MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships in HORIZON EUROPE

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Content

Policy background and principles

Rules for participation

Some tips and hints for success
BACKGROUND, PRINCIPLES AND PRIORITIES

Contribution to:
- European Research Area (ERA)
- European Education Area (EEA)
- EU External policy objectives

Commitment to:
- European Charter for Researchers
- Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers
- Innovative Doctoral Training Principles

Underlying principles:
- Open Science with Open Access
- Responsible Research and Innovation
POLICY OBJECTIVES (HE regulation)

- **Equip researchers with new knowledge and skills** through mobility and exposure across borders, sectors and disciplines
- **Enhance training and career development** systems
- **Help laying foundations of Europe’s excellent research**, contributing to boosting jobs, growth and investment and solving current and future societal challenges
- **Encourage inter-sectoral exposure through incentives** aiming to develop transferable skills (e.g. innovation, entrepreneurship) and to improve employability and career prospects
MSCA: A WORLD REFERENCE FOR RESEARCH AND TRAINING

Attractive and inclusive opportunities for researchers/research staff of any nationality at every stage of their careers
RULES FOR PARTICIPATION IN MSCA PF
MSCA PF OBJECTIVES

to enhance the creative and innovative potential of researchers holding a PhD

to acquire new skills through advanced training, international, interdisciplinary and inter-sectoral mobility

open to excellent researchers of any nationality, including researchers wishing to reintegrate in Europe, researchers who are displaced by conflict as well as researchers with high potential aiming for a career restart in research

encourages researchers to work on R&I projects in the non-academic sector
**European Postdoctoral Fellowships** - open to researchers of any nationality who wish to engage in R&I projects by either coming to Europe from any country in the world or moving within Europe.

**Global Postdoctoral Fellowships** - open to European nationals or long-term residents who wish to engage in R&I projects with organisation outside EU Member States and Horizon Europe Associated Countries.
## BASIC DATA

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<th>European fellowships</th>
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<td>Global fellowships</td>
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REQUIREMENTS

Require PhD degree at the call deadline

Eligibility

• **up to 8 years of research experience after PhD** at the call deadline
• Years **outside research and career breaks** will not be counted
• **Mobility rule** = Not resided/main activity in the country of beneficiary (EF: MS or HE AC) or host organisation (GF: TC) for **more than 12 months in the 36 months before deadline**
• For nationals & long-term residents of EU MS and AC, who wish to **reintegrate from a TC to Europe** (i.e. direct mobility to an EU MS or AC within the last 12 months before the call deadline), time of research **experience in the TC will not be counted**

Restrict resubmissions with score less than 70% (as of 2022) to the following year

The information in this presentation is still subject to change.
HOW DOES PF WORK?

**Joint preparation:** ER and the Host Institution (Beneficiary)

A researcher (ER) can only submit **one proposal**

A supervisor can submit **different proposals with different ER**

**Aim for the best match** fellow/supervisor/institution

**Involve the Host institution capacities in submission and pre-screening**

**PARTNER ORGANISATION**

**SUPERVISOR** + **FELLOW** + **HOST INSTITUTION** = **INDIVIDUAL FELLOWSHIP**
PROPOSAL STRUCTURE

Doc 1 name: Proposal Number-Acronym-Part B1

Start Page
Table of Contents
List of Participating Org. etc.
1 Excellence starts on page 5
2 Impact
3 Implementation

1 whole page each
2 whole p, remaining space left blank
max. 10 pages !!!

Doc 2 name: Proposal Number-Acronym-Part B2

4 CV of the experienced researcher
5 Capacities of the Participating Org.
6 Ethics Issues no page limit
7 Letter of Commitment of Partner Organisations

max. 1 p./org. (1 for PO)

Submitted as pdf, max. 10 MB / doc.
Excess pages invisible
GF only – if not included= inadmissible
MSCA PF BUDGET

### Contributions for recruited researchers

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<th>Allowance</th>
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<td>Living allowance</td>
<td>EUR 5 080&lt;sup&gt;1&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
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<td>Mobility allowance</td>
<td>EUR 600</td>
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<td>Family allowance (if applicable)</td>
<td>EUR 660</td>
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<td>Long-term leave allowance (if applicable)</td>
<td>EUR 5 680 x % covered by the beneficiary</td>
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<td>Special needs allowance (if applicable)</td>
<td>Requested unit&lt;sup&gt;2&lt;/sup&gt; x (1/number of months)</td>
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### Institutional unit contributions

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<td>Research, training and networking contribution</td>
<td>EUR 1 000</td>
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<td>Management and indirect contribution</td>
<td>EUR 650</td>
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<sup>1</sup> Country Correction Coefficient is used.

