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**POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS
2023**

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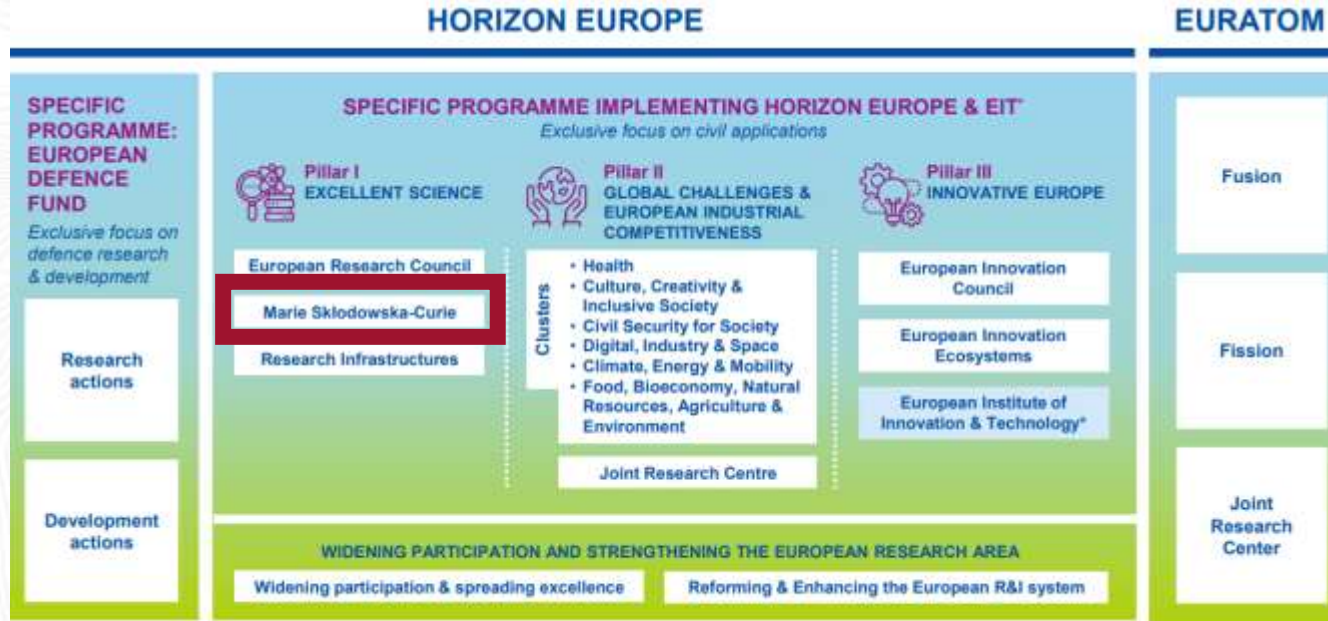
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Program
Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA)

European Union's reference programme for doctoral education and postdoctoral training.



* The European Institute of Innovation & Technology (EIT) is not part of the Specific Programme

The MSCA under Horizon Europe

Doctoral Networks

*Doctoral programmes
in and outside
academia incl. joint &
industrial doctorates*

Postdoctoral Fellowship

*Support for PhD to
undertake mobility in or
away from EU*

Staff Exchanges

*Support for research
and innovation staff
exchanges*

COFUND

*Co-funding doctoral
and postdoctoral
programmes*

MSCA and Citizens

*Public outreach events
(Nights)*

Total budget 2021-2027: €6.6 billion



Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions – MSCA

Call Identifier	Call opening	Call closure
<u>MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships 2023</u>	12.04.2023	13.09.2023
<u>MSCA Doctoral Networks 2023</u>	30.05.2023	28.11.2023
<u>European Researchers' Night and Researchers at Schools 2024-2025</u>	20.06.2023	25.10.2023
<u>MSCA Staff Exchanges 2023</u>	05.10.2023	28.02.2024
<u>MSCA COFUND 2023</u>	10.10.2023	08.02.2024

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Call Planning

<i>Call Opening:</i>	12 April 2023
<i>Call Deadline:</i>	13 Sept 2023
<i>Evaluation Period:</i>	Oct 2023 – Jan 2024
<i>Launch Grant Preparation:</i>	Feb 2024
<i>Project Starting Dates:</i>	Apr 2024 - Sept 2025

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Call budget (2023)	260,47 mln EUR
European Fellowships	221,40 mln EUR
Global Fellowships	39,07 mln EUR



MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships 2023

- [Horizon Europe Work Programme 2023-2024](#)
- [Postdoctoral Fellowships Guide for Applicants 2023](#)
- [Horizon Europe \(HORIZON\) Programme Guide](#)
- [Standard application form, Standard evaluation form](#)
- [Handbook](#) by the network of national contact points MSCA-NET



MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships (PF)

Budget (2023): **€260,47mn** (€221.40mn European, €39.07mn Global)

Call deadline: **13 September 2023**

Objective

➤ *“[E]nhance the creative and innovative potential of researchers holding a PhD, wishing to acquire new skills through advanced training, international, interdisciplinary and inter-sectoral mobility.”*

- **Monobeneficiary:** One researcher, one host organization
- **Two types: European** and **Global** Fellowships
- Host organization must be in **EU or Horizon Europe Associated Country**
- Open to **all research domains**, including Euratom
- Open to “*excellent researchers of **any nationality***” (restrictions for GF and Euratom)



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Who participates?

1 institution (with suitable research capacity)

- established in any EU or Horizon Europe associated country
- in cooperation with a Partner Organisation established in a third country (Global Fellowships)

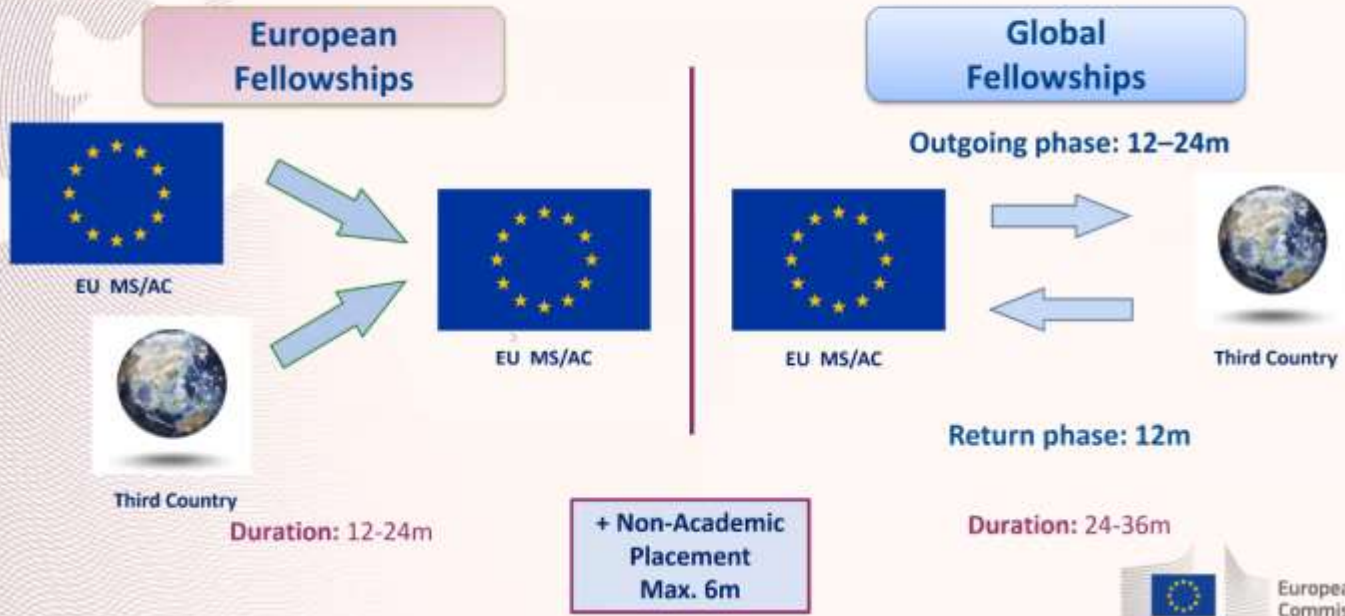
1 researcher

- any nationality (check details for GF!)
- PhD unconditionally defended on 13.09.23
- max. 8 years (FTE) of research work after PhD

List of
countries



European vs Global Fellowships



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European Fellowships



EU MS / AC



Third countries



EU MS / AC

Optional,
up to 1/3 of total
project duration

Secondment
(EU MS, HE AC, TC)

Optional,
up to 6 months
at the end of the project

**Non-academic
placement**
(EU MS, HE AC)

Total project duration: 12-24 months (+6)

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Global Fellowships



EU MS / AC

Optional
up to 6 months
at the end of the project

**Non-academic
placement**
(EU MS , HE AC)

Outgoing phase: 12- 24 months

Mandatory return phase: **12 months**



Optional
up to 1/3 of the
outgoing phase

Secondment
(EU MS, HE AC, TC)

Total project duration: 24-36 (+6) months

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PhD

*unconditionally
defended by*

13 September 2023

**Max. 8 years
of research work**

after PhD and by

13 September 2023

Mobility rule
(physical, transnational)

*The researcher must have not resided or
carried out their main activity in the
country of the MSCA host organisation
for more than **12 months in the 36
months** immediately prior to*

13 September 2023

MSCA PF self-assessment tool



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Example 1

European Fellowship

- Polish researcher awarded a PhD in 2019 in the UK, remains resident there. Applies for a European Fellowship in the field of nanotechnology together with a host institution in Poland.
- **Eligible?** Awarded a PhD before the Call deadline; less than 8 years since award of PhD; has not resided in Poland for more than 12 months in previous 3 years.



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Example 2

Global Fellowship

- Researcher of Polish origin, PhD defended in July 2015, has worked on a research-lecturer post since then. Left Poland in July 2022 and is now working in Canada. He applies for the MSCA-PF for a research work to be continued in Canada, in collaboration with his alma mater in Poland.
- **Is he eligible?**
 - Please pay attention to which institution should be the applicant (and beneficiary-to-be) – the one established in Poland ✓
 - The actual number of FTEs of research work would need to be determined ?
 - Researcher has been active in Canada for more than 12 months (before 13.09.23) ≠



Key points about MSCA-PF

Postdoctoral researchers only [ELIGIBILITY]

Max. 8 years FTE postdoctoral research experience [ELIGIBILITY]

Researcher mobility scheme [ELIGIBILITY]

Training and career development through research

Non-Academic Placements possible (up to 6m at end of project)

Secondments encouraged (worldwide, up to 1/3 of project duration)

12-24m (EF) or 24-36m (GF) + Non-Academic Placement (max. 6m)

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EU contribution

recruitment on work contract, legal framework of the host country

Contributions for the recruited researcher per person-month			Institutional unit contributions per person-month	
Living allowance	Mobility allowance	Family allowance	Research, training and networking contribution	Management and indirect contribution
5 080 * EUR	600 EUR	660 EUR	1000 EUR	650 EUR

* Country correction coefficient, PL: 70,5%



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EU contribution

- *Unit contribution*
- Grant budget - *based on number of person-months proposed*
- Financial reporting - *based on number of person-months worked*
- Full employment contract
- **NEW!** Changes to the personal situation (*allowance entitlement*) of the researcher can be taken into account during the project implementation

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Gender equality in Horizon Europe (3 main levels)

- **Gender Equality Plan** obligatory for public bodies of EU MS and HE AC
- gender dimension in research and innovation – required and evaluated
- gender balance among research teams, project boards, etc.

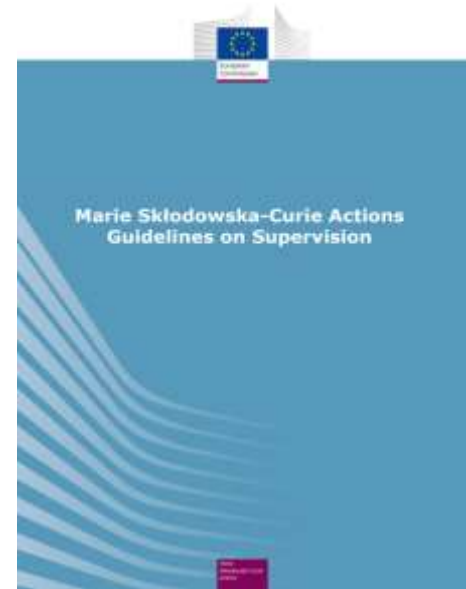


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Supervision

MSCA promotes effective supervision, mentoring and appropriate career guidance.

- [MSCA Guidelines on Supervision](#)
- [Results of MSCA end of fellowship evaluation questionnaires \(H2020\)](#)



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Career Development Plan – CDP

- project proposal: show how you plan to get there
- required for project implementation
- can help justify changes to the project
- to be revised and updated (if need be) in month 18

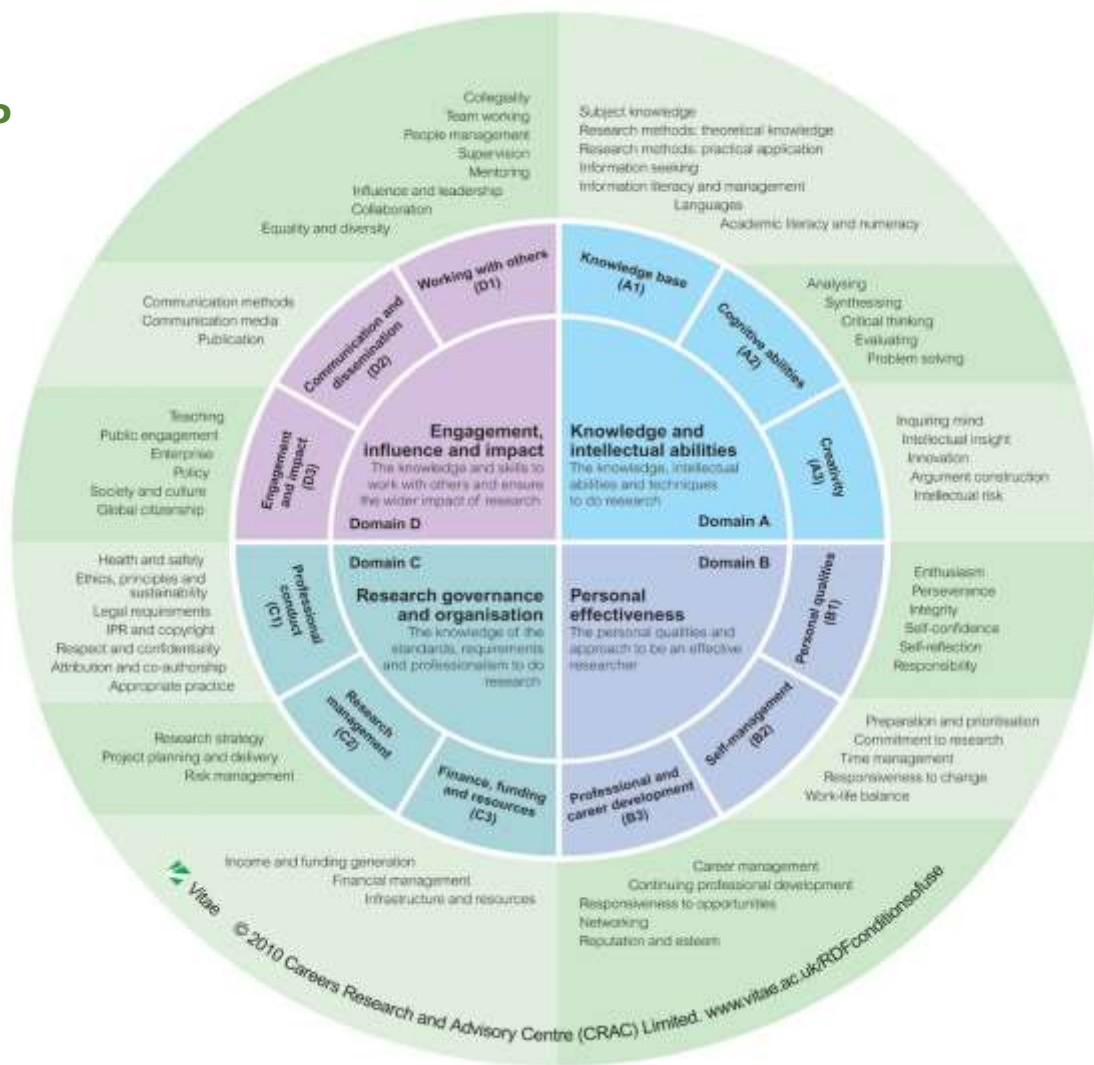


Career Development Plan – CDP

Researcher Development Framework (RDF)



<https://www.vitae.ac.uk/researchers-professional-development/about-the-vitae-researcher-development-framework>

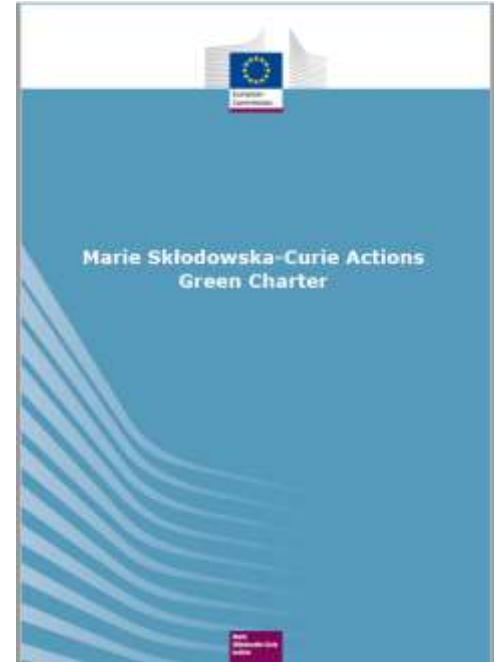


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MSCA Green Charter

Code of good practice

- sustainable implementation of research activities
- "best effort" basis
- at the end of the project: report on the ways you sought to minimise the environmental impact of your research activities



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Project proposal

EU Funding & tender opportunities Portal



The screenshot displays the 'Proposal Submission' page on the EU Funding & tender opportunities Portal. The page title is 'Proposal Submission' in a large, dark purple font. Below the title is a navigation bar with the text 'Funding & tender opportunities' and 'European Commission'. The navigation bar includes links for 'SEARCH FUNDING & TENDERS', 'HOW TO PROPOSE', 'PROJECTS & RESULTS', 'WORK AS RESEARCHER', and 'SUPPORT'. A warning message states: 'Proposal Submission System will be available on Monday 22nd from 07:00 to 08:00 (CET), while system maintenance is being performed. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.' Below the warning is a search bar with the text 'Find calls for proposals and tenders' and a search button. The search bar contains the text 'Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions' and a search icon.

Part A
(Application Forms)

Part B
(Technical Description - PDF)

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Project proposal

PART A (Application Form)

- web-based form,
 - project acronym and title
 - scientific area, 3-5 pre-defined descriptors
 - free keywords
 - **abstract:** max. 2000 characters
 - previous submissions?
- **Researcher:**
 - Doctorate: date of (expected) award
 - Qualifications
 - Place of activity/place of residence (previous 5 years - most recent one first)
 - **Participating organisations:**
 - Host institution (beneficiary-to-be): Participant Information Code (PIC) **declarations**, ethics issues, supervisor
 - Global Fellowship: partner organisation
 - Non-academic Placement (if opted for)

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Project proposal

PART B (Technical description)

Part B1 (10 pages!)

- main text
- structure according to headings
- do not delete the tags
- important: **font type and size** (text and tables) – yes, it is checked!

Part B2 (no page limit)

- Researcher CV
- Capacity of participating organisations
- Ethics, security – if pertinent
- Global Fellowship – letter of commitment by partner organisation (TC)

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Proposal evaluation

Evaluation criteria:

Excellence (50%)

- Research and innovation objectives (ambitious? go beyond the state of the art?)
- Soundness of methodology (interdisciplinary? gender dimension? other diversity aspects? **open science?**)
- Supervision, training, 2-way transfer of knowledge (researcher vs. organisations)
- Quality and appropriateness of researcher's professional experience, competences and skills

Impact (30%)

- Researcher: measures to enhance the career perspectives and employability
- Measures to maximise: dissemination and exploitation plan, communication activities (outreach)
- **Citizens:** project's contribution to the expected scientific, societal and economic impacts

Quality and efficiency of implementation (20%)

- Effectiveness of work plan (risks, effort vs. task vs. time – think: *project management*)
- Capacity of host institutions, including **hosting arrangements**

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Proposal evaluation

- Only one proposal per individual researcher can be submitted.
- Proposals scoring equal to or above 70% will be considered for funding – within the limits of the available call budget. Other proposals will be rejected.
- Proposals having received a score of less than 70% must not be resubmitted the following year (same researcher, same organisation(s))

- ERA Fellowships („widening” countries)
- **Seals of Excellence** will be awarded to applications with a total score equal to or higher than **85%**, but which cannot be funded due to lack of budget available to the call > [Ulam NAWA](#)



SEARCH FUNDING & TENDERS

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

PROJECTS & RESULTS

WORK AS AN EXPERT

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Being an expert for the European ...



In particular, experts assist in:

- **Evaluation** of proposals, prize applications and tenders
- **Monitoring** of actions, grant agreements, public procurement contracts

In addition, experts provide opinion and advise on:

- **Preparation, implementation and evaluation of EU programmes and design of policies.**

In order to select experts, the European Union Institutions publish calls for expression of interest (see below) detailing the selection criteria, the required expertise, the description of the tasks, their duration and the conditions of remuneration.

Funding & tender opportunities
[Work as an expert](#)



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