

FRANCO-FINNISH COOPERATION MSCA POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS

Mobility programme Maupertuis

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MSCA: A world reference for research and training



Researchers' training, skills and career development (all stages of career)



Excellent research in all domains (bottom-up approach)



International, cross-sectoral & interdisciplinary mobility



Attractive working and employment conditions



Structuring impact on organisations through excellent programmes



Strong collaboration with industry and SMEs

The MSCA under Horizon Europe

Doctoral Networks

*Doctoral programmes
in and outside
academia incl. joint &
industrial doctorates*

Postdoctoral Fellowships

*Support to excellent
postdoctoral
researchers*

Staff Exchanges

*Support for research
and innovation staff
exchanges*

COFUND

*Co-funding doctoral
and postdoctoral
programmes*

MSCA and Citizens

*Public outreach events
(Nights)*

Total budget 2021-2027: €6.6 billion

Postdoctoral Fellowships (PF) - overview

A mono-beneficiary action to support postdoctoral research and careers

Main objectives

- **Enhance** the creative and innovative **potential**
- **Foster excellence**
- Support intersectoral, international and interdisciplinary mobility **(the 3 I's)**
- Provide opportunities to acquire and transfer new knowledge
- Bridge and encourage **exposure to the non-academic sector** – contributing to long-term career sustainability
- Increase in high impact R&I output and greater contribution to the knowledge-based economy and society

Research areas

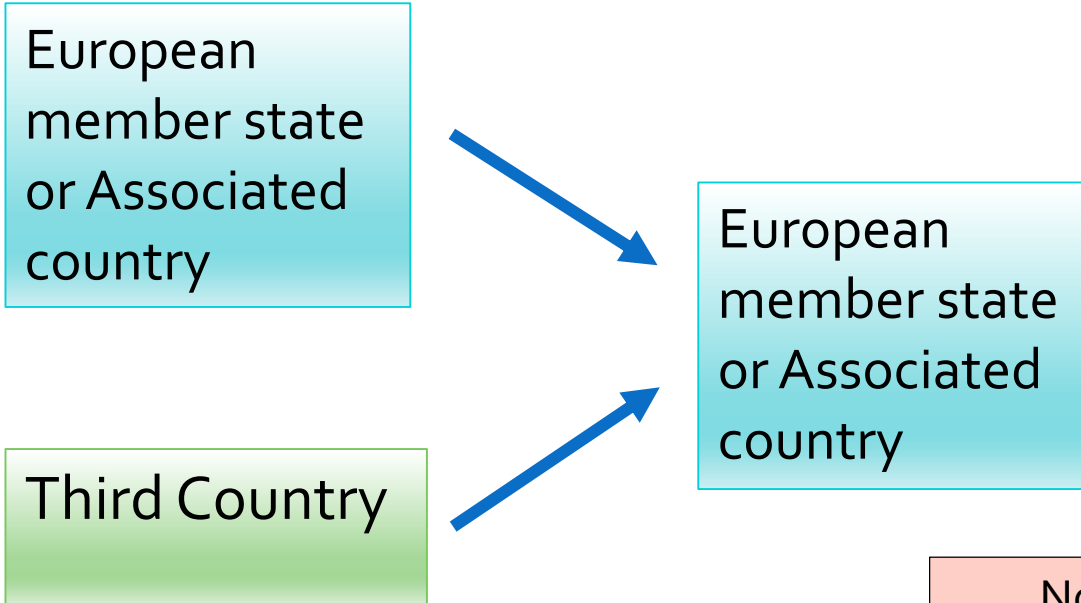
- **All scientific fields**

- Including **Euratom** areas (indicative amount EUR 1 million annually) within existing scientific panels



