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# Marie Skłodowska- Curie Actions

Your research  
career in  
Europe

# ***What are the Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions?***

A European Union funded programme for structuring researcher **training, mobility and career development**

## **Guiding principles:**

- **Career development**
- **Bottom-up approach**
- **Mobility**
- **Enhanced business-academia collaboration and staff exchange**
- **Excellent employment and working conditions**

# *Who, what and where?*

- **Who: All levels** of research experience from PhD researcher upwards – there are actions for different levels of experience.
- **What: All areas** of research are supported: bottom-up approach
- **Where: Anywhere:** any research performing organisation, public or private worldwide - there are actions for European and international mobility.

## Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

<b>Innovative Training Networks</b>	<b>ITN</b> early-stage researchers ( < 4 years)	Doctoral and initial training: European Training Networks, European Industrial Doctorates, European Joint Doctorates
<b>Individual Fellowships</b>	<b>IF</b> experienced researchers ( > 4 years)	Support for experienced researchers to undertake international and inter-sector mobility, incl. career restart and reintegration
<b>Research and Innovation Staff Exchange</b>	<b>RISE</b>	International and inter-sector cooperation through the exchange of staff
<b>Co-funding of programmes</b>	<b>COFUND</b>	Co-funding of regional, national and international programmes: - doctoral programmes (ESR) - fellowship programmes (ER)



