



**UK Research
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Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) Postdoctoral Fellowships (PF)

Information webinar

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Agenda

1 Welcome and Introduction

- Raquel Meco Melguizo, UK MSCA NCP, UKRI

2 MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships

- Raquel Meco Melguizo, UK MSCA NCP, UKRI

3 MSCA PF: The evaluator's perspective

- MSCA Expert evaluator

4 MCAA: Opportunities and benefits

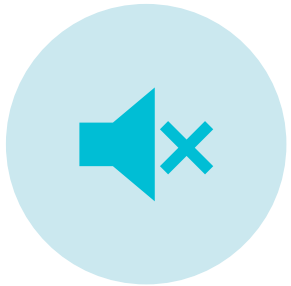
- Fouzia Zayou, MCAA UK Chapter

5 Questions and Answers

- All presenters



Housekeeping



All participants will be muted for the duration of the webinar.



A chat function is available and will be monitored.



The session is **recorded**



Please use the **Q&A function** to submit questions. Up voting is available.

UKRI Horizon Europe

We support UK based organisations involved in EU R&I

Our Mission: Maximise UK participation in Horizon Europe

UKRO Portal

- Dedicated **news articles, events and factsheets** to support participation
- Alerts to **upcoming opportunities and call updates**

UK National Contact Point for

- [European Research Council](#)
- [Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions programmes](#)
- [Widening Participation](#)
- [COST](#) and [New European Bauhaus](#)

We are part of UKRI's International team



Horizon Europe: UK Participation

The UK's association to Horizon Europe and Copernicus took effect on 1 January 2024.

This means UK entities can participate in/coordinate projects and receive funding from Horizon Europe*

The [UKRO website](#) provides information on upcoming European funding opportunities



What Does this Mean for Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions?