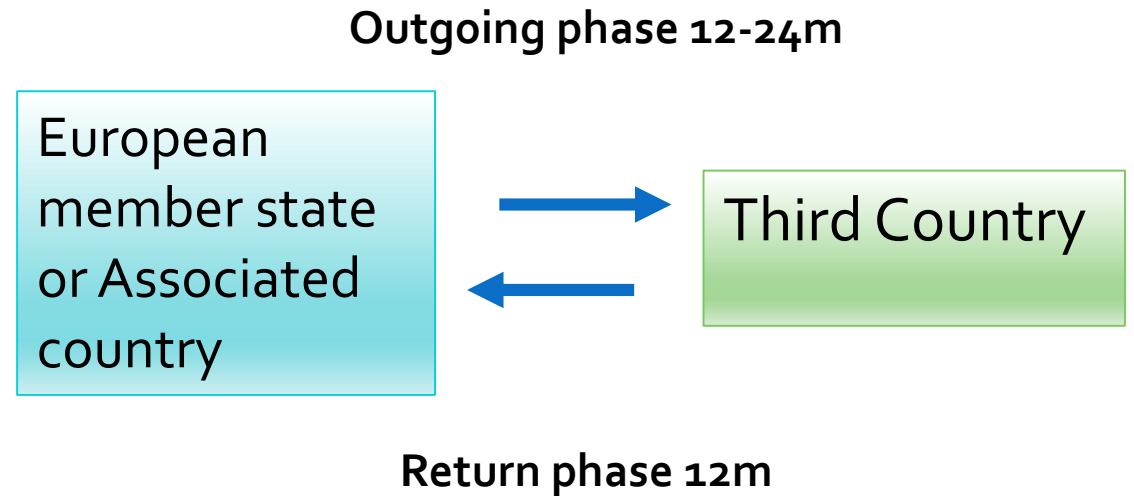
European vs. Global Fellowship

European Fellowship



Total duration 12-24m

Global Fellowship



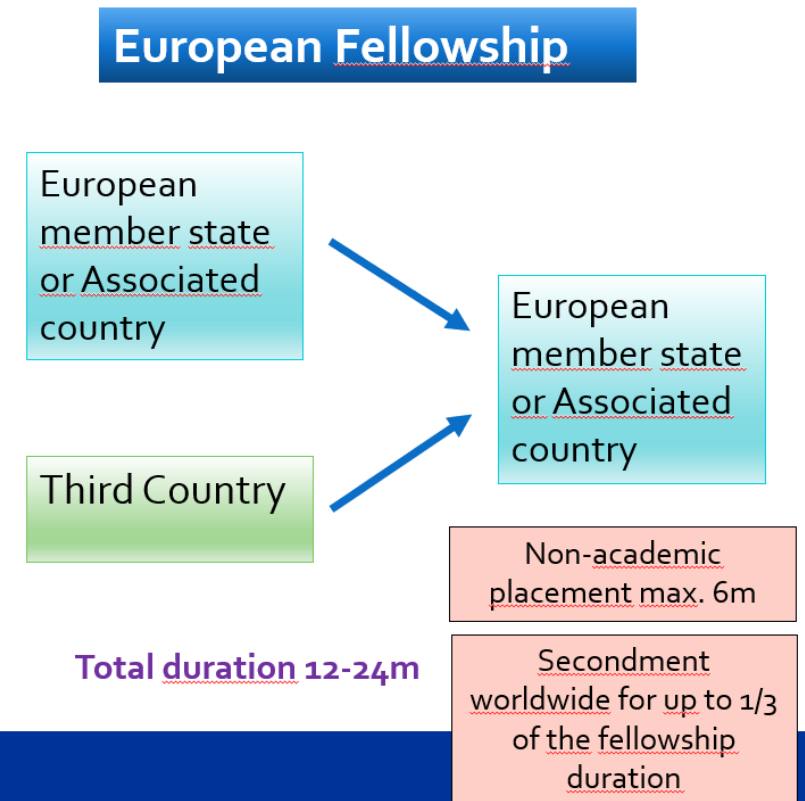
Total duration 24-36m

Non-academic placement max. 6m

Secondment worldwide for up to 1/3 of the fellowship duration

MSCA European Postdoctoral Fellowships

- Researchers of any nationality move to a host institution in an EU member state or Horizon Europe Associated Country
- Duration 12-24 months
 - + additional period of up to 6 months at a non-academic institution if interested (called a 'non-academic placement')
- Grant covers all costs related to the fellowship
 - Researcher's salary
 - Costs for research, training and career developments
 - Costs for the host institution



