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NOTE TO THE FILE

Eligibility of Tuition Fees in Marie Curie Actions Cost Statements in FP7.

Tuition fees charged by universities for Early Stage Researchers (ESR) registered for PhD studies generally cover a series of costs including student registration, access to student services (library, computing etc.), teaching, supervision, examination and graduation (where appropriate).

Therefore, the costs covered by the tuition fees could be covered by the flat rate financing provided under the Marie Curie Actions grants. In particular these costs are to be considered as part of the activities supported by cost categories E ("Contribution to the research/ training/transfer of knowledge programme expenses") and H ("Contribution to overheads") and also to cost category D ("Contribution to the participation expenses of eligible researchers").

Categories D and E are flat rates of €300/600/1200 per implemented researcher month. Please see the relevant work programme for the amount of the flat rate per cost category for your ITN project. In the case of a technical/financial audit beneficiaries will not be required to demonstrate the level of actually incurred costs for funding the various activities supported under these categories but need to provide evidence that the activities described in annex 1 of the Grant Agreement, for which the contribution is foreseen, have actually taken place. This can include lab books, training records, meeting minutes, conference abstracts, and/or any other relevant substantiation. Only in case this qualitative assessment is negative, the flat rate financing can be refused.

It should be noted that the contribution under these cost categories is also intended for the payment of other costs that might not be covered by the tuition fees but to which the researchers are entitled (e.g.: research costs, conference attendance, training actions not covered by the tuition fees, etc.).

In no circumstances should the tuition fees be charged to the fellow. The allowances under cost categories A, B and C must be used entirely for the direct benefit of the fellow and no deductions for tuition fees are possible under any circumstances from these categories, nor can any additional payments be demanded directly from the Fellow to cover his/her training costs.

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