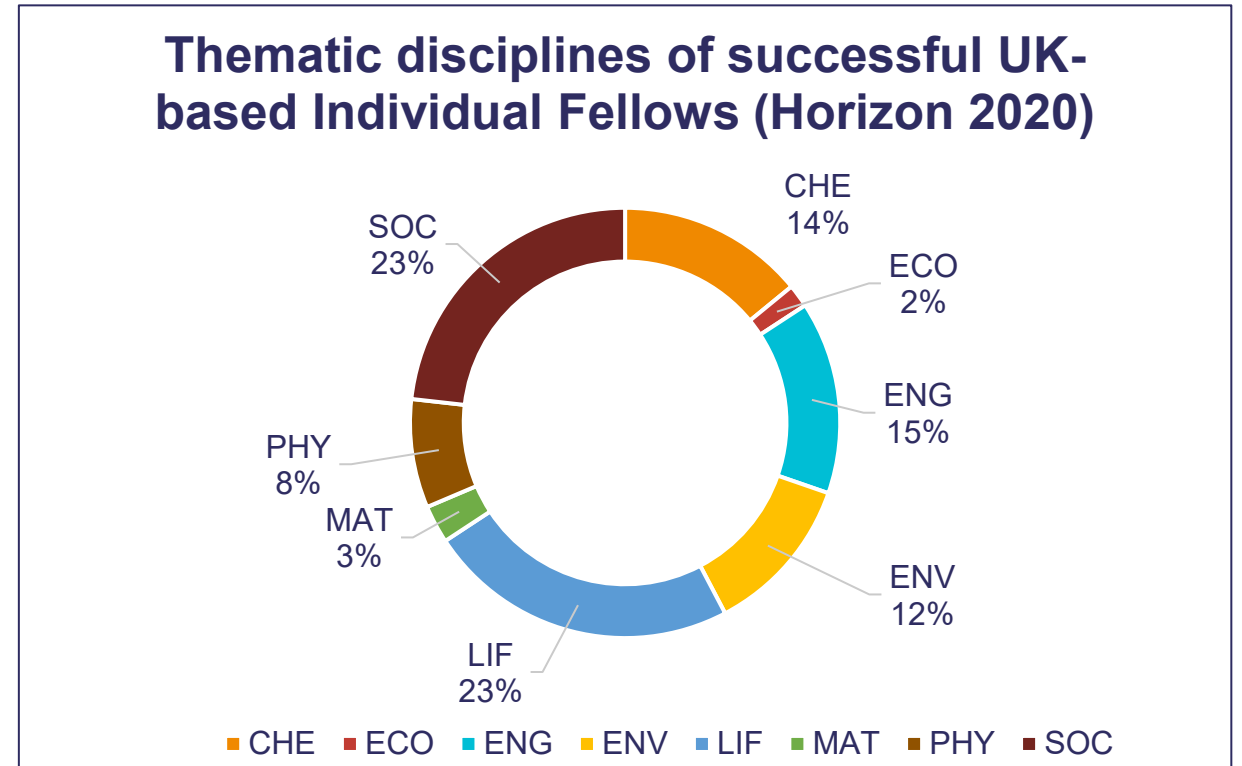
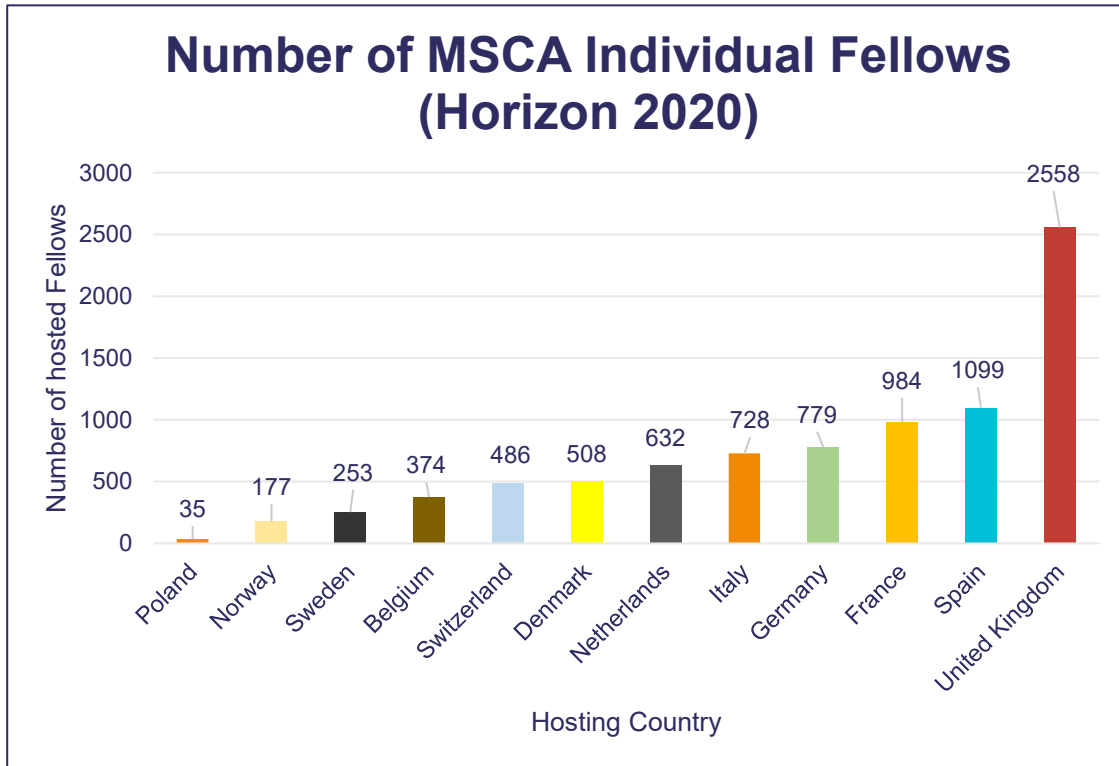
In MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships, UK based organisations can:

- Host European Fellowship
- Host the Return phase of a Global Fellowship
- Host MSCA Fellows on secondments
- Host MSCA Fellows for the optional placement at the end of the fellowship



UK joins Horizon
Europe, inc. MSCA

UK Success stats – H2020 and Horizon Europe



Horizon Europe	Success rate of MSCA PF proposals submitted with UK institutions
2021 MSCA PF Call	14.78%
2022 MSCA PF Call	17.74%
2023 MSCA PF Call	21.96%
2024 MSCA PF Call	18.03%
2025 MSCA PF Call	9.8%

