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Call name	Horizon Europe: Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions For Ukraine (MSCA4Ukraine)
www	https://sareurope.eu/msca4ukraine/ Call announcement: https://marie-skłodowska-curie-actions.ec.europa.eu/news/new-call-announced-to-support-displaced-researchers-from-ukraine Link to the Funding and Tenders Portal will be live from 24 Oct 2022
Focused on	Providing support to Ukrainian scholars (doctoral and postdoctoral researchers) displaced by the war that has started on 24 February 2022
Applicant	Ukrainian national or stateless person or national from third countries other than Ukraine, with their primary residence in Ukraine on 24 February 2022. Must have been displaced on or after 24 February 2022, or be ready to relocate from Ukraine. Postdoctoral researchers or doctoral candidates with the language skills required to successfully conduct their research activities.
Host institution	Academic or non/academic organisation in any EU Member State or Horizon Europe Associated Country
Expected outputs	Not specified; e.g. (J) reviewed specialist article; applications...
Call opens	Mon 24 Oct 2022 (pre-announcement Wed 28 Sep 2022)
Final deadline	Ongoing, three internal cut-off dates tentatively* set at Fri 11 Nov 2022, Fri 9 Dec 2022, Mon 9 Jan 2023, with portal remaining open until funds are used up (advice to submit as soon as possible after 24 Oct) * adjustable based on rate of applications
Evaluation results	January 2023 onwards
Signature of agreement	approx. February 2023 onwards
Earliest date of implementation	Early 2023
Latest date of implementation	Not specified
Sustainability	none
Reporting	The responsibility of the host organisation: Each calendar year: brief report on the progress of and on expenditures relating to the fellowship; Within 60 days after completion of the fellowships: final report on the outcomes of the project, and on all expenditures relating to the fellowship.
Project duration (min-max)	6–24 months
Allocation for the call	25 M EUR (funding of at least 120 fellowships envisaged)
Project budget (min-max)	37 860 – 191 760 EUR
Success rate	NA
Eligible costs	Fellowship rates will be in line with MSCA Doctoral Networks and MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships. Monthly fellowship rates for doctoral and postdoctoral fellowships as well as mobility, family and special needs allowance (see MSCA Work Programme). Host organisations will receive the same monthly contribution towards institutional management and research costs regardless of whether they host doctoral or postdoctoral candidates. Researcher unit cost per month (6 340 EUR/4 660 EUR, income tax to be applied to this according to local regulations): 5 080 EUR (postdocs)/ 3 400 EUR (doctoral researchers) living allowance (EU contribution to gross salary, adjusted by country correction coefficient) + 600 EUR mobility allowance + 660 EUR family allowance 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.

	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.
Mode of funding	ex-ante
Language of application	English
Provider	Consortium of Scholars at Risk Europe (Maynooth University, Ireland), Alexander von Humboldt Foundation (Germany), European University Association. Associated partners: PAUSE programme at the College de France (France), global Scholars at Risk Network. https://sareurope.eu/ https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/ https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/en https://eua.eu/ https://www.programmepause.fr/en/ https://www.college-de-france.fr/ https://www.scholarsatrisk.org/
Call identifier	MSCA4Ukraine
Call info	MSCA4Ukraine fellowships support the continued career development and research continuity of researchers displaced from Ukraine as a result of the invasion by the Russian Federation in early 2022.
