

### **MSCA**

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

Developing talents, advancing research





# Staff Exchanges

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### **Overview**

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Policy background



### Pillar I: Excellent Science

Reinforcing and extending the excellence of the Union's science base

### European Research Council

Frontier research by the best researchers and their teams

€16 billion

### Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions

Equipping researchers with new knowledge and skills through mobility and training

€6.6 billion

### Research Infrastructures

Integrated and interconnected world-class research infrastructures

€2.4 billion



# Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA)

### The MSCA have

5 main actions

#### Doctoral Networks

implement doctoral programmes (including joint doctorates and industrial doctorates) by international partnerships of organisations from different sectors. They train highly-skilled doctoral candidates, stimulate their creativity, enhance their innovation capacities and boost their employability in the long-term.

### Postdoctoral Fellowships

support researchers'
careers and foster excellence
in research and innovation.

Researchers holding a PhD can carry out their research activities, acquire new skills and develop their careers abroad, whilst developing competences in non-academic sectors and working within interdisciplinary teams.

#### Staff Exchanges

encourage short-term international and intersectoral exchanges of research and innovation staff through sustainable, collaborative projects in Europe and beyond. By doing so, they enhance knowledge and skills transfer and increase organisations' research and innovation capacities.

### MSCA and Citizens

brings research and
researchers closer
to children, families
and the public at
large through the
European Researchers'
Night - the annual
research communication
and promotion event
taking place at the end of
September across EU Member
States and Horizon Europe
Associated Countries.



co-finances regional,
national and
international doctoral
and postdoctoral
programmes
for researchers'
training and career
development. The
COFUND action spreads
MSCA's best practices by
setting high standards and
excellent working conditions,
and boosts training and
international, interdisciplinary
and inter-sectoral mobility.







Main features



# Objectives



International, inter-sectoral and interdisciplinary mobility of R&I staff ("secondments")

Knowledge transfer between participating organisations

Collaboration between the academic and non-academic sectors (including SMEs)

Cooperation across the globe



## **Key features – summary**



### **DURATION**

4 years (48 months) 360 PM per project



### **SECONDMENTS**

1-12 months per staff Interdisciplinary secondments: same sector, within Europe for max 1/3 PM



### **UNIT COST**

4600€ total
2 categories:
2300€ - Staff allowance
2300€ - organisation



### **BUDGET**

EU funding average 75,5 Mio€/call



Added value

**Staff members** 

Transferable skills & competences

Employability & career prospects

Ideas
converted into
products,
processes &
services

International exposure

Networking & communication

**Organisations** 

Transfer of knowledge

Collaborative networks

R&I capacity



# Eligible participants

### **Academic sector**







### Non-academic sector

European Commission

If organisations from the same sector, there must be at least 1 organisation from a non-associated Third Country\*

<sup>\*</sup> Secondments within EU MS or HE AC must be between different sectors (between academic and non-academic), except for interdisciplinary secondments, which must be limited to a maximum of 1/3 of the total implemented months.

# Eligible staff

### Work Programme 2021-2022 - Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

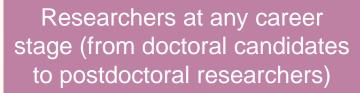
"Secondments are open for researchers at any career stage (from doctoral candidates to postdoctoral researchers), as well as administrative, managerial and technical staff supporting R&I activities under the action."



Any type of staff involved in R&I activities (researchers, administrative staff, managerial staff, technical staff)

Each staff member is seconded for a period of 1 to 12 months (may be split into several stays)

# Seconded staff members



Staff needs to be devoted **full-time** to the action during the secondment



Actively engaged in research and/or innovation activities for at least 1 month prior at the sending institution

After the secondment, staff should return to their sending organisation



# Eligible exchanges/secondments

"HOSTING" (receiving seconded staff members)

"SENDING" (sending staff members from organization) Academic organisation in MS/AC (1)

Non-academic organisation in MS/AC (2)

Associated Partners\* eligible for funding

Associated Partners non-eligible for funding Academic organisation Non-academic organisation **Associated Partners Associated Partners** non-eligible for funding in MS/AC (1) in MS/AC (2) eligible for funding

First level MSCA keywords

Chemistry (CHE)

C1-Inorganic Chemistry

Catalysis
Coordination chemistry
Inorganic and nuclear chemistry
NMP Non-Metallic Materials & basic processes
Organometallic chemistry
Radiation and nuclear chemistry

This symbol refers to same sector secondments up to 1/3 of the total implemented secondments funded by the EU as long as they are demonstrated to be interdisciplinary.

<sup>\*</sup> Associated Partners eligible for funding (see List of Participating Countries in Horizon Europe)



C2-Organic, Polymer and Molecular Chemistry

# What does Staff Exchanges fund?



Commission





# **Staff Exchanges**

# Proposal submission & evaluation

# **Proposal Submission**

https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/



All calls are published on the **Funding and Tender Opportunities Portal.**Applications are submitted through the portal:

- Find your call
- Sign in to the portal and register your organisation (get a PIC number)
- Find partners
- Apply!





