



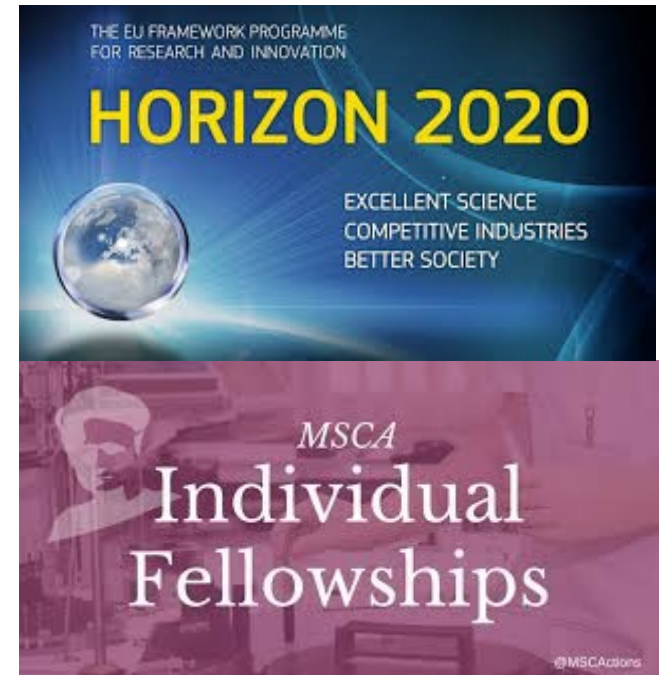
Doctoral & Postdoctoral Research in Europe with a MSCA Fellowship

What are the MSCA?



Marie Curie Actions

MSCA stands for Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions



But I thought Horizon 2020 is ending?



Marie Curie Actions

Coming soon!

Horizon Europe: 2021 - 2027



Postdoctoral Research in Europe: MSCA Individual Fellowships



MSCA - Individual Fellowships Call 2021

- **Call dates to be announced at the beginning of 2021**

MSCA - Individual Fellowships are:

- **Personal postdoctoral fellowships to support a period of mobility**
- **Fully-funded for 1 to 2 years**
- **Academic or non-academic host**
- **A comprehensive career development tool**

Which research topics are funded?



MSCA - Individual Fellowships are:

- **Open to all domains of research and innovation chosen freely by the researcher**
- **Bottom-up principle**

Who can apply for a MSCA - Individual Fellowship?



MSCA - Individual Fellowships are:

- **Open to all nationalities!**
- **Open to all academic disciplines!**
- **No age or experience limit!**

Eligibility Criterion 1 - Qualifications

Experienced Researchers (ER):

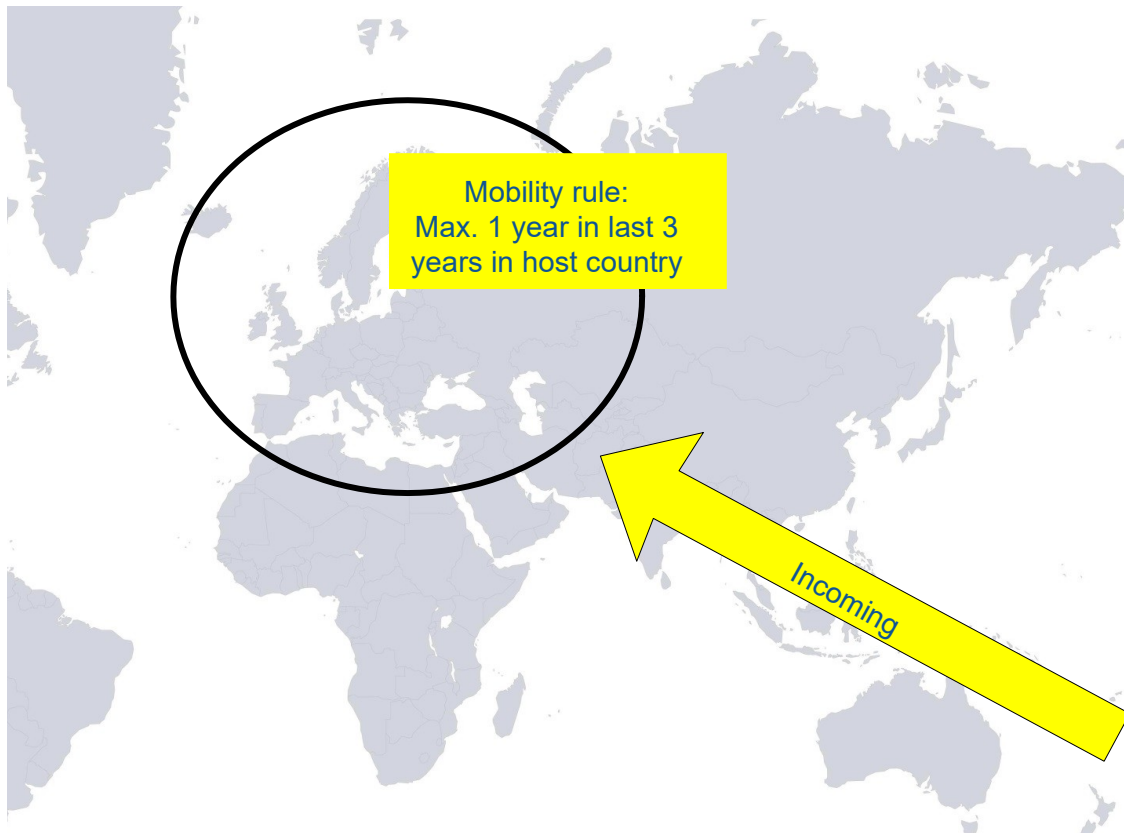
PhD or at least 4 years of research experience at the relevant deadline for submission of proposals

- Open to **experienced** researchers
- No upper age or experience limit
- However ... must demonstrate career progression

Question: What does 'research experience' mean?