**WHICH ACTIONS**  
are suited for me?

## Depends on experience and type of mobility

### Experience: Support for 2 categories of researchers:

***Early Stage Researcher:*** Less than 4 years of research experience\*, and without a doctoral degree ("pre-doc")

***Experienced Researcher:*** In possession of a doctoral degree or at least 4 years of res. experience\* ("post-doc")

\*counted from the time when is entitled to embark on a doctoral degree



**Experienced researcher /  
Post-doc level:**

Apply for **your own fellowship:**

through **IF**

and/or

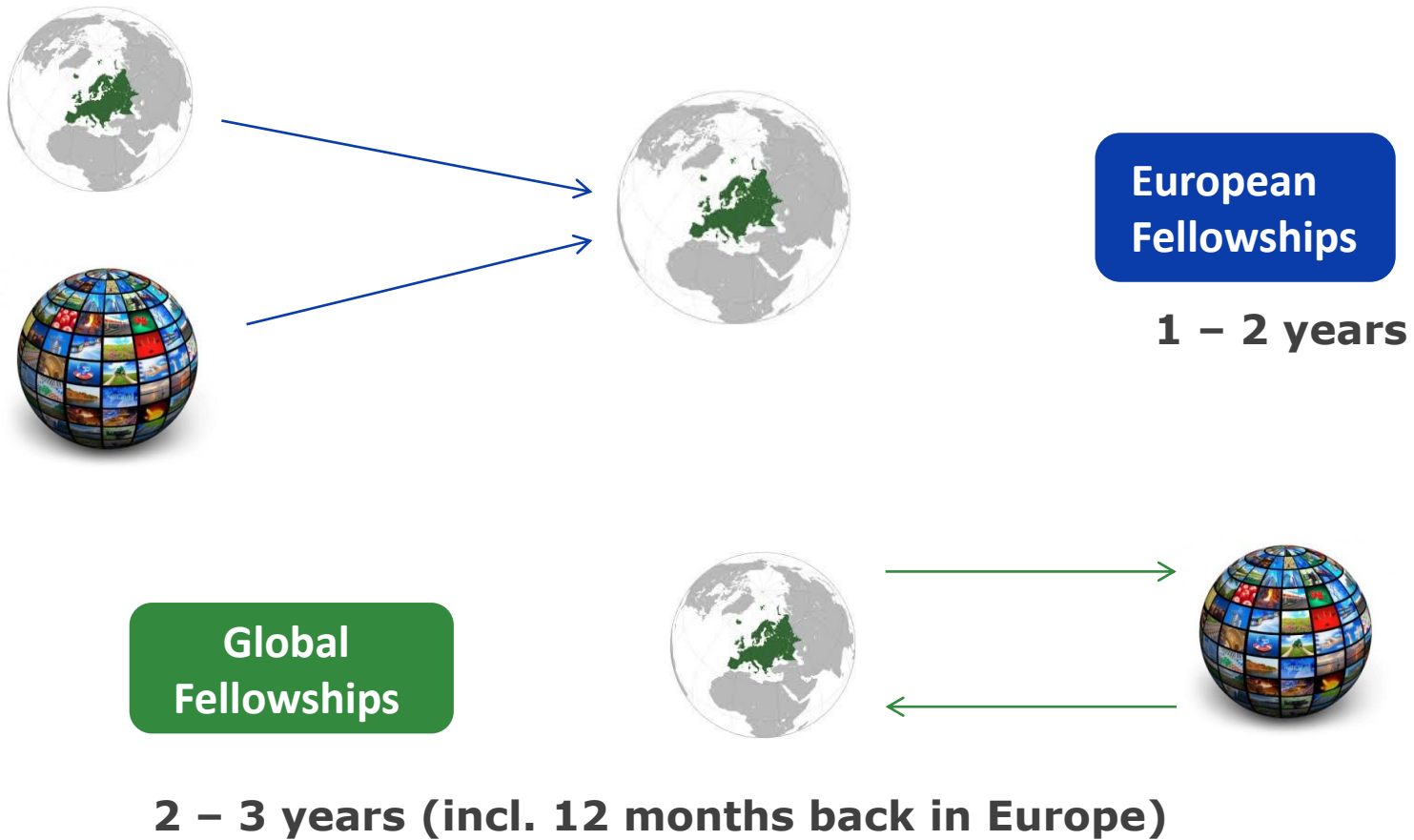
through **COFUND**

## Individual Fellowships



- A personal fellowship to support a period of mobility
- For Experienced Researchers
  - Post-PhD or equivalent
  - No upper age or experience limit
- Fully-funded fellowships
  - Salary, research costs etc.
- Academic or non-academic host

# IF – European and Global







# Going to Europe: European Fellowships

Held in the **EU or associated countries**

Open to researchers coming **to Europe**

European Fellowships can also include a **secondment period** of up to 3 or 6 months in another organisation in Europe, where this would boost the impact of the fellowship.



# Going to ASEAN: Global Fellowships

Fund secondments outside Europe for researchers based in the EU or associated countries.

Open to researchers working in Europe moving to rest of the world.

**Research institution in ASEAN can host a MSCA IF grantee from Europe.**

## Mobility is key

You cannot apply for a fellowship in a country where you have lived for >12 months in the 3 years before the Call deadline

## Mobility to / from ...

### **28 EU Members**

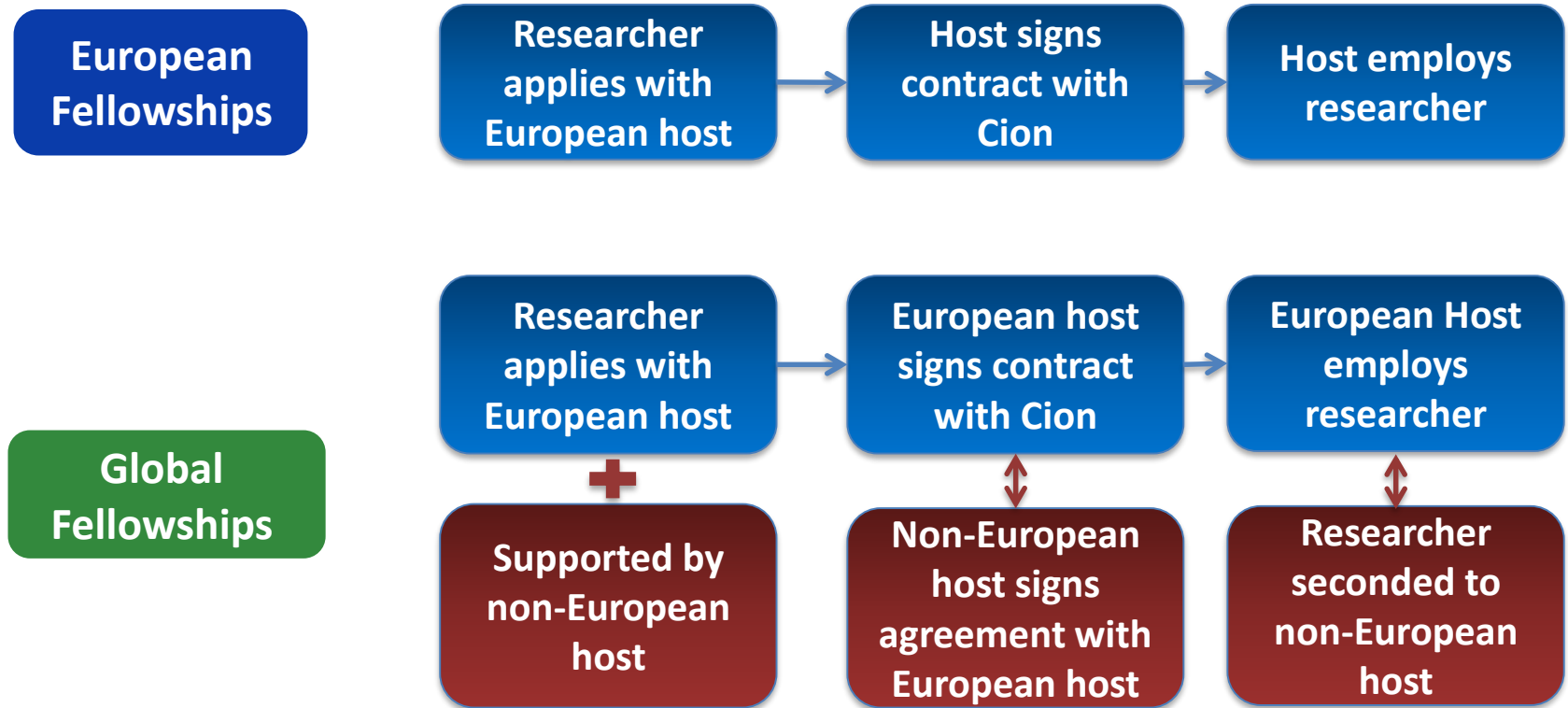
Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria,  
Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic,  
Denmark, Estonia, Germany,  
Greece, Finland, France,  
Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia,  
Lithuania, Luxemburg, Malta,  
Netherlands, Poland, Portugal,  
Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia,  
Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom

### **13 Associated Countries**

Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina,  
Faroe Islands, FYROM, Island,  
Israel, Liechtenstein, Moldova,  
Montenegro, Norway, Serbia,  
Switzerland, Turkey



## How it works



# More than just a research project; a career development fellowship

## **1. Scientific excellence**

- *Training through research (individual project)*

## **2. Interdisciplinary skills**

- *Additional scientific skills (new techniques, instruments etc.)*
- *Transferable skills (e.g. communication, IPR, entrepreneurship etc.)*
- *Research and financial management of the fellowship*
- *Organising and taking part in events (including public engagement)*
- *Training in gender and ethics issues*

# More than just a research project; a career development fellowship

## ***3. Inter-sectoral mobility***

*Secondments 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.**

## ***4. Networking***

*Strengthening networking capabilities both for researchers and for organisations involved*

# Funding Model



Categories of eligible costs	Costs of researcher PER MONTH			Institutional costs PER MONTH	
	Living allowance (a)	Mobility allowance (b)	Family allowance (c)	Research, training and networking costs (a)	Management and indirect costs (b)
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IF (100%)	4 650	600	500	800	650

- Fellow's Salary = Living Allowance + Mobility Allowance (+ Family Allowance)
- Rates in table are inclusive of employers' costs (e.g. employer's PRSI, pension contribution)
- A country coefficient applies to the Living Allowance (e.g. 113.5 for Ireland, 68.3 for Romania)
- Estimated Gross Salary (prior to employee's tax, social security and pension deductions)
  - €55,000 p.a. (no family allowance)
  - €60,000 p.a. (with family allowance)

# How to apply

## ***Prospective Fellow***

- 1. Find a host organisation and a supervisor*
- 2. Look for ads on [EURAXESS](#)*
- 3. Ask your supervisor for recommendations*
- 4. Write the application together*
- 5. Submit application together*

## ***Prospective Supervisor (in ASEAN)***

- 1. Find an applicant*
- 2. Search EURAXESS CV Database OR post on EURAXESS*
- 3. Ask research collaborators for recommendations*
- 4. Write the application together*
- 5. Submit application together*

**Apply at Horizon 2020 Participant Portal:**  
<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/>

- 1 • Excellence
- 2 • Impact
- 3 • Implementation
- 4 • 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



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# Evaluation

# Evaluation Panels

Proposals are read by at least 3 disciplinary experts

Distribution of awards across Panels is proportional to # of proposals received

From Call deadline to Grant Agreement Signature – 8 months max.

