MSCA4Ukraine Fellowship Programme: 2024 Call for Applications

### PART 1: Application Outline

The application must be written in English.

Please respect the following formatting requirements: Times New Roman, Arial or similar, at least font size 11, margin sizes (2.0 cm side and 1.5 cm top and bottom), single line spacing.

Please delete all text highlighted in grey in this template[[1]](#footnote-1).

*In case of a large number of applications a two-stage evaluation process may be implemented.*

*During the first stage, information provided in the Application outline (Part 1) will be evaluated by external experts with expertise in broad research areas from one of ten pre-selection review panels (see below). The stage 1 evaluation will be carried out against two criteria: ‘Excellence’ and ‘Impact’.*

*All applications, or a sub-set of the applications short-listed after the first evaluation stage, will be fully evaluated in the second stage, where both this Application outline (Part 1) and the Full application proposal (Part 2) will be made available to external evaluators with subject-specific expertise. The stage 2 of the evaluation will be carried out against three criteria: “Excellence”, “Impact” and “Implementation”. In case of a two-stage evaluation process, those applications that have not been short-listed will not be fully evaluated.*

*The final funding decision will be made by the MSCA4Ukraine Selection Committee, based on the ranking list of the fully evaluated applications and, if necessary, discussion of the applications with the aggregate score close to the cut-off score.*

Proposal full title (up to 200 characters, spaces and line breaks included):

*[Please enter the title here.]*

PROPOSAL ACRONYM: *[Please enter the acronym here.]*

Please enter the code for the most suitable pre-selection review panel based on the candidate’s research area (e.g. 1. HUM): *[Please enter the code here.]*

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| 1. HUM: Humanities & Arts 2. SOC: Social Sciences (including Law) 3. ECO: Economic Sciences 4. LIF: Life Sciences 5. MED: Medicine (incl. Veterinary Medicine) | 1. MAT: Mathematics 2. CHE: Chemistry 3. PHY: Physics 4. ENG: Information Sciences and Engineering 5. ENV: Environment and Geosciences |

If the project is cross- or multi-disciplinary, you may enter the code for a second pre-selection review panel (e.g. 1. ENG): *[Please enter the code here.]*

Please briefly explain the cross- or multi-disciplinary nature of your proposal (there is a limit of 300 characters, spaces and line breaks included.)

*[We may seek input from an expert from the second pre-selection review panel in case of cross- or multi-disciplinary projects, however this cannot be guaranteed.]*

**Section 1.1: Research Proposal Outline**

*(max. 2 pages, including any figures and essential references. To ensure comparability any excess text may be excluded from the evaluation).*

*[The Research proposal outline should give a concise presentation of the scientific proposal, with particular attention to the originality and ambition of the proposed research project and feasibility of the proposed research approach(es).* *It should be structured to describe the rationale, core question(s), hypothesis and positioning with regard to the state-of-the-art of the field, scientific research objectives, research methodology and work plan.* *Essential references to literature should also be included. Please use a reference style that is commonly used in your discipline such as American Chemical Society (ACS) style, American Medical Association (AMA) style, Modern Language Association (MLA) style, etc. and that allows the evaluators to easily retrieve each reference.]*

*Should the two-stage evaluation process be deployed, external evaluators with a broad range of expertise will assess the quality of the proposed project based on this outline in stage 1 of the evaluation. It is thus essential that this Application outline (Part 1) contains sufficient information relevant to the evaluation criteria of Excellence and Impact.*

**Section 1.2: Abridged Curriculum Vitae and Track Record of the Candidate**

*(max. 2 pages. To ensure comparability any excess text may be excluded from the evaluation).*

**EDUCATION AND KEY QUALIFICATIONS**

*[List your education and key qualifications, current position(s) and key relevant previous positions you have held. For PhD candidates and early career researchers**[[2]](#footnote-2): you may add some important relevant training.]*

