



Deadline	Tue 12 Oct 2021 17:00:00 Brussels time (IOCB deadline: Tue 05 Oct 2021)
Call name	Horizon Europe: Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Postdoctoral Fellowships 2021 (MSCA PF 2021)
www	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-msca-2021-pf-01-01
Focused on	European Postdoctoral Fellowship: mobility to the beneficiary for 12–24 months (1–2 years) Global Postdoctoral Fellowship: mobility to a partner organisation for 12–24 months (1–2 years) followed by a mandatory 12-month return period to the beneficiary located in a MS/AC* An additional period of up to 6 months at the end of the project can be spent in a non/academic institution in an EU MS/AC*
Applicant	European Postdoctoral Fellowship: Experienced Researcher of any nationality and any age who moves or has moved from any country to the MS/AC* where the beneficiary is located. Global Postdoctoral Fellowship: Experienced researcher of any age who is national or long-term resident of a MS/AC* and who moves or has moved from any country to the partner organisation located in the TC*. The applicant must have a PhD (thesis defence completed) at the time of the application deadline, and must have a maximum of 8 years full-time equivalent experience in research from the award of the doctoral degree.
Host institution	Research organisation located in a MS/AC* that recruits the experienced researcher and ensures, through appointment of a supervisor, the necessary training of the researcher. Partner organisation for the outgoing phase = research organisation located in a TC*.
Expected outputs	Not specified; e.g. (J) reviewed specialist article; applications...
Call opens	Tue 22 Jun 2021
Final deadline	Tue 12 Oct 2021 17:00:00 Brussels time
Evaluation results	February 2022
Signature of agreement	March – May 2022
Earliest date of implementation	Between 01 Apr 2022 and 01 Sep 2023
Latest date of implementation	Not specified
Sustainability	European: none Global: mandatory 12-month return period to the beneficiary located in a MS/AC*
Reporting	Probably 1 report EF: months 1-24; probably 2 reports GF: months 1-24, 25-36
Project duration (min-max)	12–36 months (or 42 if additional non-academic placement)
Allocation for the call	242 M EUR (205.7 M EUR European, 36.3 M EUR Global), excluding the UK contribution. Additionally, 8 M EUR for funding ERA fellowships in widening countries (including the Czech Republic), 1 M EUR for Euratom funded fellowships
Project budget (min-max)	87 960 – 335 580 EUR
Success rate	11-21 % (2020) varies greatly between panels
Eligible costs	Researcher unit cost per month (6 340 EUR, income tax to be applied to this according to local regulations): 5 080 EUR living allowance (EU contribution to gross salary, adjusted by country correction coefficient) + 600 EUR mobility allowance + 660 EUR family allowance Institutional unit cost per month (1 650 EUR): 1000 EUR research, training and networking costs: e.g. participation in conferences, trips related to the work of the action, training, language courses, seminars, lab material, books, library records, publication costs; research expenses; visa-related fees and travel expenses; additional costs arising from secondments + 650 EUR management and indirect costs A country correction coefficient applies to the living allowance in order to ensure equal treatment and purchasing power parity for all researchers (for the Czech Republic, this is 79.1%).