Marie Sklodowska- Curie Actions (MSCA)

Overview

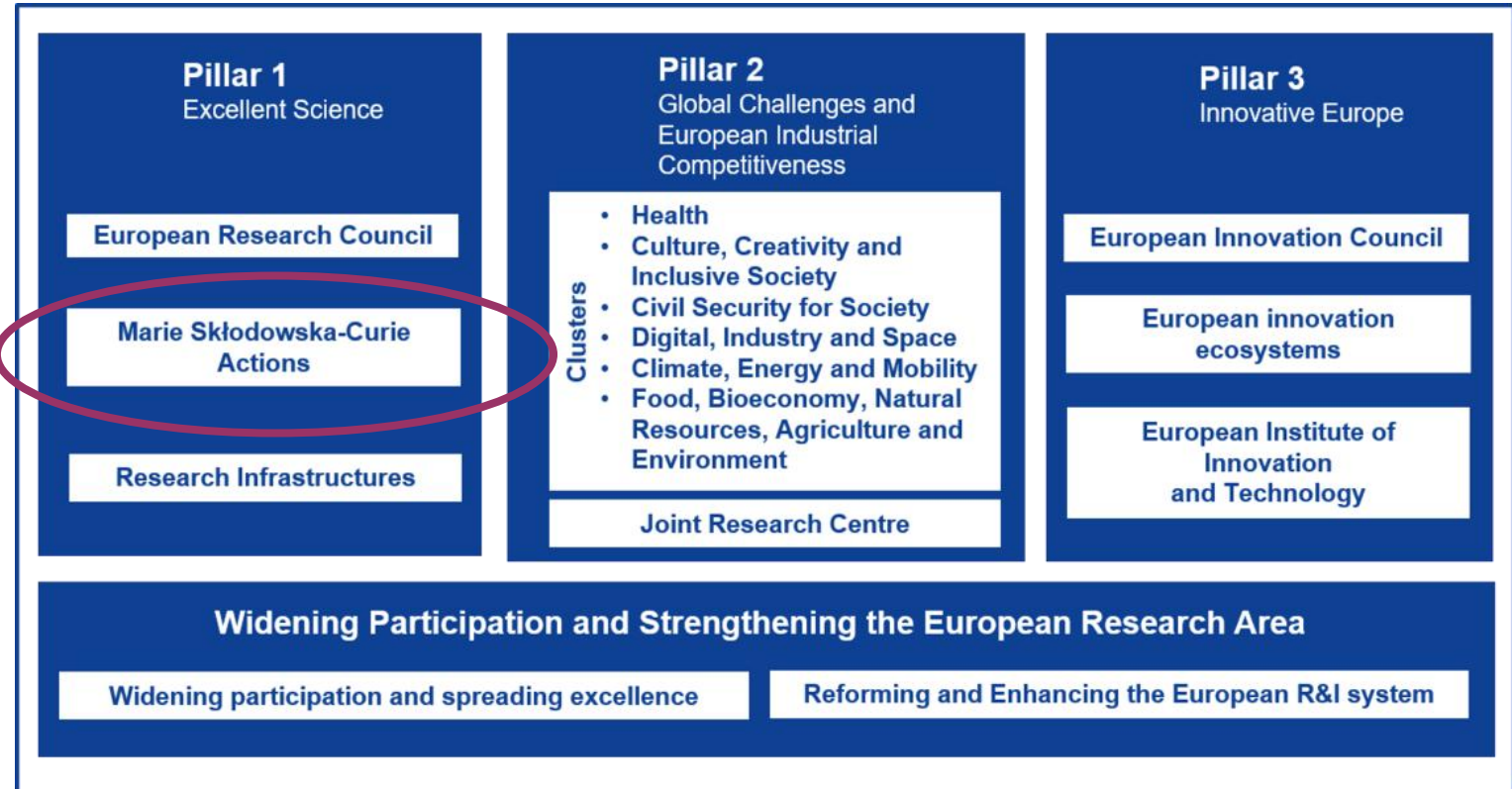


MSCA in Horizon Europe

The EU's reference programme for doctoral education and postdoctoral training

Equipping researchers with new knowledge and skills through mobility and training

