



## APPLICATION DEADLINE

**Round 1 – Internal Deadline: 16<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

Funder Deadline: 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021

**Round 2 – Internal Deadline: 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

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## BACKGROUND

The [Polish Academy of Sciences \(PAS\)](#) is a network of 68 research institutes and the International Institute of Molecular and Cell Biology that cover all scientific disciplines. More than 2,000 outstanding researchers from Poland and beyond are employed at PAS institutes. The **PASIFIC Fellowship Programme** is a unique opportunity for researchers who want to undertake state-of-the-art research in a dynamic scientific environment. It will enable scholars of all nationalities and across all scientific disciplines to establish their **scientific independence** and conduct **ground-breaking research**.

For **2 years**, the fellows will be hosted at one of the institutes within the Polish Academy of Sciences (PAS), which is one of the most prestigious research institutions in Poland. They will have the **freedom to choose** their research area, research supervisor, host institute as well as secondment organisations best suited for their research and career development.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- The PASIFIC Fellowship Programme is open to researchers of **any nationality** and representing **all scientific disciplines**.
- Applicants must be in possession of at least a **doctoral degree** or **4 years of full-time equivalent research experience**. This means that they should hold a degree entitling them to embark on a doctoral programme and have at least four years of documented research experience.
- Applicants must comply with **the MSCA mobility rule**. This means they must not have been a resident of Poland or carried out their main activities (including work or studies) in Poland for more than one year out of the three years prior to the call's deadline.

## IMPORTANT NOTIFICATIONS:

- Fellows will be granted a research budget of up to **€93,000** per project
- Fellows will be offered a monthly allowance of approximately **€2,500**  
-Those, who decide to go to Poland together with their families, may be entitled to an additional family allowance
- Fifty outstanding scientists will be selected in the two calls announced in 2021  
-**First call**: 35 PASIFIC fellows will be recruited. Selected researchers will be informed about evaluation results after approximately six months. They will be expected to go to Poland between January 2022 and March 2022  
-**Second call**: 15 PASIFIC fellows will be recruited. Selected researchers will be informed about evaluation results after approximately six months. They will be expected to go to Poland between July 2022 and October 2022

- Both the PASIFIC candidate's CV and the research project will be evaluated according to the following criteria:
  - The scientific excellence of the research project and the researcher
  - Impact on the respective field of study, researchers career and host institute
  - Feasibility of the project and adequate choice of supervisor

## HOW TO APPLY

- Before applying for the PASIFIC Fellowship, applicants need to identify a suitable [PAS Institute](#) and a [Potential Supervisor](#) who commits to supporting their research. Once they agree to facilitate applicant's research at the Polish Academy of Sciences' respective institute, applicants must obtain a Letter of Support signed by both the director of the host institute and the potential supervisor.  
Should the project be interdisciplinary, applicants can approach the second supervisor from the same or another Polish Academy of Sciences institute. In case the second supervisor is from the same institute, only one Letter of Support with both supervisors' statements will be required.
- Applications must be submitted online via the [SEA System](#).
- The application proposal will include the following divisions:
  1. Personal data
  2. Eligibility information
  3. Information on the project
  4. Information on the Host Institute and Supervisor
  5. Budget
  6. Ethics issues table
  7. Obligatory attachments:
    - [B1](#) – project description (max. 10 pages)
    - [B2](#) – applicant's CV, supervisor's CV, scientific achievements track records
    - Letter (s) of support (from [host institute](#) and from [institute supporting host institute](#))
    - Diploma
  8. Other attachments:
    - [Ethical self-assessment](#)

Application guidelines can be found [here](#) and on the attached document.

Please send a complete copy with all supporting documents submitted for this application to the Faculty Research Office – [natasha.jeftha@up.ac.za](mailto:natasha.jeftha@up.ac.za).

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## CONTACTS FOR CALL QUERIES

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