	Long-term leave allowance (e.g. maternity, paternity, parental leave, long-term sickness) above 30 days and special needs allowance available in specific cases.
Mode of funding	ex-ante
Language of application	English
Provider	European Commission Horizon Europe, http://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions NCP: Technology Centre CAS, Zuzana Čapková, +420 234 006 161, capkova@tc.cz
Call identifier	HORIZON-TMA-MSCA-PF-EF (European Postdoctoral Fellowships) HORIZON-TMA-MSCA-PF-GF (Global Postdoctoral Fellowships)
Call info	MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships support the career development and training of researchers in all scientific disciplines through international and inter-sectoral mobility.
Conditions / Restrictions	<p>Standard European: The applicant cannot have resided or carried out his/her main activity (work, studies, etc.) in the country of the beneficiary for more than 12 months in the three years immediately before the call deadline. Applicants can be of any nationality.</p> <p>Global: The applicant cannot have resided or carried out his/her main activity (work, studies, etc.) in the country of the TC* partner organisation where the outgoing phase takes place for more than 12 months in the three years immediately before the call deadline. Applicants must be nationals or long-term residents of MS/AC.</p> <p>No age restrictions apply.</p> <p>Applicants must be in possession of a PhD degree at the call deadline (applicants who have defended their PhD but have not been formally awarded the degree will be eligible).</p> <p>Applicants must be a maximum of 8 years from the award of their first doctoral degree, excluding maternity leave (18 months per child or the actual time taken, whichever is longest), paternity leave (exact duration taken per child), research in a non-associated TC (only for nationals or long-term residents of MS/AC wishing to reintegrate in Europe), compulsory national service, time spent not working in research, long-term sick leave.</p> <p>The proposal should be prepared by the researcher in cooperation with the host organisation, which is represented by the main supervisor.</p> <p>Only 1 proposal per researcher may be submitted to this call.</p> <p>If proposals with the same research objectives and work plan are submitted for different researchers, only the first submitted one will be considered eligible.</p> <p>Proposals involving the same recruiting organisation (and for Global PF also the associated partner hosting the outgoing phase) and individual researcher submitted to the previous call of MSCA PF and having received a score of less than 70% must not be resubmitted the following year (from 2022 call).</p> <p>Each host organisation (beneficiary) has to have a Participant Identification Code (PIC).</p> <p>The beneficiary signs the Grant Agreement, receives funding, claims costs, and takes complete responsibility for the proper implementation of the action.</p> <p>The Partner Organisation contributes to the implementation of the action, but does not sign the Grant Agreement.</p> <p>Secondments of the researcher to partner organisations are encouraged, but they should be relevant, feasible, and beneficial for the researcher and in line with the project objectives.</p> <p>Maximum duration of secondment is up to 1/3 of the standard project duration for European Fellowships and up to 1/3 of the duration of the outgoing phase for Global Fellowships</p> <p>The secondment can be a single period or can be divided into shorter mobility periods. It can take place at one or more organisations, which can be located in any country worldwide. A secondment is allowed during any phase of the European Fellowship project, but must take place during the outgoing phase of the Global Fellowship project. For Global Fellowships, a secondment of up to 3 months can take place at the Beneficiary at the start of the fellowship. Secondments cannot take place during the mandatory 12 month return phase in a MS/AC*.</p> <p>Secondments can take place within the same sector or can be inter-sectoral.</p> <p>Non-Academic placements can be up to 6 months in length, must take place at the end of the Fellowship (as an additional 6 months at the end of the project duration), must take place in a MS/AC*, in the non-academic sector, and must be confirmed through a letter of commitment at the time of application.</p>
Proposal consists of	<p>On-line application through the Funding&Tenders Portal</p> <p>I) Proposal part A (on-line): (1) General information & declarations & 3–5 descriptors & abstract (max 2000 characters with spaces), (2) Administrative data of participating organisations, (3) Gender Equality Plan, (4) Budget, (5) Ethics self-assessment, (6) Security self-assessment, (7) Keywords, (8) Call specific questions (applicant)</p> <p>II) Proposal part B1 (PDF): project description (1) Excellence, (2) Impact, (3) Quality and efficiency of the implementation with a Gantt chart (max 10 pages; applicant)</p>