Budget = €6.6billion



MSCA Key Features



Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

Doctoral Networks (DN)

Doctoral programmes in and outside academia, inc. joint & industrial doctorates

Total budget 2026: €593.03 million

Opening call: 28/05/2026

Deadline: 24/11/2026

Postdoctoral Fellowships (PF)

Support to excellent postdoctoral researchers

Total budget 2026: €399.05 million

Opening call: 09/04/2026

Deadline: 09/09/2026

OPEN

Staff Exchanges (SE)

Support for research and innovation staff exchanges

Total budget 2026: €97.92 million

Opening call: 16/12/2025

Deadline: 16/04/2026 (CLOSED)

COFUND

Co-funding doctoral and postdoctoral programmes

Total budget 2026: €105.46 million

Opening call: 16/12/2025

Deadline: 08/04/2026 (CLOSED)

MSCA and Citizens

Public outreach events aiming to bring research and researchers closer to the public

There will not be a call in 2026

Choose Europe for Science (CEfS)

Co-funding postdoctoral programmes

There will not be a call in 2026

MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships

Introduction



MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships (PF) - Key Features

Training through Research



fund **all research areas**



fellowships last **between 12-36 months**, depending on the **type of fellowship**



enhance the **creative** and **innovative potential** of postdoctoral researchers

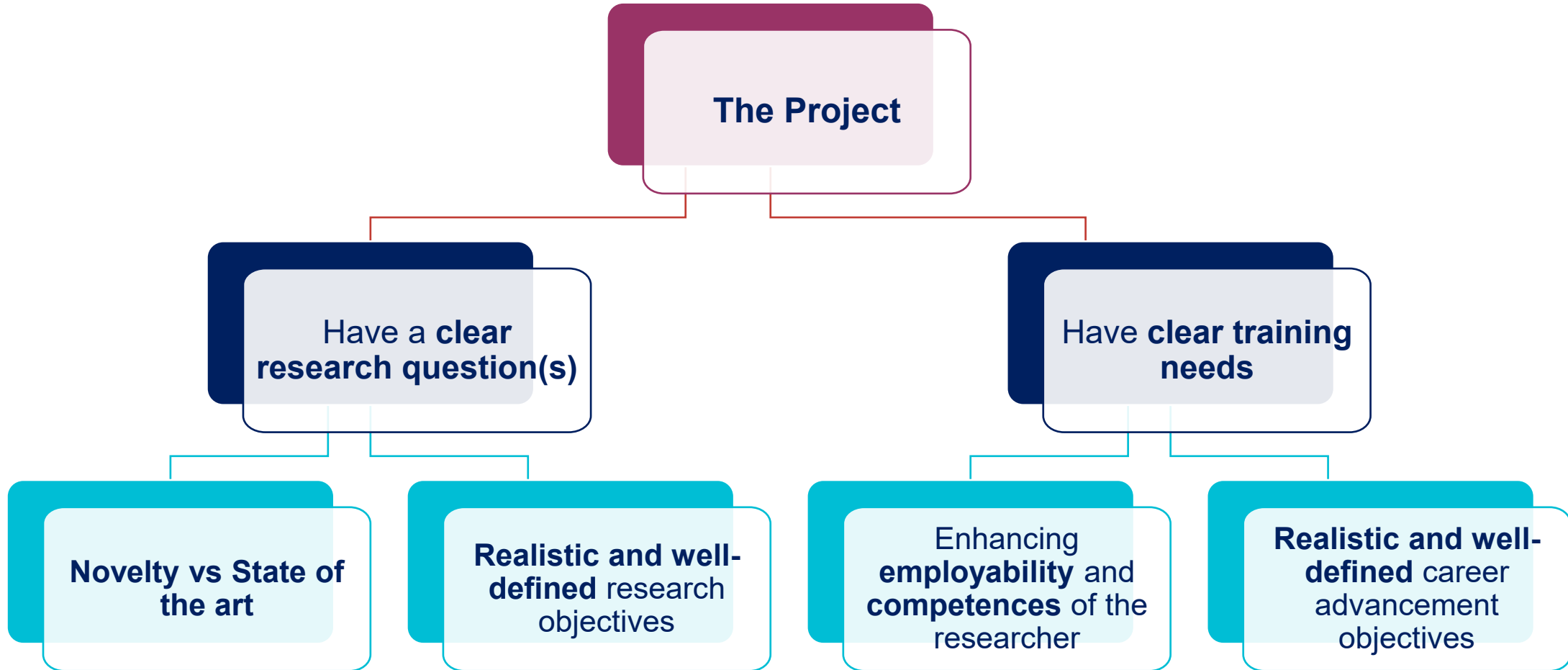


all fellowships can include **short stays, research trips, field work, secondments** and **placements in the non-academic sector** - all are **optional**



