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Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

Calls 2019-2020

*Opportunities for research training and mobility within Horizon
2020*

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

The Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions provide a series of fellowship opportunities aimed at research training and knowledge transfer. The programme has an inherent 'transnational dimension': in order to be eligible for a Marie Curie fellowship, the researcher must move to a different country, where he or she has not lived for more than 12 months during the previous 3-year period¹ ².

The call-budget is 968,09 million Euro for 2019 and 1042,45 million Euro for 2020.

Calls 2019	Budget (million €)	Deadline
Innovative Training Networks (ITN)	497,69	15-01-2019
Individual Fellowships (IF)	296,49	11-09-2019
Research and Innovation Staff Exchange (RISE)	80	02-04-2019
Co-funding of regional, national and international programmes (COFUND)	90	29-09-2019
Calls 2020	Budget (million €)	Deadline
Innovative Training Networks (ITN)	525	14-01-2020
Individual Fellowships (IF)	324	09-09-2020
Research and Innovation Staff Exchange (RISE)	80	28-04-2020
Co-funding of regional, national and international programmes (COFUND)	100	29-09-2020
European Researchers' Night	8	09-01-2020

There are two main types of Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions:

- Host driven actions: means that an organisation or a group of organisations submit a proposal for research training and/or knowledge transfer. The proposal specifies which type of training, how many fellowships, and of which duration, will be provided by the host organisation(s). Once the proposal has been evaluated and funded, the host organisation will publish 'vacancy announcements' and start to select suitable researchers for the fellowship positions.
- Individual actions: means a researcher, or 'fellow', who applies for a specific research training project, to be carried out at a specific host organisation. The name of the researcher and the host group are specified in the proposal, and may not be changed.

Marie Curie actions: for whom?

The Marie Curie actions distinguish researchers according to their level of experience. Age is not a relevant criterion.

- Early stage researchers: are persons with less than four years of research experience after their graduation (meaning after the University degree which would entitle them to enroll in a PhD programme).
- Experienced researchers: means researchers who are either in possession of a PhD degree, or have at least four years of research experience at post-graduate level.

¹ As far as international European interest organisations or international organisations are concerned, this rule does not apply to the hosting of eligible researchers, however, the appointed researcher must not have spent more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately prior to the reference deadline in the same appointing organisation.

² For certain sub-panels in the Individual Fellowships different mobility rules apply.

All types of organisations can be host organisation to Marie Curie fellows: universities, research centres, companies including small and medium-sized enterprises, and other organisations. The organisations will need to describe in what way they are able to provide training or knowledge transfer on state-of-the-art research issues or techniques.

The core consortium or the main host organisation will need to be based in Europe, but there are ample opportunities for researchers from outside Europe to be involved. These are highlighted in the description for each Marie Curie action below.

Any research subject can be proposed for a Marie Curie fellowship, with the exception of nuclear energy research and research with unacceptable ethical issues.

Types of Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Innovative Training Networks (ITN)	
What	A network aimed at providing research training to early-stage researchers, focusing on a specific research topic. Host organisations must organise an open and transparent selection, published internationally.
Which organisations	Three options: - European Training Networks (ETN): ‘traditional’ multipartner networks with at least three organisations from Europe. Typically, a network has between six and ten partners. It is highly recommended to include industrial partners. - European Industrial Doctorates (EID): (at least) one academic organisation from one European country, and one non-academic organisation from another European country, who will train up to 5 PhDs. - European Joint Doctorates (EJD): At least three beneficiaries located in Europe, and at least three beneficiaries entitled to award doctoral degrees (of which at least two are located in Europe).
Which fellows	Early stage researchers with less than 4 years of post-graduate experience.
Duration	Duration of the project: maximum 4 years Duration of the fellowship: 3-36 months Researchers in EID shall spend at least 50% of their time in the non-academic sector.
Next deadline	14 January 2020 (Publication 12 September 2019)
Budget	525 million
Third country participation	Host organisations from third countries can participate above the minimum partnership of three European organisations (or at least two for EID). If they are ICPC (‘non-industrialised’, see end of document) countries they can also request EU funding to pay for fellows hosted at the sites of the ICPC partners. Funded host organisations can grant Marie Curie fellowships to researchers from any nationality, so third country nationals are eligible to apply for open fellowship positions at any funded ITN.