**Global Fellowships/Standard European Fellowships – single disciplinary ranking**

- Chemistry (CHE)
- Physics (PHY)
- Mathematics (MAT)
- Life Sciences (LIF)
- Economic Sciences (ECO)
- ICT and Engineering (ENG)
- Social Sciences & Humanities (SOC)
- Earth & Environmental Sciences (ENV)

**Reintegration (RI) European Fellowship – multidisciplinary ranking**

**Career Restart (CAR) European Fellowship – multidisciplinary ranking**

# Evaluation Criteria

Criterion	Weighting	Priority (ex-aequo)
Excellence	50%	1
Impact	30%	2
Implementation	20%	3

**Overall threshold of 70%**  
**No individual thresholds**



<b>Excellence (50%) Priority 1</b>	<b>Impact (30%) Priority 2</b>	<b>Implementation (20%) Priority 3</b>
<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>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>Effectiveness of the proposed measures for communication and results dissemination</p>	<p>Appropriateness of the institutional environment (infrastructure)</p>
<p>Capacity of the researcher to reach or re-enforce a position of professional maturity in research</p>		<p>Competences, experience and complementarity of the participating organisations and institutional commitment</p>





**MSCA-IF call 2018  
to open in April 2018  
with a deadline of September 2018**

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## Statistics

### Numbers referring to MSCA-IF call 2015

Number of proposals evaluated: 7407

Number of proposal retained for funding: 1053

Success rate: 14.2%

Average score of retained proposal: 94.3%

### Numbers referring to MSCA-IF call 2014

Number of evaluated proposals that included a secondment phase: 2189 (29.5%)

Number of successful applicants who were Ph holders at time of application: 6803 (91.8%)

# Hints for a successful proposal



- Look for a network or host institute and supervisor (you can only submit **one application per call**)
- **Design** your research project in time
- Consider **appropriate secondment options**
- Think about the proposal in the context of the **Evaluation Criteria** (see Guide for Applicants for the current calls and examples provided)
- Proposal should make the evaluators' "life" easier (consistent, well-written, "built" around the award criteria)
- The evaluators may not all be world experts in exactly the area of your proposal – avoid using very specific jargon and acronyms

# Hints for a successful proposal



- Provide the evaluators with evidence for your claims, but avoid external resources (links to websites etc.)
- Graphics and charts can be very helpful, but don't overdo it! Make sure they are readable in black & white.
- Explain the contribution that your project is expected to make. Your project should be **innovative** and original.
- Demonstrate the expertise of the host institutions as well as the expertise of the supervisor/research staff in the field of research you want to explore.
- Describe how this project will contribute to development of the researchers career and to network enhancement
- **Find a successful proposal** (Google also helps—"Part B")

***Read this!!***

**HOW TO WRITE A WINNING PROPOSAL**  
**FOR INDIVIDUAL FELLOWSHIPS (IF)**  
**EVIDENCE FROM EVALUATION SUMMARY**  
**REPORTS**



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# ***Other Job & Fellowship Opportunities in MSCA***

## Opportunity 1: Apply for a job in an FP7 Marie Curie Action

- Actions funded during FP7 (2007 – 2013)
- Initial Training Network (**ITN**)
- Industry-Academia Partnerships & Pathways (**IAPP**)
- Requires PhD or four years of research experience after primary degree (*Experienced Researcher*): for ITN, no more than five years of experience (includes years spent completing PhD, if relevant)
- All advertised on **EURAXESS Jobs**
- Search filter for “**Marie Curie Vacancies**”

## Mobility Rule

- To be eligible you must not have resided in the country of host organisation for > 12 months in the last 3 years on the day you begin your employment contract.
  - Example 1: If applying for a Marie Curie job in France, you must not have resided in France for > 12 months in the 3 years before starting the job.
  - Example 2: If you have lived in Ireland for < 12 months in the last 3 years, you can apply for a Marie Curie job at an Irish organisation.
- No nationality/citizenship/age restrictions



## Opportunity 2: Apply for a fellowship in a COFUND Fellowship Programme

- National or International Fellowship Schemes
- Co-funded by FP7 MCA/Horizon 2020 MSCA, but operated by national/international organisations in European Countries
- Need PhD or four years of research experience after primary degree (*Experienced Researcher*)
- Each scheme is different, with different eligibility/mobility rules. In principle, researcher apply with support of host organisation



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### COFUND projects in the FP7-PEOPLE-Programme

Listed here, you will find COFUND projects of the Seventh Framework Programme (FP7-PEOPLE). Each project is funded by the European Commission's Marie Curie Action "Co-funding of Regional, National and International Programmes".

