COFUND
Co-funding of Regional, National & International Programmes
A funding scheme in the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions under Horizon 2020

The **Co-funding of Regional, National & International Programmes** aims to support existing or new doctoral or postdoctoral fellowship programmes and to stimulate regional, national or international programmes to foster excellence in researchers' training, mobility and career development. Applicants submit multi-annual proposals for regional, national or international programmes which are expected to have an impact on enhancing Research & Innovation related human resources. COFUND’s usual duration is between 24 and 60 months. COFUND follows a bottom-up approach, e.g. the research topic is freely chosen by the researcher and is cross-cutting, e.g. any scientific field can be funded.

**Why should I do it?**
You are able to strengthen your international and intersectoral collaborative network and boost your R&I capacity. Your institution can attract excellent researchers.

**Who can apply?**
Participants are typically **legal entities established in an EU member state or associated country** that fund or manage doctoral or post-doctoral programmes for researchers. So COFUND is for single organisations (i.e. no consortium needed) falling under following categories:

- **Public bodies** responsible for funding and managing fellowship programmes, e.g. ministries, state committees for research, research academies, councils or agencies;
- **Other bodies**, including research organisations and international organisations, that finance and manage fellowship programmes either with an official mandate or recognised by public authorities, such as agencies established by governments under private law with a public service mission, charities, etc.

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

**When can I apply?**
The COFUND-2017 call for proposals will open on **5 April 2017** with a deadline on **28 September 2017**.

**How much funding can I expect?**
For Early Stage Researchers (ESR) and Experienced Researchers (ER), the financial support by the EU is defined as €1855 and €2625 per person/month, respectively. The institutional unit costs are set to €325
per person/month. Total remuneration costs offered by the COFUND programme to the fellows shall in no case be lower than €2597 or €3675 per person/month, for ESR and ER, respectively. In practice, this means that the beneficiary must, at a minimum, ensure the necessary funds to cover the difference between the EU contribution (€1855 or €2625 per person/month, for ESR and ER, respectively) and the minimum amounts for living and mobility allowances (€2597 or €3675 per person/month, for ESR and ER, respectively).

How can I apply?
Inform yourself about the application timeline and familiarise yourself with the most important documents (Work Programme, Guide for Applicants). For questions, get in touch with your National Contact Point or Euresearch Regional Office. Start the search for suitable partners early.

What is the success rate?
The average success rate of COFUND in the first calls in H2020 was about 25%.

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“After all, science is essentially international, and it is only through lack of the historical sense that national qualities have been attributed to it.”
Marie Skłodowska-Curie