* **Education and Key Qualifications**

DD/MM/YYYY Doctor of Sciences/ *Dr. habil. (if applicable)*

PhD Thesis Title

Faculty/ Department, Higher Education Institution/ Organisation, Country

DD/MM/YYYY PhD *(if applicable)*

PhD Thesis Title/ PhD Thesis Mentor(s)

Faculty/ Department, Higher Education Institution/ Organisation, Country

YYYY Master/ *Diplom* *(if applicable)*

*For PhD candidates:* Master Thesis Title/ Master Thesis Mentor(s)

Faculty/ Department, Higher Education Institution/ Organisation, Country

YYYY BSc

Faculty/ Department, Higher Education Institution/ Organisation, Country

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* **Current and previous position(s)**, including your most recent research position in Ukraine (at a higher education institution, research institute, R&D company, think-tank, etc.)

Since DD/MM/YYYY Current Position/ Main duties

Faculty/ Department, Higher Education Institution/ Organisation, Country

YYYY – YYYY Position held/ Main duties

Faculty/ Department, Higher Education Institution/ Organisation, Country

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**RESEARCH ACHIEVEMENTS**

*[For experienced researchers[[3]](#footnote-3): please provide a list of up to ten research outputs that demonstrate how you have advanced knowledge in your field. These can include publications, articles deposited in a publicly available preprint server, books, book chapters, conference proceedings, data sets, software, patents, licenses, standards, start-up businesses or any other research outputs you deem relevant in relation to your research field and your project.*

*For PhD candidates and early career researchers: please provide a list of up to five research outputs that evidence your potential and ambition to advance knowledge in your field. These can include publications, articles deposited in a publicly available preprint server, books, book chapters, conference proceedings, data sets, software, patents, licenses, standards, start-up businesses or any other research outputs you deem relevant in relation to your research field and your project.*

*Please also include a short, factual explanation of the significance of the selected outputs, your role in producing each of them, and how they demonstrate your capacity/potential to successfully carry out the proposed project.]*

**PEER RECOGNITION**

*[Please provide a list of selected examples of significant recognition by your peers (if applicable), such as prizes, awards, fellowships, elected academy memberships, invited presentations to major conferences or any other examples of significant recognition you deem relevant in relation to your research field and proposed research. You may include a short explanation of the significance of the listed examples.]*

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

**Career breaks, diverse career paths and major life events**

*[You may include a short factual explanation of career breaks or diverse career paths such as secondments, volunteering, part-time work, time spent in non-academic sectors or the effects of major life events such as long-term illness or caring for relatives as well as the effects of pandemic restrictions on your research productivit*y.*]*

**Section 1.3: Motivation Statement of the Candidate**

*(max. 1 page. To ensure comparability any excess text may be excluded from the evaluation).*

*[Please briefly describe the expected impact of the fellowship on your professional development,* *including the scientific match between you and the mentor. In particular, please provide relevant information on how the war in Ukraine since 2014, and, especially, since 24.02.2022 affected your professional career, your home organisation in Ukraine and your personal situation. Please describe if/how you intend to reintegrate into research and innovation system of Ukraine and/or foster research collaboration with Ukraine.]*

***Please do NOT split the sections of this document and do NOT upload them as separate documents. This Application Outline should contain all elements as indicated in this template.***

1. The templates were developed based on the ERC grant templates and taking into account the recent report “Evaluation of research proposals: the why and what of the ERC's recent changes”, Maria Leptin, ERC President: https://erc.europa.eu/sites/default/files/2024-02/Evaluation\_of\_research\_proposals.pdf [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. As an early-career researcher we understand a person who has already gained their PhD, has been active in research, and who has not yet reached the level of Assistant/ Associate Professor or (Junior) Research Group Leader. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. As an experienced researcher we understand a person who has already gained their PhD, has been active in research, and who has already reached the level of Assistant/ Associate Professor/ Full Professor or (Junior) Research Group Leader. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)