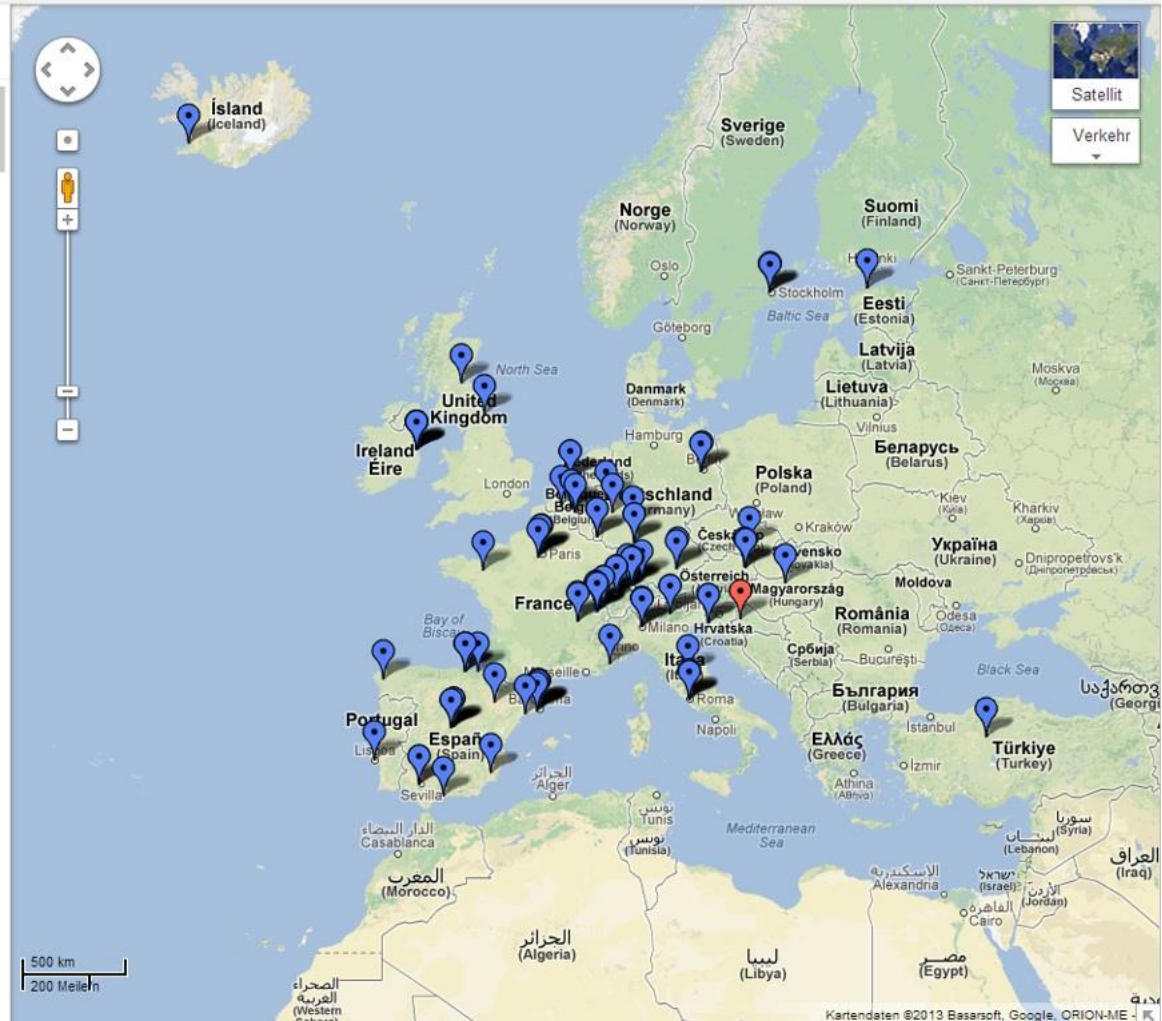
For more information about the granted COFUND projects, click on the institution name where you will find additional details regarding the projects including brief descriptions, contact information for project coordinators in Europe and the total amount of EU funding awarded to the project.