Unit contribution

Contributions for recruited researchers Per person-month					Institutional unit contributions Per person-month	
Living allowance	Mobility allowance	Family allowance (if applicable)	Long-term leave allowance (if applicable)	Special needs allowance (if applicable)	Research, training and networking contribution	Management and indirect contribution
EUR 5 080	EUR 600	EUR 660	EUR 5 680 x % covered by the beneficiary	Requested unit ¹ x (1/number of months)	EUR 1 000	EUR 1 650

- Country correction coefficient, Finland: 119,5%, France: 116,4%

Who can apply - eligibility

Nationality	Any
Doctorate	Must be in possession of a doctorate degree at the date of the call deadline. A doctorate degree is defined as a successful PhD defense
Mobility	The researcher cannot have resided or carried out his/her main activity (work, studies, etc.) in the country of the beneficiary (European Fellowship) for more than 12 months in the 36 months immediately before the fellowship
Research experience (full-time equivalent)	Maximum of 8 years full-time equivalent (FTE) experience in research, measured from the date of award of the first doctoral degree (can be extended due to e.g. maternity/Paternity leave, compulsory national service, research career breaks... Self-assessment tool for calculating eligibility: rea.ec.europa.eu/xlsx/live.com)

Award 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)	Credibility of the measures to enhance the career perspectives and employability of the researcher and contribution to his/her skills development	Quality and effectiveness of the work plan , assessment of risks and appropriateness of the effort assigned to work packages
Soundness of the proposed methodology (including interdisciplinary approaches, consideration of the gender dimension and other diversity aspects if relevant for the research project, and the quality of open science practices)	Suitability and quality of the measures to maximise expected outcomes and impacts , as set out in the dissemination and exploitation plan, including communication activities	Quality and capacity of the host institutions and participating organisations , including hosting arrangements
Quality of the supervision, training and of the two-way transfer of knowledge between the researcher and the host	The magnitude and importance of the project's contribution to the expected scientific, societal and economic impacts	
Quality and appropriateness of the researcher's professional experience , competences and skills		
50%	30%	20%

Ranking

- Proposals are ranked and funding is allocated **by scientific panel** (separate ranking for European and Global fellowships)
- **Seal of Excellence** awarded to proposals that receive a rank of $\geq 85\%$
- **Resubmission restriction** for same researcher and same host institution **if score of $<70\%$** in previous evaluation

Indicative timeline & budget

- 10 April 2024: Launch of the call for proposals.
- 11 September 2024: Deadline for submitting proposals.
- February 2025: Notification of call results to applicants (TBC)
- April 2025: Grant agreement signature for successful projects (TBC) April 2025
- First EU-funded projects start (TBC)

- Indicative budget: EUR 417.18 million

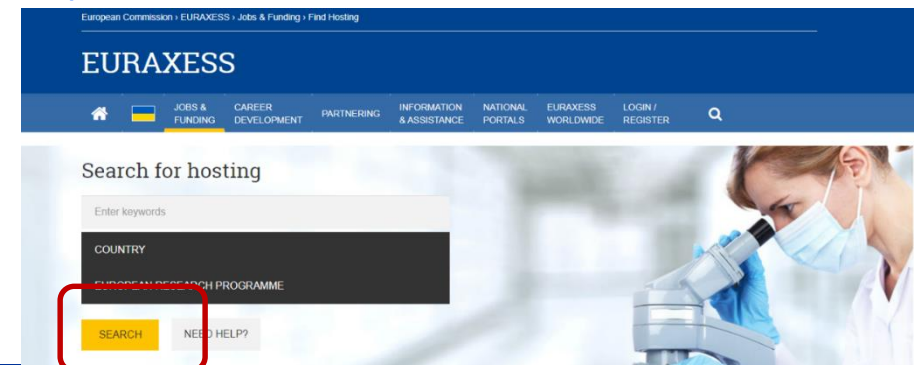
Postdoctoral candidate - how to find a Host Institution

- ✓ **Tip 1** : Activate your professional networks and existing collaborations
- ✓ **Tip 2** : Check publications in your research area. Who is the specialist/the lab you would like to work with?
- ✓ **Tip 3** : Search through Hosting offers on Euraxess Jobs portal :

<https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/jobs/hosting/search>

or on [MSCA-NET match-making platform](#).

