



# MARIE SKŁODOWSKA-CURIE ACTIONS

## INDIVIDUAL FELLOWSHIPS (IF)

The goal of the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowships (IF) is to **enhance the creative and innovative potential of experienced researchers**, wishing to diversify their individual competence in terms of skill acquisition through **advanced training, international and intersectoral mobility (between academic and non-academic sector)**.

Individual Fellowships provide opportunities to **researchers of any nationality** to acquire and transfer new knowledge and to work on research and innovation in Europe and beyond. **Applications are made jointly by the researcher and the beneficiary (the host organisation)** in the academic or non-academic sectors. Alike the other Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions, IF follow a **bottom-up approach**, i.e. research fields are chosen freely by the applicants.

- **European Fellowships** are held in EU Member States (MS) or H2020 Associated Countries (AC) and are open to **experienced researchers** coming to Europe or moving within Europe to carry out research projects for the duration of **1-2 years (CAR: 3 years)**. Proposals are evaluated by one of **eight scientific panels**. In addition, there are three multi-disciplinary panels providing special support for specific situations:
  - **Return and reintegration of researchers** moving from a third country (i.e. not a MS or AC) into a longer term research position **in Europe**, including in their country of origin (**RI Panel**).
  - Individuals wishing to **resume research in Europe after a career break**, e.g. after parental leave (**CAR Panel**). In this panel, projects may be funded up to **3 years**.  
Researchers seeking to work on **research & innovation projects** in an organisation from the **non-academic sector (Society and enterprise - SE Panel)**.
- **Widening Fellowships** provide specific support to researchers to undertake their fellowship in one of the so-called widening countries in Europe (countries with a relatively low research & innovation performance). This will help spread excellence and close still apparent gaps within Europe.  
<http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/en/h2020-section/spreading-excellence-and-widening-participation>
- **Global Fellowships** are based on a secondment to a **third country** (i.e. not a MS or AC) for **1-2 years** and a mandatory **12 month return period** to a European host.

## DEFINITIONS

- **Experienced researcher:** with PhD or at least 4 years of research experience
- **Academic sector:** Public or private higher education establishments awarding academic degrees, public or private non-profit research organisations whose primary mission is to pursue research, and international European interest organisations.
- **Non-Academic sector:** Any socio-economic actor not included in the academic sector (e.g. private enterprise companies, hospitals, museums, ministries, etc.)

## FACTS

**Specific Programme:** Excellent Science: Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

**Project duration:**

European Standard, RI, SE Panel: 12-24 months  
Career restart Panel: 12-36 months  
Global Fellowships: 12-24 months plus 12 months return phase

**Budget:** EUR 294.5 million (2019, indicative)

**Next Call:** H2020-MSCA-IF-2019

**Call opens:** 11 April 2019

**Deadline:** 11 September 2019



## ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS (AT THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS):

- **Mobility rule:** At the time of the deadline for submission of proposals the researcher must not have worked or resided in the country of destination for more than 12 months within the past 3 years.
- **Note: Special mobility rule for the panels RI, CAR, SE:** researchers shall not have resided in the country of their host for more than 3 years in the 5 years immediately prior to the relevant deadline.
- For the **European Fellowship**, the researcher can be of any nationality, but must comply with the mobility rule in the country where the European Fellowship is held.
- To qualify for the **career restart panel**, researchers can be of any nationality. They must not have been active in research for a continuous period of at least 12 months within the 18 months prior to the deadline
- The **reintegration panel** is open to nationals or previous long-term residents of MS and AC (i.e. having completed a period of full-time residence of at least 5 consecutive years). Mobility shall be directly into Europe.
- For the **Global Fellowship**, the researcher must comply with the mobility rule in the country where secondment takes place (not for the return phase). Global Fellowships are open to nationals or long-term residents of MS and AC.

## FUNDING

The contribution of the European Commission will cover the activities of the researcher as well as part of the costs for the implementation of the project.

### Contribution to the researchers [person/month]:

Living allowance*	4.880 €
Mobility allowance	600 €
Family allowance	500 €

\* A correction coefficient applies to the living allowance, reflecting the cost of living of the host country (e.g. Austria: 106.7%)

### Contribution to the host institutions [person/month]:

Research, training and networking costs	800 €
Management and indirect costs	650 €

## LINKS

<https://www.ffg.at/europa/h2020/msca/if>

[http://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/actions/individual-fellowships\\_en](http://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/actions/individual-fellowships_en)

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