Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions in Horizon Europe

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Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA)

- Provide new knowledge & skills – career development
- For researchers at all career stages and in all research domains
- Mobility: Intersectoral, interdisciplinary and international
- Strong participation across all sectors
- Solve current & future societal challenges
- Commitment to: Open Science, Responsible Research & Innovation (RRI)
- Promote public outreach
MSC Actions

MSCA Doctorates
(Previously Innovative Training Networks)

MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships
(Previously Individual Fellowships)

MSCA Staff Exchanges
(Previously Research and Innovation Staff Exchange)

MSCA COFUND
MSCA Doctoral Networks

- Networks training doctoral candidates
- Based on identified scientific need/scientific question
- Deliver skilled people to academia and beyond
- Boosts R&I capacity and increases internationalisation and attractiveness of organisations involved
- Funding supports the recruitment and research needs of the doctoral candidate
  - Living Allowance + mobility allowance (+family allowance) and research, training and networking costs + management/indirect costs
- Awarded projects recruit individual doctoral candidates
  - Researchers can be of ANY nationality
  - Mobility is Key!
MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships

- Supporting post-doctoral research and careers
- Emphasis on exposure/training beyond academia - career development
- Increases global attractiveness, visibility and reputation of the participating organisation(s)
- Funding supports the recruitment and research needs of the postdoctoral researcher
  - Living Allowance + mobility allowance (+family allowance) and research, training and networking costs + management/indirect costs
- Researchers can be of ANY nationality
- Mobility is Key!
  - European Destination
  - Global Destination
MSCA Staff Exchanges

• Supports the exchange of staff members between institutions
• Based on identified scientific need/scientific question
• Strengthened and broader international, interdisciplinary and inter-sectoral collaborative networks
• Innovative, lean and flexible tool to support collaborative R&I projects
• Increase research and transferable skills and competences
• Enhanced networking and communication
MSCA COFUND

• Cofunds new or existing doctoral or postdoctoral programmes
• Single beneficiary, or multiple partners
• Can cover any research discipline and exceptionally can also focus on specific disciplines
  – Researchers develop their own research project as part of the application phase
• Improved employability and career prospects both within academia and beyond
• Increases global attractiveness, visibility and reputation of the participating organisation(s)
MSCA and Citizens

- Europe-wide public event that brings researchers closer to the public
- Showcases the diversity of science and its impact on citizens’ daily lives
- Enhanced opportunities to interact with citizens and local, regional and national authorities
- Improve outreach to all audiences
- Researchers’ work made more tangible, concrete, accessible

European Researchers’ Night 2020
- 27 November in 29 countries
- https://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/events/european-researchers-night-2020_en#table
Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

- **Family Allowance**
  - For recruited doctoral candidates or postdoctoral researchers with family obligations

- **Career Breaks**
  - Additional eligibility criteria to support postdoctoral researchers returning from a career break

- **Support for researchers with special needs**
  - Support the additional costs of recruited researchers or seconded staff researchers with disabilities, whose long-term physical, mental, intellectual or sensory impairments are of such that their participation in the action may not be possible without the acquisition of special needs items or services.

- **Part-Time Working Arrangements**
  - Recruited doctoral candidates or postdoctoral researchers can request part-time working arrangements for personal reasons
Other Activities

• Towards a greener MSCA
  – Increase awareness of environmental issues; Promote sustainable behaviors and policies;
    Support policy and decision-making

• Researchers @ Schools
  – MSCA fellows will be encouraged to spend time in an educational setting

• Seal of Excellence for MSCA Postdocs
  – For applications which are of sufficient quality but are not funded due to budget restrictions

• Researchers @ Risk
  – Support to researchers at risk
Net4Mobility+

- The worldwide network of NCPs for the MSCA
- Large number of resources
- Questions can be directed to the [NCP in your proposed host country](https://www.net4mobilityplus.eu/)

[Map of MSCA National Contact Points](https://www.net4mobilityplus.eu/)
Thank You

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