Conditions / Restrictions	<p>Academic or non-academic organisations in EU MS or AC can apply on behalf of one or more researchers. The maximum amount to be granted to each host organisation is 2M EUR (covering the recruitment of several researchers).</p> <p>Candidates must be Ukrainian nationals or stateless persons or nationals from third countries other than Ukraine, with their primary residence in Ukraine on 24 February 2022.</p> <p>Applicants must have been displaced on or after 24 February 2022, or are ready to relocate from Ukraine.</p> <p>Candidates must be postdoctoral researchers (i.e. in possession of a doctoral degree by the time the fellowship is set to begin), or doctoral candidates (i.e. enrolled in a doctoral programme at a higher education institution in Ukraine). They must have the language skills required to successfully conduct their research activities (confirmed by host organisation).</p> <p>Applications via online portal that will open for submissions on 24 October. Once the portal opens, applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis with regular cut-off dates until all available funds are committed. It is advisable to submit applications as soon as possible after October 24.</p> <p>MSCA4Ukraine includes career development and networking activities over the duration of the fellowship scheme. Within application, host organisations must outline training and networking activities they will provide for the researcher. (Within the first two months of the fellowship a career development plan should be prepared jointly by the academic mentor and the researcher).</p> <p>A secondment is an optional component of the application and can be up to a third of the fellowship duration. Secondments can still be planned after the fellowship is underway. Secondments can be undertaken in another EU country, HEU Associated Country (incl. Ukraine), or in third countries. Proposals for secondment arrangements must be submitted by the primary host organisation to AvH no later than 60 days before the envisaged start date of the secondment.</p> <p>Host organisation and researchers are encouraged to take measures to support the candidate's preparation for reintegration into Ukraine, even if such reintegration does not take place within the period of the fellowship (eg. maintaining or enhancing links to institutions and colleagues in Ukraine through double affiliations, joint supervision of doctoral candidates, or other arrangements with an organisation in Ukraine). Such measures should be outlined in the host organisation's application. Only one proposal per individual candidate can be submitted. However, an academic mentor can be involved in more than one proposal.</p> <p>If proposals with the same research objectives and work plan are submitted by the same host organisation for different candidates, only the first submitted proposal will be considered.</p>
Proposal consists of	<p>On-line application through the portal that will open on 24 Oct 2022 (link available on the MSCA4Ukraine website: www.sareurope.eu/msca4ukraine). Once the portal opens, applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until all available funds are committed. It is advisable to submit your application as soon as possible after the portal opens, as demand is likely to be high and funding is likely to be exhausted quickly.</p> <p>Application to be submitted by the host organisation (IOCB in our case) on behalf of the researcher (you, the researcher). Application must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) (Project Office and Candidate and IOCB mentor) Completed online application form including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact details for the candidate

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact details for an academic mentor • Contact details for the staff member completing the application on behalf of the host organisation who would serve as a contact person for further enquiries, the communication of the award and as liaison for administrative questions • Contact details for the head of the applicant institution • Details on the researcher's disciplinary area • Details of dependents accompanying the researcher • Details on current location and – if displaced from Ukraine - date of displacement • Details on the proposed duration of the fellowship • The researcher's CV information entered in reverse chronological order via the online portal • Information about the candidate's prior collaboration (if any) with the host organisation • Confirmation (via checkbox in portal) by the applicant organisation that the researcher has the necessary language skills required for the successful implementation of the research project • Confirmation (via checkbox in portal) that work space and all other necessary research equipment (such as access to research literature, lab space and other infrastructure) will be provided to the researcher by the host organisation • Confirmation (via checkbox in portal) that the host organisation checked documents that verify the researcher's identity, academic record, and language level • Confirmation (via checkbox in portal) that the host organisation (applicant) has interviewed the candidate (either online or in-person) • Confirmation (via checkbox in portal) of agreement to the terms of reference of the programme <p>ii) (Candidate) Documents (in PDF) regarding the profile/eligibility of the candidate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List of publications (if applicable) • Copy of an identity document of the researcher • Copies of diploma(s) and certificate(s) (for postdoctoral candidates) • Confirmation of PhD, C. Sc. or equivalent • For doctoral candidates, confirmation that the candidate is enrolled at the host organisation <p>iii) (Project Office and IOCB Mentor) Signed host statement on institutional letterhead outlining – max 1500 words - support to the candidate. Should include the following information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • details of the role of the researcher in the organisation • profile of the academic mentor, including details on their experience hosting international guest scholars and in particular researchers at risk where applicable • details of training activities to be offered, focused on developing new scientific knowledge through original research on personalised projects. The statement should also outline any complementary training related to the career status of the fellow to be provided to develop key transferable skills and competences common to all fields, foster innovation and entrepreneurship, and promote and (where appropriate) reward Open Science practices. • details of any secondments envisaged within Ukraine, in another EU country, Horizon Europe Associated Country or other third country, and a confirmation by the host organisation to continue as host organisation for the duration of any secondment that may be planned later in the course of the fellowship. • measures to prepare for continued affiliation with and future reintegration into Ukraine, if safe conditions for such a return are met. Such measures might include double affiliations, joint supervision of doctoral candidates, facilitating continued distance learning, continued distance teaching, or other measures. • explanation of the requested fellowship duration in respect to the specific needs and interests of the nominated researcher, including related training and support concepts. If the duration requested is short-term because, for example, the researcher's intention is to return to Ukraine after 6 months, it will be important at the application stage to clarify that the brief duration is in the best interest of the researcher, and to demonstrate realistic short-term measures underway or planned to prepare for such reintegration <p>iv) (Candidate) Research proposal of max 2500 words: current state of the research performed to date, research work planned for the fellowship, the envisaged objectives, activities and methodology to be employed, how the stay at the host organisation would contribute to achieving these, the originality and significance of the research for the advancement of the research field and of the researcher's own profile, and references; candidates must design proposals independently and discuss them with their envisaged academic mentors prior to application; any parts contributed by the academic mentor or others must be attributed accordingly.</p> <p>v) (Academic Mentor) Confidential statement (not seen by candidate) from the academic mentor – max 1200 words, with a translation into English – to confirm matching academic specializations and research interests, assessing the academic</p>
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	<p>profile of the candidate, their academic potential, and the quality of the research proposal, in order to ensure professional match, commitment of the mentor to supporting the candidate and their research, and to avoid nominations based on solidarity alone without adequate attention to academic merit.</p> <p>vi) (Candidate and Project Office) Financing plan, downloadable from the online portal, reflecting unit costs using MSCA postdoctoral and doctoral rates.</p> <p>vii) (Candidate and Project Office) Ethical self-assessment, downloadable from the online portal. The form will contain the same questions as the MSCA ethics self-assessment form and will ask for details of the contact person for ethics in relation to the host organisation's application (the IOCB mentor or an administrative staff member).</p>
Evaluation criteria	<p>The online portal will open on 24 Oct 2022 for submission of applications. The call will be structured by internal cut-off dates, with the first three cut-off dates tentatively set at 11 Nov 2022, 9 Dec 2022, and 9 Jan 2023 adjustable based on the rate applications. At each cut-off date, all eligible nominations submitted will enter the evaluation and selection process. Evaluation and selection will take place as follows:</p> <p>Step 1: Eligibility check (conducted by AvH on a rolling basis)</p> <p>Step 2: Ethics check (in all cases where indicated by ethical self-assessment)</p> <p>Step 3: Evaluation process conducted by members of MSCA4Ukraine pool of evaluators</p> <p>Step 4: Selection conducted by MSCA4Ukraine selection committee</p> <p>Step 5: Fellowship offered issued and implemented by AvH</p> <p>Step 6: Notification issued to unsuccessful applicants by AvH</p> <p>Evaluation criteria for postdoctoral fellowships:</p> <p>Excellence (35%): (1) Quality of the researcher's professional experience, competences and skills, and potential for future research accomplishment; (2) Quality of the researcher's proposal in terms of originality and potential to create a significant contribution to the respective field of research.