Marie Skłodowska-Curie COFUND

MSCA COFUND co-finances new or existing doctoral programmes and postdoctoral fellowship schemes in any discipline at national, regional or international level with the aim to spread the best practices of the MSCA such as excellent training, supervision and working conditions.

How does it work?

COFUND is a mono-beneficiary action: A single entity established in an EU-member state of associated country can take part setting up a fellowship scheme based on international mobility, interdisciplinary and inter-sectoral experience. Fellowships are either for doctoral or for postdoctoral students. COFUND’s usual duration is between 24 and 60 months (maximal duration). One fellowship has to last at least 3 months. Secondments to partner institutions can take up to 1/3 of the overall fellowship duration. Researchers apply directly at the beneficiary according to their rules.

Partner Organisations can be included and should sign a so-called partnership agreement with the coordinating institution.

What does the funding cover?

The European Union’s contribution covers minimum remuneration (70% living + mobility allowance) and can be used flexibly. For doctoral programmes the rate is €2’800 per person month. For postdoctoral programmes the rate is € 3’980 per person month. There is a maximum of €10 million per institution.

Benefits?

For researchers:
- Advanced training and mobility
- 100% funding
- Recognition of excellent science
- Increase of career prospects

For host organisations:
- Access to talent
- Transfer of knowledge
- Spreading of best practice

Who can apply?

Applying institutions can be either:

Public bodies responsible for funding and managing fellowship programmes, e.g. ministries, state committees for research, research academies, councils or agencies; or

Other bodies, including research organisations and international organisations, that finance and manage fellowship programmes either with an official mandate or recognised by public authorities.
When can I apply?
The 2021-MSCA-COFUND call opens on 11 October 2021 (tbc) with a deadline on 10 February 2022 (17:00 Brussels time).

How do I apply?
The COFUND 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 average success rate was 25% in the different calls in H2020.

When will I know the outcome of the evaluation?
The proposals will be evaluated in February until May 2021 and the outcome will be known at the earliest by June 2022. The approximate date for signing the Grant Agreement and starting the project is September 2022 (tbc).

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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