- ✓ **Tip 4** : Check Partner Search Announcements on the Funding&Tenders Portal, on the [call page](#)
- ✓ **Tip 5** : Interested by a fellowship in a private company? Check companies' profiles on the Enterprise Europe Network partner search platform : https://een.ec.europa.eu/partners?f%5Bo%5D=field_country%3A298



ScanR: Search Engine for French Research and Innovation

<https://scanr.enseignementsup-recherche.gouv.fr/>

Search by keywords, publications, authors' names, projects' names, types of entity, sectors, location etc.



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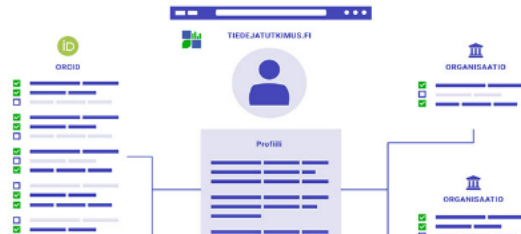
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25.03.2024

Itä-Suomen yliopisto

Open funding calls

Medel för forskningsprojekt

Hakuaika päättyy 28.3.2024

Society of Swedish Literature in Finland

GIVE FEEDBACK!

I have identified a possible host – what now?

- **Contact them**
 - Send a short e-mail explaining who you are, your motivations and why you want to work with them and why this institution
 - Specify that you want to apply with them to the MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships (include a link to the call page)
 - Attach your CV and a short summary of your project (one-page-proposal)
 - Make sure you are clear in what you are asking from them
- **Make sure you are visible**
 - Make sure your research pages/web site are up-to-date
 - ✓ What you have done – current CV
 - ✓ Include all activities : demonstrate that you are the right candidate for a Postdoctoral Fellowship
 - ✓ Research interests – what you would like to work on in the future
 - Social media – personal vs professional

Postdoctoral Fellowships : a tool for international cooperation

Are you a Host Institution (university, research center) ?

- *Develop your existing scientific partnerships or create new ones through :*

- ✓ Hosting a research fellow from a partner lab in your lab (1-2 years)
- ✓ Sending a postdoc from your team to a partner lab (1-2 years)

How to attract postdoctoral candidates

- Use your your professional networks
- Ask the French Embassy for support
- If relevant, make use of short mobility to identify candidates and discuss with them their projects
- Register your Hosting offers on Euraxess : <https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/jobs>
- Make sure your research pages/web sites are visible and up-to-date
- Get informed about support to applicants provided by your institution (EU Grants office) and your National Contact Point and inform your candidates of it
- Prepare the PF applications **with** your postdoctoral candidate(s)

Only one proposal may be submitted by postdoctoral candidate per call.
Several proposals may be submitted by the same supervisor or Host Institution.

Helpful links and references

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Website https://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/node_en

Funding and Tenders Portal (applications, documents, partner search) <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/programmes/horizon>

Euraxess (PhD and postdoctoral vacancies, more information) <https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/>

National Contact Points <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/support/ncp>

Research Enquiry Service https://ec.europa.eu/info/research-and-innovation/contact/research-enquiry-service-and-participant-validation_en

European Charter and Code for Researchers <https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/jobs/charter-code-researchers>

MSCA Guidelines on Supervision <https://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/about-msca/msca-guidelines-on-supervision>

MSCA Green Charter <https://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/green-charter>

MCAA (Marie Curie Alumni association) <https://www.mariecuriealumni.eu>

Become an Expert <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/work-as-an-expert>

CORDIS: <https://cordis.europa.eu/search?q=%2Fproject%2Frelations%2Fcategories%2FprojectFundingSchemeCategory%2Fcode%3D%27MSCA%27&p=1&num=10&srt=Relevance:decreasing>

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- **Research support services at your host organisation**

- **European commission MSCA web page: <https://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/>**



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