# Funding and tenders (1)

MSCA Staff Exchanges 2022

HORIZON-MSCA-2022-SE-01-01

Programme Horizon Europe (HORIZON)

Type of action HORIZON TMA MSCA Staff Exchanges

Opening date 06 October 2022

Status

Deadline mod

Deadline date













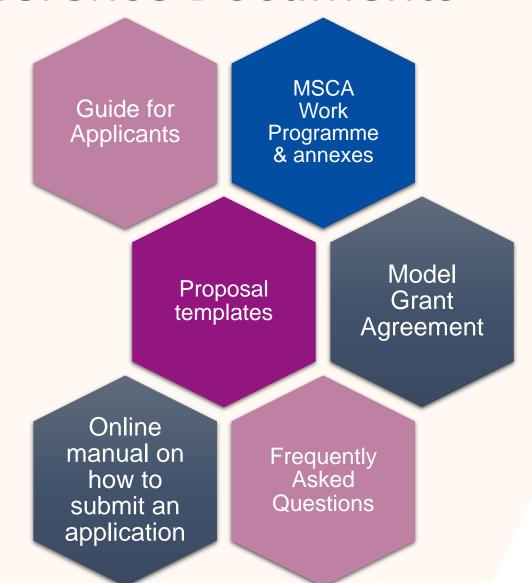
## Next MSCA SE calls

	2022	
Call	Opening Closing	Budget (M€)
Staff Exchanges	06/10/2022 08/03/2023	77,5





## Reference Documents





## Proposal documents



### Funding & tender opportunities

Single Electronic Data Interchange Area (SEDIA)



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### **Apply here!**

### Part A (structured data)

(to be filled online) contains administrative information about the applicant organisations

### Part B1 and B2 (description of action)

(to be downloaded from the Portal) contains the technical description of the project



#### Horizon Europe Programme

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Staff Exchanges (HE MSCA SE)

Application form (Part A) oject proposal - Technical description (Part B)

Version 5.0 4 October 2022



# **Evaluation criteria**

Excellence	Impact	Quality and efficiency of the implementation
Quality and pertinence of the project's research and innovation objectives (and the extent to which they are ambitious, and go beyond the state of the art)	Developing new and lasting <b>research collaborations</b> , achieving <b>transfer of knowledge</b> between participating organisations and contributing to improving <b>research and innovation potential</b> at the European and global level	Quality and effectiveness of the work plan, assessment of risks, and appropriateness of the effort assigned to work packages
Soundness of the <b>proposed methodology</b> (including i3 approaches, consideration of the gender dimension and other diversity aspects, and the quality of open science practices)	Credibility of the measures to enhance the <b>career perspectives</b> of staff members and contribution to their <b>skills development</b>	Quality, capacity and role of each participant, including hosting arrangements and extent to which the consortium as a whole brings together the necessary expertise
Quality of the proposed interaction between the participating organisations in light of the research and innovation objectives	Suitability and quality of the measures to maximise expected outcomes and impacts, as set out in the dissemination and exploitation plan, including communication activities	
	The magnitude and importance of the project's contribution to the expected scientific, societal and economic impacts	
50%	30%	20%





# Tips and tricks

# Closely follow the call requirements

Be in line with the action's objectives and expected outcomes

### Get a second opinion

Have your proposal proof-read by a colleague and pre-screened by your NCP

# Follow available guidelines

Use the structure provided in the template and address all the evaluation criteria

# Sustainability of collaboration

Describe the benefits of cooperation and how they can go beyond this project

# Highlight the EU dimension

Show that your proposal addresses EU policy priorities and/or societal challenges

Contact your
National Contact Point
(NCP)



# Work as an Expert



#### Work as an expert

The European Union Institutions appoint external experts to assist in the evaluation of grant applications, projects and tenders, and to provide opinions and advice in specific cases.



In particular, experts assist in:

- · Evaluation of proposals, prize applications and tenders
- . Monitoring of actions, grant agreements, public procurement contracts

In addition, experts provide opinion and advise on:

 Preparation, implementation and evaluation of EU programmes and design of policies.

In order to select experts, the European Union Institutions publish regularly calls for expression of interest (see list below) detailing the selection criteria, the required expertise, the description of the tasks, their duration and the conditions of remuneration.

Interested? Please join the database of external experts!

#### Register as expert

As new expert, you will be first requested to create your EU login account and register your profile.

Registered experts can update the profile via the My Expert Area after login.



### Next info session

Join our online info session and learn more about MSCA Staff Exchanges!

SAVE THE DATE



Via the webstream link

Q&A and polls available via Slido! (event code #SE22)

The info session will be in English. Participation is free.



# Thank you!

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