**Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowships (IF): European Fellowships (EFs)**

The Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowships aim at enhancing the creative and innovative potential of experienced researchers (postdocs) through advanced training and international and intersectoral mobility. Individual fellowships are either *European Fellowships* or *Global Fellowships* (see also *Global Fellowships Infosheet*). For details on different types of *European Fellowships* see the *Guide for Applicants*.

*European Fellowships* are open to researchers currently within or outside Europe who want to work in an EU Member State or Associated Country (MS or AC). The *mobility rule* applies to the MS or AC (i.e. the researcher must not have lived, worked, or studied in the MS or AC for more than 12 months during the 3 years prior to deadline). The duration of the fellowship is 12 to 24 months and primarily covers the salary of the researcher.

**Why should I do it?**

You can diversify your competences and acquire new skills at a multi- or interdisciplinary level through advanced training and mobility.

**Who can apply?**

*European fellowships* are awarded to the most promising researchers of any nationality who want to benefit from advanced training abroad (*mobility rules*). The host organisation (academic or non-academic) in a MS or AC employs the awarded researcher. Applicants either hold a PhD degree or have at least four years of full-time equivalent research experience.

**How can I apply?**

First, find the right call on the participant portal:

http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/

Then, inform yourself and read the important documents (*Guide for Applicants* and *Work Programme*). If you have questions get in touch with your Euresearch National Contact Point or Regional Office. Start the search for a suitable host early on.

**When can I apply?**

The 2017-MSCA-IF call opens on 11 April 2017 with a deadline on 14 September 2017 (17:00 Brussels time).

**How much funding can be expected?**

The budget is calculated using the ‘researcher unit cost’ of €4650/month (monthly allowance, adjusted by country, plus a mobility allowance of €600/month and a family allowance of €500/month), if applicable. In addition, there is €800/month for research costs and €650/month for management costs.
Frequently asked questions

What is the success rate?
The global success rate for the European Fellowships was between 10% and 18% in the first calls in H2020.

Can partners from the USA take part in the funding scheme?
No, this scheme is only for MS/AC partners. However, applicants can come from any country including the USA, as long as they apply with a host institution in a MS or AC.

When will I know the outcome of my proposal?
The proposals will be evaluated in October and November 2017 and the outcome will be known at the earliest by February 2018. The approximate date for signing the Grant Agreement is May 2018.

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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 Sklodowska-Curie