	<p>III) Proposal part B2 (PDF): (4) CV (max 5 pages), (5) Capacity of the participating organisations (max 1 page for the overview and max 1 page for each organisation), (6) Ethics & Security additional information – if required, (7) Letter of Commitment (Global only; applicant & partner organisation)</p> <p>Draft plan for the exploitation and dissemination of the results</p>
Evaluation criteria	<p>Single-stage evaluation process.</p> <p>Excellence (50%): (1) Quality and pertinence of the project's research/innovation; ambitiousness of project, how much goes beyond state of the art; (2) Soundness of the proposed methodology (including interdisciplinary approaches, consideration of the gender dimension and other diversity aspects if relevant for research project, and the quality of open science practices); (3) Quality of the supervision, training and of the two-way transfer of knowledge between the researcher and the host; (4) Quality and appropriateness of the researcher's professional experience, competences and skills.</p> <p>Impact (30%): (5) Credibility of the measures to enhance the career perspectives and employability of the fellow and contribution to his/her skills development; (6) Suitability and quality of the measures to maximise expected outcomes and impacts, as set out in the dissemination and exploitation plan, including communication activities (to be submitted towards the end of the project); (7) Magnitude/importance of the project's contribution to expected scientific/societal/economic impacts.</p> <p>Quality and efficiency of the implementation (20%): (8) Quality and effectiveness of the work plan, assessment of risks, and appropriateness of the effort assigned to work packages; (9) Quality and capacity of the host institutions and participating organisations, including hosting arrangements.</p> <p>All IF proposals that score 85% or more but cannot be funded from the call budget will be awarded a Seal of Excellence (quality label awarded to Horizon Europe project proposals – to help find alternative funding).</p>
Research areas	<p>All research areas</p> <p>Chemistry (CHE): (C1) Inorganic Chemistry, (C2) Organic, Polymer and Macromolecular Chemistry, (C3) Physical and Analytical Chemistry, (C4) Applied and Industrial Chemistry</p> <p>Economic Sciences (ECO): (E1) Economics, (E2) Economic Development, (E3) Management, (E4) Finance</p> <p>Information Science and Engineering (ENG): (G1) Computer Science and Informatics, (G2) Systems and Communication Engineering: Electrical, electronic, communication, optical and systems engineering, (G3) Products and Processes Engineering: Product design, process design and control, construction methods, civil engineering, energy processes, material engineering</p> <p>Environmental and Geosciences (ENV): (V1) Environment and Society, (V2) Earth System Science, (V3) Evolutionary, Population and Environmental Biology, (V4) Applied Life Sciences & Non-Medical Biotechnology</p> <p>Life Sciences (LIF): (L1) Molecular and Structural Biology, (L2) Genetics, Genomics, Bioinformatics and Systems Biology, (L3) Cellular and Developmental Biology, (L4) Physiology, Pathophysiology and Endocrinology, (L5) Neurosciences and Neural Disorders, (L6) Immunity and Infection, (L7) Diagnostic Tools, Therapies and Public Health</p> <p>Mathematics (MAT): (M1) Mathematics, (M2) Applied Mathematics</p> <p>Physics (PHY): (P1) Particle and Nuclear Physics, (P2) Atomic and Molecular Physics, Optics, (P3) Condensed Matter Physics, (P4) Astrophysics, Cosmology, Space Science, (P5) Applied Physics</p> <p>Social Sciences and Humanities (SOC): (S1) Sociology, Social Anthropology, (S2) Political Science, (S3) Law, (S4) Communication, (S5) Cognition, Psychology, Linguistics, (S6) Philosophy, (S7) Education, (S8) Literature, Arts, Music, Cultural and Comparative Studies, (S9) Archaeology, History and Memory</p> <p>Each panel will have two ranked lists, one for EFs and one for GFs.</p>
Call workshop	<p>Recording of On-line information day on MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowship (21 May 2021) by TC</p> <p>https://www.horizontevropa.cz/cs/struktura-programu-he/excelentni-veda/akce-marie-skłodowska-curie/informace/yiifnews/199/prezentace-a-zaznam-z-%22on-line-information...</p> <p>Technology Centre CAS, Ve Struhách 27, Prague 6</p>
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Download documents	summary_MSCA-PF-2021 MSCA-PF-2021 applicant guidelines MSCA-PF-2021 proposal template – to be added later MSCA-PF-2021 technical description part B MSCA Work Programme 2021-2022 MSCA keywords/panels MSCA country correction coefficients
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*AC = Associated Country, MS = EU Member States, TC = non-associated Third Countries

POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS		EUROPEAN (EF)	GLOBAL (GF)
RESEARCHER	Nationality	ANY	MS, AC or long-term residents
	Mobility	From ANY country to MS or AC	From ANY country to TC then to MS/AC
		≤ 12 months in the last 3 years in beneficiary country	≤ 12 months in the last 3 years in the country hosting outgoing phase
	Research experience (full-time equivalent)	Must have postdoctoral status at call deadline (must have defended PhD) ≤ 8 years from date of award of first PhD degree (excluding maternity, paternity, compulsory national service, time spent not working in research, long term sickness)	Must have postdoctoral status at call deadline (must have defended PhD) ≤ 8 years from date of award of first PhD degree (excluding maternity, paternity, compulsory national service, time spent not working in research, long term sickness)
PARTICIPANTS	Beneficiary	Single independent legal entity in MS or AC	Single independent legal entity in MS or AC
	Partner Organisation	Secondment (optional): anywhere, both academic and non-academic	Outgoing phase (mandatory): Single independent legal entity in TC
		Additional non-academic placement (optional): MS or AC, non-academic only	Secondment (optional): anywhere, both academic and non-academic Additional non-academic placement (optional): MS or AC, non-academic only
DURATION (months)		12 to 24 (+6)	12 to 24 + 12 (+6)
SCIENTIFIC AREAS		8	8
NUMBER OF RANKING LISTS		8	8
BUDGET (total EUR 328 million)		EUR 205.7 million **	EUR 36.3 million **

** excluding UK contribution