</p> <p>Impact (35%): (3) Quality of the host organisation's plan for supporting the researcher, including the quality and suitability of training and career development measures proposed and efforts to enhance temporary integration in the host country's academic community, including plans to support access for fellows and family members to accommodation, medical services, schooling and other social supports; (4) Quality of measures proposed to prepare for reintegration (in the future, in most cases, beyond the fellowship, when safe conditions for return are met), including efforts to (remotely) maintain and strengthen connections with organisations and researchers in Ukraine while on the fellowship; (5) Quality of the explanation for the proposed fellowship duration in respect to the specific needs and interests of the researcher, and advancement of the proposed research. In the case of short-term fellowship requests (under 18-months), quality of the proposed measures to either (a) prepare for reintegration to Ukraine (where this is stated rationale for the short-term request) or (b) prepare for follow-up fellowship or position outside Ukraine after the short-term fellowship.</p> <p>Implementation (30%): (6) Suitability of the professional match between the researcher and the academic mentor/host organisation (work in similar areas of research, potential for mutual academic benefit); (7) Compatibility with the host organisation (departmental strength in the researcher's area, or alternatively a void that the research can successfully fill).</p> <p>Evaluation criteria for doctoral fellowships:</p> <p>Excellence (35%): (1) Quality of the researcher's professional experience, competences and skills, and potential for future research accomplishment; (2) Quality of the researcher's proposal in terms of a first independent contribution to the relevant academic field.</p> <p>Impact (35%): (3) Quality of the host organisation's plan for supporting the researcher, including the quality and suitability of training and career development measures proposed and efforts to enhance temporary integration in the host country's academic community, including plans to support access for fellows and family members to accommodation, medical services, schooling and other social supports; (4) Quality of measures proposed to prepare for reintegration (in the future, in most cases, beyond the fellowship, when safe conditions for return are met), including efforts to (remotely) maintain and strengthen connections with organisations and researchers in Ukraine while on the fellowship; (5) Quality of the explanation for the proposed fellowship duration in respect to the specific needs and interests of the researcher, and advancement of the proposed research. In the case of short-term fellowship requests (under 18-months), quality of the proposed measures to either (a) prepare for reintegration to Ukraine (where this is stated rationale for the short-term request) or (b) prepare for follow-up fellowship or position outside Ukraine after the short-term fellowship.</p> <p>Implementation (30%): (6) Suitability of the professional match between the researcher and the academic mentor/host organisation (work in similar areas of research, potential for mutual academic benefit); (7) Compatibility with the host organisation (departmental strength in the researcher's area).</p> <p>Scoring and final selection:</p> <p>Each evaluator will provide a score between 0 (unsatisfactory) and 5 (excellent) for each of the three evaluation criteria as a whole. Sub-criteria will help reviewers to decide the scores for each evaluation criterion. To proceed to the selection stage, an application must meet a minimum</p>

	<p>threshold of 3.5 points per criterion and 10.5 points overall, i.e. 70%. Given the urgency of the need facing researchers from Ukraine, interviews by MSCA4Ukraine external evaluators with applicant organisations and/or candidates are not envisaged. As part of the application, host organisations are asked to confirm that they have interviewed the candidate.</p> <p>If there is funding available to provide fellowships to all ranked applications meeting the 70% threshold in a given review cycle, with approval from the Selection Committee and following ethical reviews, AvH will proceed with fellowship offers to all those scoring above 70%. If there are more applications meeting the threshold than there is funding available to provide, there may be a group of applications which have reached identical scores but which cannot all be awarded. The Selection Committee will review and discuss this set of applications and establish a ranking within the group this time prioritising the 'impact' criteria, in particular the sub-criteria of measures proposed to maintain connections with Ukrainian R&I communities in order to better prepare for eventual reintegration to Ukraine, even if the reintegration itself is not planned during the period of the fellowship. With approval from the Selection Committee, AvH will proceed through the ranked list established by the evaluation results and by the Selection Committee, providing offers until fellowship funding is exhausted. Remaining applications above the threshold will be placed on a ranked reserve list. Should a grant be declined by an applicant organisation, AvH will follow the ranked reserve list when re-assigning the grant.</p>
Research areas	All research areas
Call workshop	Official launch of MSCA4Ukraine and information session , online (https://sareurope.eu/events/launch-of-msca4ukraine/) 6 Oct 2022 11:00-12:30 CEST
IOCB contact	<p>Please inform the IOCB Project Office as soon as possible about your intention to apply. Do not hesitate to contact us anytime for consulting, discussion or help.</p> <p>Jitka Šilerová, jitka.silerova@uochb.cas.cz, +420 220 183 229</p> <p>Blanka Collis, blanka.collis@uochb.cas.cz, +420 220 183 527</p> <p>Veronika Palečková, veronika.paleckova@uochb.cas.cz, +420 220 183 266</p>
Download documents	<p>MSCA4Ukraine summary</p> <p>MSCA4Ukraine call announcement</p> <p>MSCA4Ukraine terms of reference</p> <p>MSCA Work Programme 2021-2022 (updated 10 May 2022, pages 70-73)</p> <p>MSCA country correction coefficients</p>