



2021-2027 budget:  
6.6 billion euro.



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The Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions are the European Union’s reference programme for doctoral education and postdoctoral training. They are funded under Horizon Europe.

# Focus on Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) for LAC researchers and institutions

The *Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions* are **European grants** offered to **researchers at all career stages** and in all scientific areas and to **organisations working in research and innovation** to encourage **transnational, intersectoral and interdisciplinary mobility**.

Between 2014 and 2020, the MSCA have supported 65 000 researchers in Europe and beyond and will fund over 60 000 researchers until 2027.

## Open to the world

The MSCA have a strong international dimension: international cooperation is particularly encouraged as it allows institutions to set up strategic collaborations worldwide, attracts foreign talents to Europe and provides researchers with access to unique expertise, facilities, testing environments or data available only outside their country.

## Eligibility to funding

**Latin American and Caribbean individual researchers** are fully eligible to funding.

**Organisations from any sector and country, including LAC countries** can participate in MSCA projects.

Although they can participate, **organisations from** Antigua and Barbuda, the Bahamas, Barbados, **Brazil, Chile, Mexico**, Panama, Saint Kitts & Nevis, Trinidad and Tobago and Uruguay are **not eligible for automatic funding**. However, they can host researchers and research & innovation staff at no cost. It is suggested that Brazilian and Mexican organisations check their local co-funding schemes to support their participation ([here](#) for Brazil, and [here](#) for Mexico).

## Four main actions

The four funding schemes within the MSCA relevant for LAC:

Doctoral Networks	<b>DN</b>	Supporting programmes to train doctoral candidates in academic and non-academic organisations. Three types: doctoral networks, Industrial Doctorates, Joint Doctorates
Postdoctoral Fellowships	<b>PF</b>	Supporting postdoctoral researchers to acquire new skills through advanced training, international, interdisciplinary and inter-sectoral mobility.
Staff Exchanges	<b>SE</b>	Encouraging collaborations between organisations through staff exchanges.
Co-funding of programmes	<b>COFUND</b>	Co-funding of regional, national and international: - doctoral programmes - postdoctoral programmes

Figure 1: Overview of the main funding schemes under the Marie Skłodowska Curie actions.

Useful links

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) – European Commission’s website providing all relevant information regarding the Marie Skłodowska-Curie programmes, fellowships, calls and applications: <https://marie-skłodowska-curie-actions.ec.europa.eu/>

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions **Frequently Asked Questions** [here](#).

Contact MSCA **National contact points (NCP)** in Europe or in LAC: [bit.ly/HorizonEurope\\_NCP](http://bit.ly/HorizonEurope_NCP) and check the MSCA NCPs project website: <https://msca-net.eu/>

**Did you know Institutions in LAC could host researchers based in EU for up to 2 years at no cost?** This opportunity is offered by the [MSCA Global Postdoctoral Fellowships](#), funded by the European Commission.



[Marie Curie Alumni Association – MCAA](#)

Membership of the MCAA is free of charge, and open to any past or present Marie Curie researcher.

So far, **local chapters** exist: **Andean-Caribbean**, [Argentina](#), [Brazil](#), [Chile](#) and **Mexico**.

## MSCA - What’s in it for Latin American and Caribbean researchers and institutions?

**1. Doctoral Networks (DN)** fund doctoral training programmes, putting special emphasis on non-academic sector participation and the innovation dimension.

**LAC research institutions:** This action is meant primarily for groups of organisations such as universities, research centres or companies, that propose a research training network. Organisations from LAC can join any consortia made of a minimum of three European partners to submit a proposal.

**Latin American and Caribbean researchers:** can apply to the PhD positions created by these networks, either in an Industrial or Joint Doctorate. They are advertised on the [Euraxess Job portal](#).

**2. Postdoctoral Fellowships (PF)** are for researchers with a PhD and up to 8 years of research experience to undertake their own research project at a host organisation in another country, thus gaining new skills through advanced training and possibly, intersectoral mobility.

**Researchers based in LAC** can apply for a **European fellowship** to perform a research stay of up to 2 years in Europe. Incentives support returning EU researchers.

**Researchers based in Europe** can apply for a **Global fellowship** to carry out research in a third country, such as any Latin American or Caribbean state, and return to Europe. They can also apply for a European fellowship for mobility within the [EU or Associated Countries to Horizon Europe](#) (EU/AC).

**Secondments** worldwide and **placements** to spend up to 6 additional months in the non-academic sector (in the EU or Associated Countries) are possible.

**Research institutions from LAC** (all countries) are eligible to host postdoctoral researchers coming from the European Union and Associated countries (EU/AC) for up to two years.

**3. Staff Exchanges (SE)** enable international and intersectoral collaboration based on short-term staff exchanges between organisations worldwide.

**LAC research institutions** can join a consortium as associated partners and receive and send staff at no cost. Institutions from Bahamas, Barbados, Brazil, Chile, Mexico, Panama, Trinidad and Tobago and Uruguay can also join but do not receive direct automatic funding from the European Commission.

**4. Co-Funding of regional, national and international programmes (COFUND)** calls are open to European research (funding) institutions.

**Organisations from LAC** can be associated partners in a proposal. COFUND supports doctoral or postdoctoral positions, which include transnational mobility.

**Researchers from LAC:** doctoral candidates can apply directly to the co-funded vacancies advertised on the [Euraxess Job portal](#), while experienced researchers apply directly with the funding organisations.

MSCA en español:

Lee la guía elaborada por los NCPs MSCA de España:

[Guía de Acciones Marie-Sklodowska-Curie \(MSCA\) para personal investigador e instituciones de América Latina y Caribe](#)

All **MSCA calls** are **annual** and advertised on the [Horizon Europe Funding and Tenders Portal](#).

**MSCA DN** calls are open to institutions only, individuals apply through [Euraxess](#).

**MSCA PF** are open to individual researchers. They apply in partnership with a host institution based in any [European member state or country associated to Horizon Europe](#).

In case of Global Postdoctoral Fellowships, institutions in LAC will be considered as “associated partners” will be considered as “associated partners”.

**MSCA SE** are open to institutions such as universities, research centres or companies from everywhere in the world.

**MSCA COFUND** are open to European funding organisations. Individuals apply through [Euraxess](#).

## Summary of opportunities

**Latin American and Caribbean researchers** can:

- **Undertake a PhD in Europe** offered by a Doctoral Network (DN) or under a COFUND programme (look for positions on the [Euraxess Job portal](#))
- **Carry out postdoctoral research in Europe** for up to two and a half years (PF/European Fellowships)
- **Move from a European country to another for postdoctoral research** if they are already based in Europe (PF/European Fellowships)
- If their institution participates in a staff exchanges project (SE), **spend one to 12 months at a partner institution in Europe**.

**Latin American and Caribbean research institutions**, being public or private, academic or not, can:

- **Host an EU-based postdoctoral researchers** for up to 2 years for free (PF/Global Fellowships)
- **Take part in a staff exchanges project** and thus receive researchers from European partner institutions and send their own staff and researchers on secondments to spend one to 12 months at a partner institution in Europe (SE)
- **Take part in a consortium** of complementary institutions to implement doctoral programmes (beneficiary) or host secondments (associated partner) to train PhD candidates (DN).

## Timetable of 2023-2024 calls:

