

Marie Sklodowska-Curie Fellowships 2016

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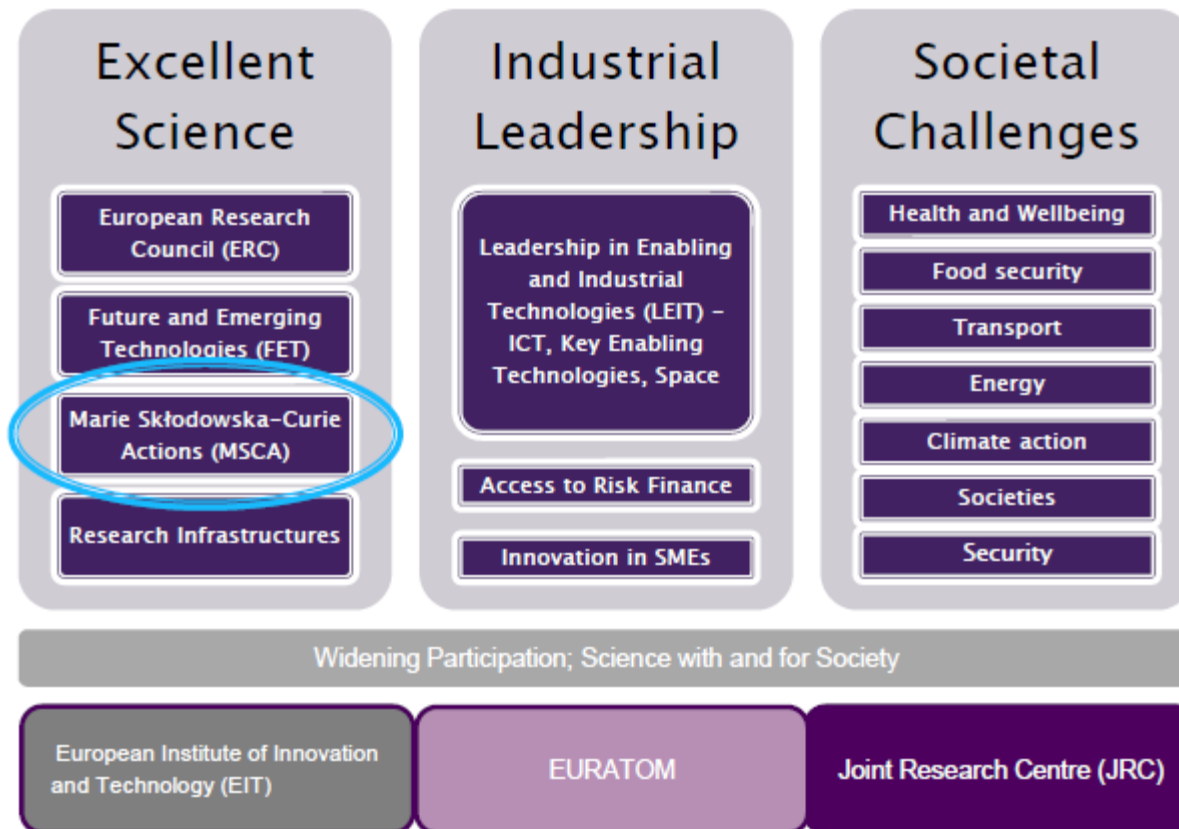
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The 2016 call is not yet open so all information given in this presentation is based on the 16/17 Work Programme and may be subject to change when the call is formally opened

MSCA IF - in context

- MSCA IF = Excellent Science pillar of Horizon 2020
- MSCA IF = Marie Skłodowska-Curie Action
- MSCA IF = international and allows intersectoral
- MSCA IF = 218.5m EURO in 2016 / 248m EURO in 2017

MSCA IF – within Horizon 2020





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MSCA IF – Objectives

- The goal of Individual Fellowships is to enhance the **creative and innovative potential** of experienced researchers, wishing to diversify their individual competence in terms of skill acquisition through **advanced training, international and intersectoral mobility**.
- Individual Fellowships provide **opportunities to acquire and transfer new knowledge and to work on research and innovation in a European context** (EU Member States and Associated Countries) or outside Europe. The scheme particularly supports the return and reintegration of researchers from outside Europe who have previously worked here. It also develops or helps to restart the careers of individual researchers that show great potential, considering their experience.

- European Fellowships
 - Standard (MS/AC – global / EU movement)
 - Reintegration panel (mobility into Europe)
 - Society and Enterprise panel (non-academia)
 - Career Restart panel (inactive > 12 months)
- Global Fellowships (TC + 12 mth return)

MSCA IF – Who can apply?

- Support is foreseen for individual, trans-national fellowships awarded to the **best or most promising researchers of any nationality**, for employment in EU Member States or Associated Countries. It is based on an application made jointly by the researcher and the beneficiary in the academic or non-academic sectors.
- Researchers must be **experienced with doctoral degree or at least four years' full-time research** experience by the time of the call deadline – no nationality, age or career stage restrictions
- Only **one proposal per individual** researcher will be evaluated.



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MSCA – European Fellowship

- **Features:**

- **12 to 24 month** fellowship based at and employed by a university (BU or elsewhere)
- Fellow can be moving from another EU country or be from outside the EU
- **Mobility Rules** (no more than 12 months in the last 3 years with beneficiary or 3 years in the last 5 for CAR/SEP/RP applications)
- Optional **non-academic secondment** (3 months for <18 months or 6 months for >18 months)
- Career Development plan



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MSCA – Global Fellowship

- Features: as EF but also:
 - Based on **12-24 months** in third country plus a **mandatory 12 month return** period to a European host (24-36 months in total)
 - Living allowance based on rates adjusted for each country co-efficient. E.g. if GF in Australia - rate x 105.0% for outgoing phase then rate x 120.3% for UK return phase
 - Cannot have worked in TC for more than 12 months in last 3 years
 - Must have resided in MC/AC for >5 years

- **Research** - completely **bottom up** –any excellent research project in any research / innovation field
- Calibre of **researcher** important
- Researcher and host institution work together on application
- Grant beneficiary is the host institution
- Grants can exceptionally be portable and flexible
- Expectation of full-time research fellowship but can incl. some supervision, teaching etc.
- Requests for part-time working may be possible during grant negotiation / life-time of grant



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MSCA IF – Activities

- **Training-through-research** at the host institution of Fellow's choice, with named Supervisor
- Realistic and well-defined objectives in terms of research project and career advancement, including a **Career Development Plan** (if successful)
- Develop and significantly widen the **competences** of the researcher, incl. multi-interdisciplinary expertise, inter-sectoral experience and **transferable skills**
- Public engagement activities
- Optional **secondment** (should significantly add to the impact of the research project) of up to 3-6 months

At researcher level:

- Increased **set of skills**, both research-related and transferable ones, leading to improved employability and career prospects both in and outside academia
- Increase in **higher impact R&I output**, more knowledge and ideas converted into products and services
- Greater contribution to the knowledge-based economy and society

At organisation level:

- Enhanced cooperation and stronger **networks**
- Better **transfer** of knowledge between sectors and disciplines
- **Boosting of R&I capacity** among participating organisations

At system level:

- Increase in international, interdisciplinary and intersectoral **mobility** of researchers in Europe
- Strengthening of Europe's **human capital** base in R&I with more entrepreneurial and better trained researchers
- Better **communication** of R&I results to society
- Increase in **Europe's attractiveness** as a leading destination for R&I
- Better quality research and innovation contributing to Europe's **competitiveness and growth**



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MSCA IF - Application

Via EU's Participant Portal:

- Host organisation ('Supervisor' or other 'Contact') or the Fellow registers the draft proposal
- PIC code
- Draft acronym, draft summary, choice of panel
- Supervisor, other Contact or Fellow give each other access onto the proposal
- Administrative forms (part A – all online)
- Part B ('Download template' and 'Upload')
- Proposal should be submitted by the Supervisor
- Submission system checks ('Validate forms' and 'Print preview')
- 'Submit' as many times as required until the deadline



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MSCA IF - Application

- **Features:**
 - Submit a research proposal, including CV. The proposal is written jointly by the fellow and the chosen host organisation(s) (a university, a research centre or a company).
 - c.10 pages with page count for sections:
 - Excellence
 - Impact
 - Implementation
- Automated calculation for funding



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MSCA IF – Funding Allocation

- The allowance is only for the fellow
- The Institution cost is for the hosting organisation(s)

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Action	Researcher unit cost person/month			Institutional unit cost person/month	
	Living allowance*	Mobility allowance	Family allowance	Research, training and networking costs	Management and indirect costs
Individual Fellowships	4 650	600	500	800	650

- * application of country co-efficients

- Standard costing based on Full Economic Costing
 - Staff costs and overheads
 - Travel and subsistence
 - Training activities...
- APF includes fEC recovery which will be around 60% (based on BU awarded IF)



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MSCA IF – Evaluation (+90%)

Weighting: Priority:	Excellence 50% 1	Impact 30% 2	Implementation 20% 3
IFs	Quality and credibility of the research/innovation project; level of novelty, appropriate consideration of inter/multidisciplinary and gender aspects	Enhancing the potential and future career prospects of the researcher	Coherence and effectiveness of the work plan
	Quality and appropriateness of the training and of the two way transfer of knowledge between the researcher and the host	Quality of the proposed measures to communicate the project activities to different target audiences	Appropriateness of the allocation of tasks and resources
	Quality of the supervision and of the integration in the team/institution		Appropriateness of the management structure and procedures
	Capacity of the researcher to reach or re-enforce a position of professional maturity/independence		Appropriateness of the institutional environment (infrastructure)



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MSCA IF – Application Dates

- Provisional Dates:

Call identifier	Publication date	Deadline	Budget
MSCA-IF-2016	12 April 2016	14 September 2016	€218.50 m
MSCA-IF-2017	11 April 2017	14 September 2017	€248 m

- Information on the outcome of the evaluation: Maximum 5 months from the final date for submission
- Indicative date for the signing of grant agreements: Maximum 8 months from the final date for submission.



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MSCA IF – Dates at BU

When (2016)	What
16 & 17 March	Dr Martin Pickard to host two day MSCA IF workshop
June	Deadline for ItB to RKEO
June-August	Support from RKEO and Dr Martin Pickard
June-July	Applications started on the Participant Portal
August	Bids should be finalised with Parts A and B well underway
> 4 weeks to D	Quality approval within Faculty
> 2 weeks to D	Ensure Part A is complete
> 1 week to D	Ensure Parts A & B are ready and any uploads completed

MSCA IF – Finding Fellows

- Your potential fellow may come to you
- Conferences and overseas visits
- As a result on your publications
- Previous students (residency clause!)
- Through own academic partnerships
- [Piirus](#)
- [CORDIS](#)



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MSCA IF – Further Sources

- MSCA IF in 16/17 Work Programme (Main section - p33)
 - http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/wp/2016_2017/main/h2020-wp1617-msca_en.pdf
- MSCA IF overview
 - http://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/about-msca/actions/if/index_en.htm
- MSCA IF call documents
 - 2016 -
<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/topics/2226-msca-if-2016.html>
 - 2017 –
<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/topics/2224-msca-if-2017.html>



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MSCA - NCP Helpdesk

- Web, email, telephone, events
 - <http://www.ukro.ac.uk/mariecurie/index.htm>
 - mariecurie-uk@bbsrc.ac.uk
 - Tel: +32 2 230 0318
- Advice on applying for MSC actions:
 - Eligibility
 - Application help
 - Results
 - Contractual issues
- Advice to those with MC contracts:
 - Social security, tax, visas
 - Reporting

- Contact
 - Emily Cieciora ecieciora@bournemouth.ac.uk
 - Funding Development Officer for Faculty
- Guidance
 - Make sure that you read all the guidance so that you are sure that you are call compliant
- Bid Authorisation
 - Discuss **early** with DDRPP and PVC: R&I

Any questions?