Time you have spent conducting research in a **full-time position** after completion of your university degree that entitles you to read for a PhD. In most countries this is the Master degree. However, depending on country this may also be a Bachelor degree. You must be able to document that the work you have carried out was research, for example, employment contract, lab results, research output.

Eligibility criterion 2 – Mobility



**European
Fellowships –
Moving to
Europe**

12-24 months

**Mobility rule
applies**

Where can I go to with a European Fellowship?



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

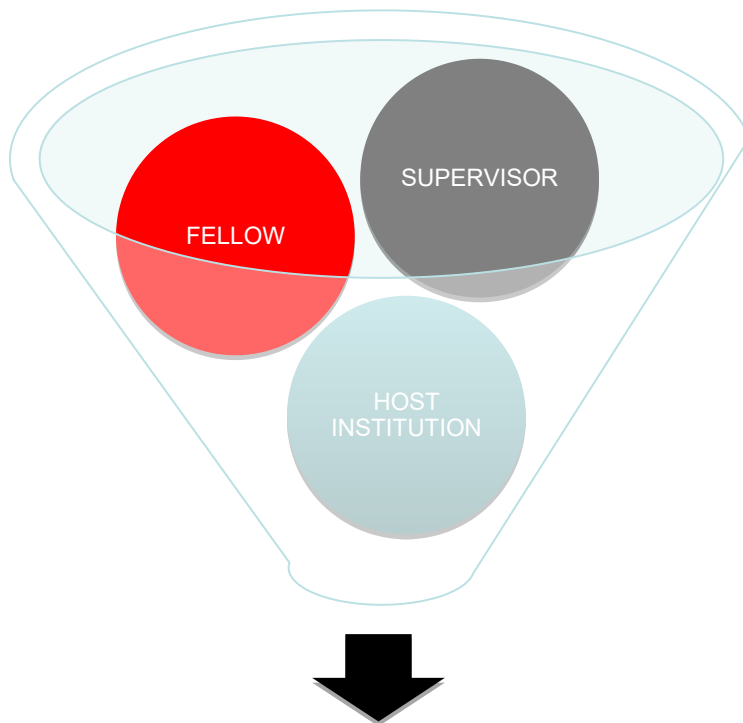
16 Associated Countries

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

What else is unique about the MSCA - Individual Fellowship?



MSCA IF are a joint effort!



**MSCA IF proposals
are a joint effort
between Fellow
and the Host
(supervisor)**

**INDIVIDUAL
FELLOWSHIP**

What type of host institution can you chose?



MSCA Fellows can be hosted by public or private sector research actors

- **universities**
- **research institutes**
- **private companies**

- **Secondments are possible to and from the non-academic sector: 3 – 6 months**
- **Can spend up to 6 months (in total) working in another organisation (ideally in another sector) in Europe.**
- **Opportunity to link with industry, NGO, public sector, national archive etc.**

What are the evaluation criteria for an MSCA Individual Fellowship?



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• **Excellence**

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• **Impact**

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• **Implementation**

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• Researcher's CV (5 pages max)

5

• Capacities of the host(s) - Tables

6

• Ethics issues

7

• Letters of Commitment (GF only)

**10
pages
max**

Excellence	Impact	Implementation
<p>Quality, innovative aspects and credibility of the research (including inter/multidisciplinary aspects)</p>	<p>Enhancing research- and innovation-related human resources, skills and working conditions to realise the potential of individuals and to provide new career perspectives</p>	<p>Overall coherence and effectiveness of the work plan, including appropriateness of the allocation of tasks and resources</p>
<p>Clarity and quality of transfer of knowledge/training for the development of researcher in light of the research objectives</p>	<p>Effectiveness of the proposed measures for communication and results dissemination</p>	<p>Appropriateness of the management structures and procedures, including quality management and risk management</p>
<p>Quality of the supervision and the hosting arrangements</p>		<p>Appropriateness of the institutional environment (infrastructure)</p>
<p>Capacity of the researcher to reach or re-enforce a position of professional</p>		<p>Competences, experience and complementarity of the participating</p>



**Wait! – What
about researchers
that do not have a
PhD yet?**



Other PhD & Postdoctoral Fellowship Opportunities in MSCA

Apply for a PhD or Postdoctoral Fellowship in a MSCA-funded Research Consortium

- ***EC-funded research consortia in various scientific disciplines***
- ***Dedicated to training next generation of scientific experts in specific fields***
- ***PhD opportunities and Postdoctoral Fellowships on offer***

Application

MSCA Individual Fellowships (MSCA-IF)

***1 Call per year
Budget per call ~500 million
EUR***

***Application via online
application tool (Participant
Portal)***

MSCA Funded PhD and Postdoc Fellowships

***Several Calls throughout the
year***

***Application directly with the
research consortium***

***All open calls advertised on
[EURAXESS Jobs](#)***

Where do I find more information?



Marie Curie Actions

MSCA website:

<http://ec.europa.eu/msca>

Participant Portal:

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/>

EURAXESS ASEAN Portal



<https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/worldwide/asean>

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