Öffentlich · 2 Mitbearbeiter · 1.466 Ansichten  
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- NEWFELPRO New International Fellowship Mobility Programme for Experienced Researchers**  
Project status: Accepted Organization name: Ministarstvo Znanosti Obrazovanja i Sporta Tel: +385 14569000 Fax: +385 14594301 E-Mail: office@mzos.hr Address: Donje Svetice Ul., 10000 Zagreb, HRVATSKA...
- Erwin Schroedinger Fellowships**  
Project status: Execution Organization name: Fonds zur wissenschaftlichen Foerderung der Forschung Name: Barbara ZIMMERMANN Tel: +43 150567408501 URL: http://www.fwf.ac.at Address Sens...
- Erwin Schrödinger Program**  
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- INDAM Fellowships in Mathematics &/or Applications fo experienced Researchers cofunded by MCA**  
Project status: Execution Organization name: Istituto Nazionale di Alta Matematica "Francesco Severi" Name: Custode LOFEGO Tel: +39 06490320 Fax: +39 064462293 URL: http://www.altamatem...
- UPM - MC International Mobility Programme**  
Project status: Execution Organization name: Universidad



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on EURAXESS Jobs**

What are you looking for?

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Your search results (167)

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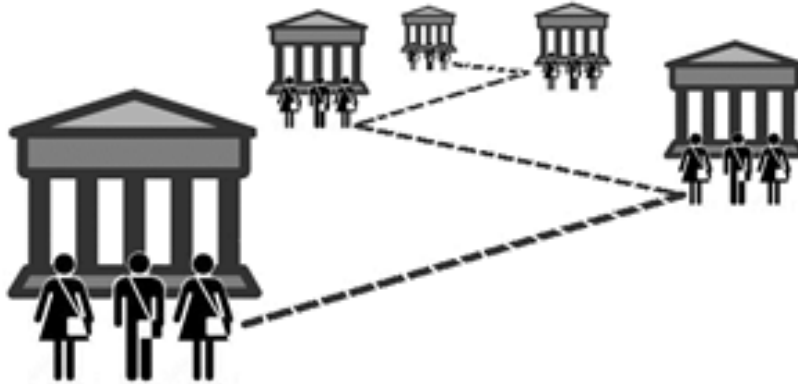
## Indo-Swedish Call for proposals in the field of Ageing and Health (ICMR-FORTE)

Type: News | Updated: 08/02/2017

Outline The Indian Council for Medical Research (ICMR) and Forte, the Swedish Research Council for Health Working Life and Welfare, invite proposals for collaborative research projects in the field of ageing and health, focussing on developing affordable and appropriate innovative assistive technology for the disabled elderly and methods of home based care interventions for the elderly. This call is open for joint proposals from research teams based in India and Sweden What is funded The Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation in the field of Health Care and Public Health between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Kingdom of Sweden signed in 2009 covers...

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# Research and Innovation Staff Exchange RISE





- New type of exchange-of-staff-action to stimulate transfer of knowledge
- Academic and non-academic participants
- Flexible inter-sector and international (outside Europe) exchange of highly skilled research and innovation staff members
- Work with existing staff – no recruitment foreseen
- Based on a common project on research and innovation
- Bottom up approach – no predefined scientific priorities



**RISE call will OPEN  
1 December 2017**

Closes: 5 April 2018  
@ 17:00:00 Brussels time

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# Where can I get help?

## 1. EURAXESS Portal

- Find a European host
- Find a European partner

Tip: Sign up!

## 2. EURAXESS ASEAN

- training workshops
- guidance
- connection to European application counsellors (NCPs)



# Marie Curie Malaysia Representatives



**Dr Moritz Mueller**  
Swinburne University of  
Technology, Sarawak Campus



**Dr. Mohd Mustafa Al Bakri  
Abdullah**  
Center of Excellence  
Geopolymer and Green  
Technology (CEGeoGTech),  
Universiti Malaysia Perlis  
(UniMAP), Malaysia

## Online resources

### **MSCA website:**

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

### **MSCA on Facebook:**

<https://www.facebook.com/Marie.Curie.Actions>

### **Participant Portal:**

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

### **EURAXESS European Researchers Mobility Portal:**

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