

MSCA Fellowships

The evaluator's perspective

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My experience

- Supervisor
 - H2020:
 - 2017 (€183,455) – Declined
 - 2016-2018 (€183,455)
 - FP7:
 - 2011-2013 – 2 projects (IIF & IEF) - €544.117
- Fellow
 - FP7 – IOF - 2013-2016 (€371,166) / Yale – TCD
- Evaluator & Rapporteur
 - H2020-MSCA-IF-2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

Why failing is good for you

- A good CV is a CV of failures
 - 6 failed applications 2010-2016 – 2 expected
- Learning curve
 - Objectives of the programme
 - Demands of the process
 - Quality of feedback
- Resubmission
 - Higher success rate
 - No guarantee

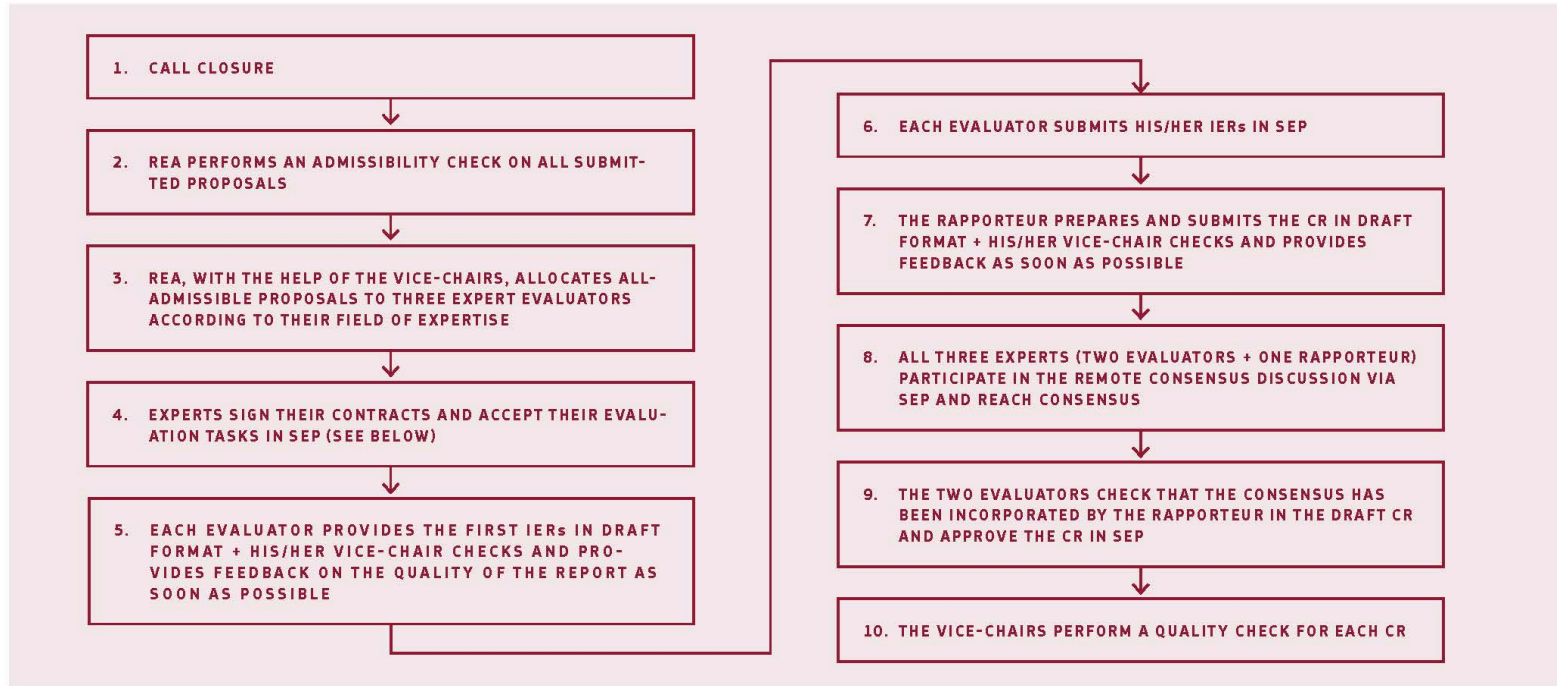
How to apply

- Be ready to commit yourself to the Fellow, the project, and the application
 - Do your homework
- Get the science AND the training right
- Seek support and listen to advice
 - Write the grant
 - Edit carefully

Beyond science: training & KT

- Identify the Fellow's needs
 - Knowledge, Methodology/Epistemology
 - Technical skills (Linguistic, methodological, etc.)
 - Professional skills (Project management, supervision, partnerships, etc.)
 - “Soft” skills (Networking, public speaking, etc.)
- Quality of supervision and host
 - Individual and collective support
- Two-way transfer of knowledge

Evaluation workflow



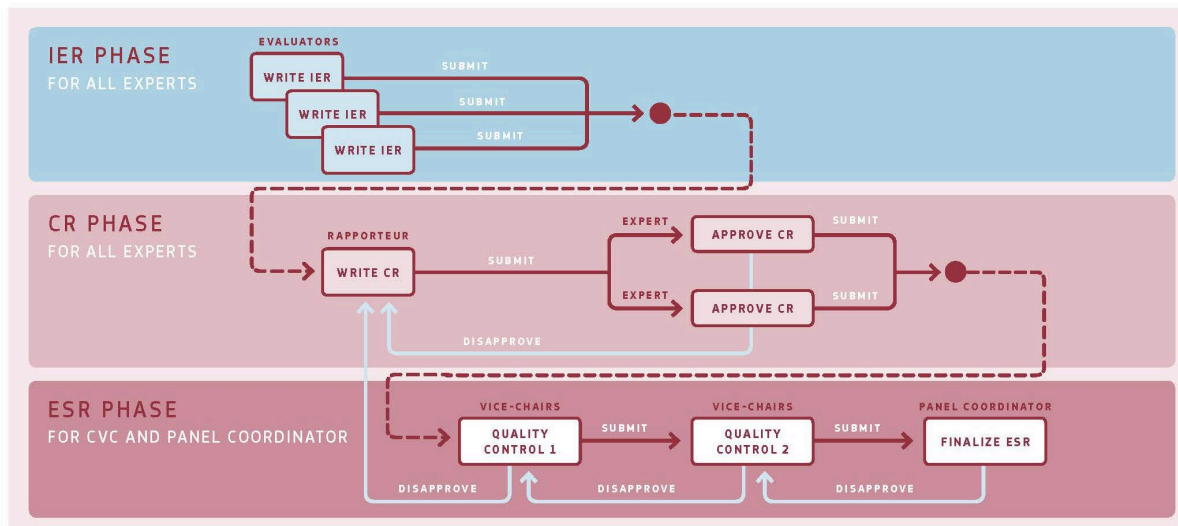
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2.2.3 THE EVALUATION PHASES IN DETAIL

Key:

○ IER: Individual Evaluation Report
○ CR: Consensus Report

■ ESR: Evaluation Summary Report
■ CVC: Chairs & Vice-Chairs



Evaluation

- A thorough, systematic process
 - Intense, demanding job
 - Know the evaluation criteria and sub-criteria
 - Stick to the template
- The perils of the evaluation
 - Interdisciplinary pool
 - Logic of compound criticism
 - Consensus report = iterative process