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowships	
What	Individual fellowship for experienced researchers wishing to diversify their individual competence in terms of skill acquisition at multi- or interdisciplinary level through advanced training, international and intersectoral mobility.

Which organisations	Two options: - European Fellowships: One host organisation in Europe (academic or non-academic). - Global Fellowships: One host organisation outside Europe, and one host organisation in Europe (academic or non-academic) which will host the researcher for one year after the training outside Europe (secondment).
Which fellows	One experienced researcher
Duration	Between 12 and 24 months (for Global Fellowships followed by an obligatory stay of 12 months at the European return host organisation).
Next deadline	11 September 2019 (Publication 11 April 2019)
Budget	296,49 million (of which 50 million for Global Fellowships)
Third country participation	Third country nationals can apply for a European Fellowship. Global Fellowships are only open to nationals or long-term residents of EU Member States or Associated Countries. Long term residence means a period of full-time research activity of at least 5 consecutive years.

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Research and Innovation Staff Exchange (RISE)

What	International and/or inter-sector collaboration through research and innovation staff exchanges.
Which organisations	Participants shall be established in at least three different countries of which at least two must be European. If all participants are from the same sector (either academic or only non-academic), at least one participant must be from a third country.
Which fellows	Early stage and experienced researchers, as well as technical staff and research managers.
Duration	Duration of the project: maximum 4 years Duration of the fellowship: 1-12 months
Next deadline	2 April 2019 (Publication 4 December 2018)
Budget	80 million
Third country participation	Host organisations from third countries can participate above the minimum partnership of two European organisations.

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Co-funding of regional, national and international programmes (COFUND)

What	Co-funding for transnational doctoral and fellowship programmes for early stage researchers and post-docs. Programmes can be regional, national or international.
Which organisations	Sole European participant, that funds or manages doctoral or fellowships programmes for researchers.
Which fellows	Early stage and experienced researchers.
Duration	36-60 months
Next deadline	26 September 2019 (Publication 04 April 2019)
Budget	90 million (of which 35 million for doctoral programmes)

Third country participation Funded host organisations can grant Marie Curie fellowships to researchers from any nationality, so -depending on the eligibility criteria of the funded programme- third country nationals are eligible to apply for open COFUND fellowship positions.

Further opportunities of the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (ask the NCP for details)

NIGHT Organisation of festive activities for the European Researchers' Night, to raise broad awareness for the importance of researchers' work.

How can I apply?

Host organisations and individual experienced researchers can apply to any of the above calls via <https://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/>. The application procedure is entirely Internet-based and deadlines are strictly enforced, so please start the application procedure well in advance of the deadline.

Individual early-stage researchers can consult the database of vacant positions at <http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess/index.cfm/jobs/jvSearch>. They do not have to wait for a deadline, they can directly send their CV to the supervisor of the project in which they are interested.

Definitions

'Europe' or 'European countries' in this document refers to all the countries eligible to participate in Horizon 2020, i.e.:

- **The EU 28 Member States**
- **Associated Countries:** Countries that are associated to Horizon 2020 by an international agreement.
- **Some Other Third Countries (OTCs):** OTCs are countries which are neither EU Member States nor associated to Horizon 2020 (Associated Countries). These can be either International Cooperation Partner Countries (ICPCs) or non-ICPCs such as the USA or Japan. 'ICPC' refers to all non-industrialised non European countries which are on the list of International Cooperation Partner Countries.

For a full list of MS, AC and ICPC we refer to the General Annexes to the 2014 Work Programme.

For further information

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For other international research vacancies, fellowships and for practical information on moving to a different country for researchers, see the Euraxess portal: ec.europa.eu/euraxess



Solutions for researchers

For brevity's sake, the rules have been slightly simplified. This text is intended as a first guidance to become acquainted with the Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions. Before preparing and submitting an application, please always verify whether you are eligible based on the relevant information in the latest update of the 'work programme', containing the legally binding information, or check with a Marie Skłodowska-Curie National Contact Point.

