The Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions support researchers at all stages of their careers, regardless of age and nationality. Researchers working across all disciplines are eligible for funding. The MSCA also support cooperation between industry and academia and innovative training to enhance employability and career development.

APPLICATION DEADLINE
12 September 2018, 17:00 Brussels time

BACKGROUND

Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions (MSCA) Individual Fellowships (IF) are a great option if you are an experienced researcher (Postdoc) looking to give your career a boost by working abroad. They offer exciting new learning opportunities and a chance to add some sparkle to your CV. The selected candidate will conduct cutting-edge research and receive training in business and entrepreneurship. There are two types of Individual Fellowships:

European Fellowships
- Are open to researchers moving within Europe, as well as those coming in from other parts of the world.
- Can restart a research career after a break, such as parental leave.
- Can help researchers coming back to Europe find a new position.
- These Fellowships are held in the EU or associated countries and last for one to two years.

Global Fellowships
- Fund positions outside Europe for researchers based in the EU or associated countries.
- Last between two and three years.
- The researcher has to come back for one year to an organisation based in the EU or associated countries.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA
- Eligible countries: described in Annex A of the Work Programme SA included
- Proposal templates, evaluation forms and model grant agreements (MGA)
- This action is for experienced researchers from across the world.

APPLICATION DEADLINE
27 September 2018, 17:00 Brussels time

BACKGROUND

The COFUND scheme aims to stimulate regional, national or international programmes to foster excellence in researchers' training, mobility and career development, spreading the best practices of the Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions. COFUND takes the form of:

Doctoral programmes
- Address the development and broadening of the research competencies of early-stage researchers.
- The training follows the EU Principles on Innovative Doctoral Training.
- Substantial training modules, including digital ones, addressing key transferable skills common to all fields and fostering the culture of Open Science, innovation and entrepreneurship will be supported.
- Each researcher must be enrolled in a doctoral programme.

Fellowship programmes
- Funds individual research training and career development fellowships for experienced researchers.
- Mobility types supported by fellowship programmes may be similar to the ones supported under Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowships.
- Fellowship programmes should be based on individual-driven mobility, i.e., researchers should be able to freely choose a research topic and the appropriate organisation to host them, fitting their individual needs.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA
- Eligible countries: described in Annex A of the Work Programme SA included
- Proposal templates, evaluation forms and model grant agreements (MGA)
- Applicants need a doctoral degree or at least four years’ full-time research experience by the time of the call deadline.

- This action is for experienced researchers and/or researcher enrolled in doctoral programme from across the world.
- Experienced researchers need a doctoral degree or at least four years’ full-time research experience by the time of the call deadline.

### WHAT THE GRANT WILL COVER

- All research areas can be funded. MSCA Fellows come from a wide variety of disciplines.
- The grant provides an allowance to cover living, travel and family costs.
- In addition, the EU contributes to the training, networking and research costs of the fellow, as well as to the management and indirect costs of the project.
- The grant is awarded to the host organisation, usually a university, research centre or a company in Europe.

### WHAT THE GRANT WILL COVER

The call budget:
- MSCA-COFUND-2018 - MSCA-COFUND-DP Doctoral programmes EUR 30,000,000 single-stage
- MSCA-COFUND-2018 - MSCA-COFUND-FP Fellowship programmes EUR 50,000,000 single-stage

### HOW TO APPLY

- The application must be submitted online via Participant Portal
- Submit a research proposal, including your CV. The proposal is written jointly with your chosen host organisation(s).
- Advice and information can also be found through the National Contact Points and Research Enquiry Helpdesk.

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