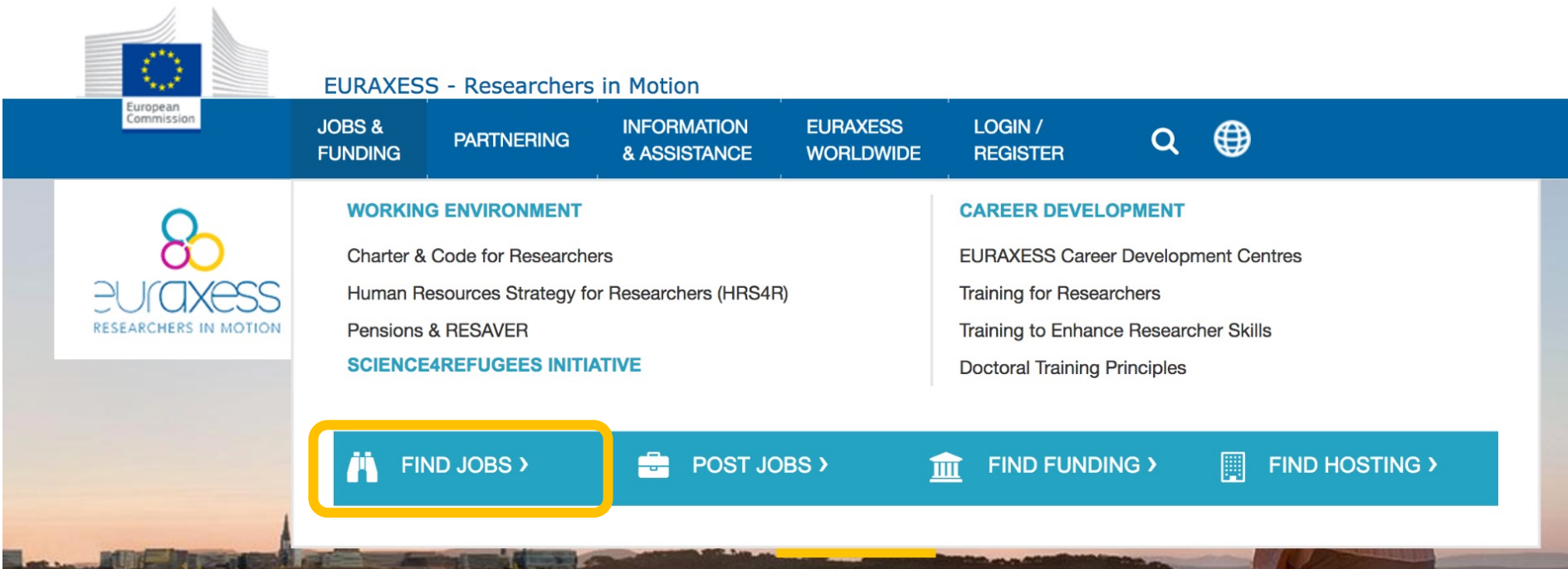
* Eligibility for the different projects might vary

I am really excited!

Where do I find open PhD positions?



Finding an open position on the EURAXESS Portal:



The screenshot shows the EURAXESS portal homepage. At the top left is the European Commission logo. The main header is a blue bar with the text 'EURAXESS - Researchers in Motion' and navigation links: 'JOBS & FUNDING', 'PARTNERING', 'INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE', 'EURAXESS WORLDWIDE', and 'LOGIN / REGISTER'. There are also search and globe icons. Below the header is a white content area with the EURAXESS logo on the left. The main content is divided into two columns: 'WORKING ENVIRONMENT' and 'CAREER DEVELOPMENT'. The 'WORKING ENVIRONMENT' column lists 'Charter & Code for Researchers', 'Human Resources Strategy for Researchers (HRS4R)', and 'Pensions & RESAVER'. Below this is the 'SCIENCE4REFUGEES INITIATIVE'. The 'CAREER DEVELOPMENT' column lists 'EURAXESS Career Development Centres', 'Training for Researchers', 'Training to Enhance Researcher Skills', and 'Doctoral Training Principles'. At the bottom is a teal navigation bar with four buttons: 'FIND JOBS >' (highlighted with a yellow border), 'POST JOBS >', 'FIND FUNDING >', and 'FIND HOSTING >'.

