Marie Skłodowska-Curie Doctoral Networks – Joint Doctorates (JD)

MSCA Doctoral Networks aim to train creative, entrepreneurial, innovative and resilient doctoral candidates, able to face current and future challenges and to convert knowledge and ideas into products and services for economic and social benefit. The MSCA Doctoral Networks will raise the attractiveness and excellence of doctoral training in Europe. They will equip researchers with the right combination of research-related and transferable competences and provide them with enhanced career perspectives in both the academic and non-academic sectors through international, interdisciplinary and inter-sectoral mobility combined with an innovation-oriented mind-set. Particular attention will be given to strong supervision and personal career development plans for the recruited researchers.

How does it work?
Partnerships of universities, research institutions and research infrastructures, businesses including SMEs, and other socio-economic actors submit the proposal. The consortium must consist of at least three independent legal entities, each established in a different MS or AC with the minimum of 1 beneficiary from a MS. On top of this minimum, any entity from any third country can join. The maximum duration of a JD project is 4 years.

Who can be recruited?
Recruited researchers must comply with the MSCA mobility rule (they must not have spent more than 12 months in the 3 years prior to the signature of their contracts in the country of their future host institution) and cannot yet hold their PhD degree.

JD particularities
JDs must be joint collaborations leading to a joint/multiple doctoral degree. Joint selection and supervision of fellows is mandatory. A pre-agreement for joint degrees is required. Funding can be obtained for up to 540 person months.

How much money is in it?
The financing is based on unit costs where a researcher month is one unit. It is composed of a living allowance of €3400/month (which will be multiplied with a correction coefficient), mobility allowance of €600/month and family allowance of €660/month. The recruiting institution receives €1600/month for research & training costs and €1200/month for management costs.

Benefits?
For researchers:
- Advanced training and mobility
- 100% funding
- Recognition of excellent science
- Increase of career prospects
For recruiting organisations:
- Access to talent
- Recruitment of highly skilled researchers
- Enlargement of international networks
- Transfer of knowledge
When can I apply?

The 2021-MSCA-DN call opens on 22 June 2021 with a deadline on 16 November 2021 (17:00 Brussels time).

How do I apply?

The DN call is published on the Funding and Tenders Portal, from where you can also download the important documents (e.g. Guide for Applicants and Work Programme) and start your submission.

What is the success rate?

The overall success rate for the Doctoral Networks was between 7% and 10% in the different calls in H2020.

When will I know the outcome of the evaluation?

The proposals will be evaluated from November to February 2021 and the outcome will be known at the earliest by April 2022. The approximate date for signing the Grant Agreement and starting the project is June 2022.

Where can I get support?

If you have questions get in touch with your Euresearch National Contact Point or the Euresearch Offices in the region.

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