<sup>2</sup>The pre-defined categories are as follows: EUR 3 000, EUR 4 500, EUR 6 000, EUR 9 500, EUR 13 000, EUR 18 500, EUR 27 500, EUR 35 500, EUR 47 500 and EUR 60 000.
# Evaluation criteria for PF

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<th>Excellence</th>
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<th>Impact</th>
<th>30%</th>
<th>Implementation</th>
<th>20%</th>
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<td>Clarity and pertinence of the project’s <strong>research and innovation objectives</strong> (and the extent to which they are ambitious, and <strong>go beyond the state of the art</strong>)</td>
<td>Credibility of the proposed pathways to achieve the <strong>expected outcomes and impacts</strong> specified in the work programme, and the likely scale and significance of the contributions due to the project</td>
<td>Suitability and quality of the <strong>measures to maximise expected outcomes and impacts</strong>, as set out in the dissemination and exploitation plan, including communication activities</td>
<td>Quality and effectiveness of the <strong>work plan, management structures, assessment of risks, hosting arrangements and appropriateness of the allocation of tasks and resources</strong></td>
<td>Quality of the host institutions and participating organisations’ <strong>infrastructure, facilities and logistics</strong></td>
<td>Quality of the measures to enhance the <strong>career perspectives and employability</strong> of researchers and contribution to their <strong>skills development</strong></td>
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**MSCA-2024-PF-01-01 CALL**


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### MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships 2024
HORIZON-MSCA-2024-PF-01-01

**General information**

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<th>Programme</th>
<th>Horizon Europe Framework Programme (HORIZON)</th>
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<td>Call</td>
<td><strong>MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships 2024 (HORIZON-MSCA-2024-PF-01)</strong></td>
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<td>HORIZON-TMA-MSCA-PF-EF HORIZON TMA MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships - European Fellowships</td>
<td>HORIZON Unit Grant [HORIZON-AG-UN]</td>
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**Deadline model**
- single-stage

**Planned opening date**
- 19 April 2024

**Deadline date**
- 11 September 2024 17:00:00 Brussels time

### Expected Outcomes
- Project results are expected to contribute to the following outcomes:
- For supported postdoctoral fellows...

### Topic destination
- MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships (2023/24)
SOME TIPS AND HINTS FOR SUCCESS
**PAY ATTENTION TO:**

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<td>• Clearly and pertinence of research and innovation objectives</td>
<td>• <strong>Secondments</strong> of researchers encouraged when relevant, feasible and beneficial and in line with the project objectives</td>
<td>• Quality of supervision</td>
<td>• Researcher’s training and career needs</td>
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<td>• Sound and detailed research methodology</td>
<td>• <strong>Key transferable skills and competences</strong></td>
<td>• Mentoring arrangements</td>
<td>• Training activities</td>
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<td>• Explain originality and state-of-art, interdisciplinarity and gender dimension of research</td>
<td>• Training through research</td>
<td>• Career guidance</td>
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<td>• Existing researchers experience and skills related to the research</td>
<td>• Developing scientific skills</td>
<td>• Quality of research group under supervisor and integration in the group</td>
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<td>• Inter-sectoral and interdisciplinary knowledge transfer</td>
<td>• Quality of institutional support to researcher</td>
<td>• Participation in conferences and events aiming at opening science and research to citizens</td>
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<td>• <strong>Complementarity</strong> between supervisor and researcher</td>
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- Inter-sectoral and interdisciplinary knowledge transfer.
- Quality of supervision.
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- Career guidance.
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- Quality of institutional support to researcher.
- Reference of the supervisor.
- Complementarity between supervisor and researcher.
- Experience with project management.
- Revised and updated within 18 months.
- In line with European Charter for Researchers.
Tips and hints

- Read all the documents you need to read
- Check your eligibility criteria. Remember: annual calls!
- Talk to your host institution and your supervisor: preparing a good PF proposal needs time and dedication
- It is about research, training and career development, not just an individual research project
- Bottom up yes, but keep in mind the goals of the EC
- Re-submissions: evaluators will not know until after the evaluation has been done:
  - Is it not only about improving the weaknesses
  - Check the state of the art and if your project/approach/methodology is still innovative
- Perseverance: maybe not the 1st time.....but you don’t loose, you learn!
**TAKE AWAYS**

- African researchers eligible for MSCA PF as presented
- Necessity to find EU MS/AC host/partners
- Increase your research visibility (articles, congresses, ...)
- Start with low profile activities if not experienced
- Be proactive – offer your expertise on portals and fora
- Join different associations to increase visibility
- TRY and Don’t Give Up!!!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!!!

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