European Commission

EURAXESS - Researchers in Motion

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- Doctoral Training Principles

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Search for jobs

Enter keywords

RESEARCH FIELD

RESEARCHER PROFILE

SECTOR

COUNTRY

EUROPEAN RESEARCH PROGRAMME

- FP7 / Ideas-ERC (3)
- FP7 / People-Marie Curie Actions (4)
- FP7 / People-Marie Curie Actions COFUND (5)
- H2020 (253)
- H2020 / EIT (3)
- H2020 / ERC (150)
- H2020 / Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (263)
- H2020 / Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions COFUND (26)

SEARCH

NEED HELP?

16%

Finding an open position on the EURAXESS Portal:

Your search results (289)

Selected:

H2020 / Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions X

H2020 / Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions COFUND X

FILTER BY

SORT BY

(1 item)

SAVE JOB SEARCH LIST

POST DATE

DEADLINE

14/04/2021



Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

Marie Curie Early Stage Researcher in ITN - Astrotech - Disruptive materials, technologies...

[READ MORE](#)

APPLICATION DEADLINE

30/05/2021 00:00 - Europe/Brussels

RESEARCH FIELD

Biological sciences
Chemistry > Biochemistry
Neurosciences
Pharmacological sciences

LOCATION

Italy

COMPANY/INSTITUTE

Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche



How do you remain informed?



EURAXESS – Researchers in Motions

- Pan-European Initiative: Backed by the European Research Area (ERA)
- Supporting Researcher Mobility and Career Development
- Enhancing Scientific Collaboration between Europe and the World
- All services of EURAXESS are free of charge!



EURAXESS – Pillar 1: Jobs & Funding

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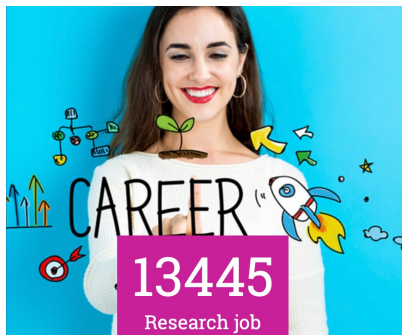
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Find talented and experienced staff at the click of a button.

SEARCH FOR JOB OFFERS

POST JOB OFFERS



13445

Research job positions available



146
Funding opportunities available

JOB OFFERS

FUNDING & HOSTING OFFERS

WORKING ENVIRONMENT

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Find funding for your research project!

You can find a wealth of information on research funding throughout Europe: from individual grants to supporting start-ups.

Alternatively, you might be a grant beneficiary and need a host organisation.

SEARCH FOR FUNDING

SEARCH FOR HOSTING

EURAXESS – Pillar 2: Information & Assistance

Settling in, working or leaving a European country?

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 BULGARIA	 GERMANY	 MALTA	 SLOVENIA
 CROATIA	 GREECE	 MOLDOVA	 SPAIN
 CYPRUS	 HUNGARY	 MONTENEGRO	 SWEDEN
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members

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FIND ORGANISATIONS



18809

Registered
Organisations
& Universities

EURAXESS – Pillars 4: EURAXESS Worldwide



EURAXESS – Australia and New Zealand



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EURAXESS – 2021 Q2 Activities

- Doing Funded PhD in Europe – April 15
- European Postdoctoral Fellowships – April 27
- Walk through exhibition on Horizon Europe – May 7
- Mission to South Australia – May 24-27
 - ❑ European Funding Opportunities at Flinders University: May 25
 - ❑ European Funding Opportunities at the University of Adelaide: May 26
- PhD & Postdoc Opportunity in the EU – Edition 1: June 10
- European Funding Opportunities at the University of Sydney: June 16
- Coffee chat with a Science Diplomat: June 29

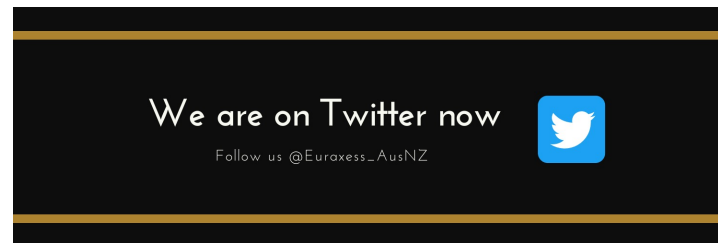
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