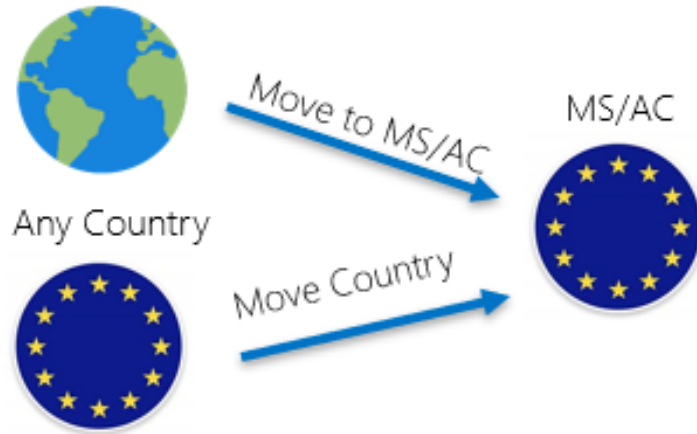
fellows can be recruited to either the **academic or non-academic sector**

MSCA PF – The project



MSCA PF – One Programme, Two Types

European Fellowships (12-24 months)



Mobility rule applies to the host organisation (**the beneficiary**)

Global Fellowships

(12-24 months) + (12 month return phase)



Mobility rule applies to the organisation hosting the **outgoing phase (the associated partner)**

Secondments, Short Stays & Non-academic Placement

- **MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships Project**

Non-academic Placement (NAP)



During the **MSCA PF project duration** (12-24 months for European Fellowships and 24-36 months for Global Fellowships)

Up to 6 months at the end of the fellowship

Secondment/s

Short Stays

NAP

Secondments

- **Optional** but must be in line with the project objectives and training needs of the research
- Must follow the **half of the fellowship duration** rule
- Must outline **clear supervisory arrangements**
- Needs to add **significant value and impact to the fellowship**
- Host organisation can be located **anywhere in the world**
- Can take place at **any time** during the fellowship
- Must be **planned in advance** and included in proposal, but the organisation does not need to be named
- **Does not extend the duration fellowship**
- Research expenses covered by the **Research, Training and Networking** costs

Fellowship Type	Timing	Duration
European Fellowship	Anytime during the fellowship	Up to half of the duration of the fellowship
Global Fellowship	Only during the outgoing phase	Up to half of the duration of the <u>outgoing phase</u>

Short Stays

Research visits, archive visits, field work etc.

- **Optional** but must be in line with the project objectives and training needs of the research
- **No defined supervisor arrangements**
- No defined duration but should **only** represent a **small part of the action**
- Can take place **anywhere**, including third countries
- Can take place at **any time** of the fellowship
- Can be **planned in advance or as and when suitable** – but must always be in line with the research and training needs of the fellow
- **Does not extend the fellowship**
- Research expenses covered by the **Research, Training and Networking** costs



Non-Academic Sector Placement

Additional period of up to six months at the end of the fellowship



- **Optional** but must be an integral part of the proposal
- Must outline **clear supervisory arrangements**
- Must have **added-value for the project and career development** of the researcher
- Host institution must be located in an **EU Member State or Horizon Europe Associated Country**
- For fellows recruited at a non-academic organisation, the placement must be undertaken at a **different non-academic host organisation**
- **Extends the duration of the fellowship**
- **Total funding is also extended**
- If the non-academic placement is ineligible, the proposal **will be evaluated** without taking it into consideration.

MSCA PF - Expected Outcomes



For postdoctoral fellows

Broader **research and transferable skills**, improving employability inside and outside academia.

New **mindsets and approaches** through international, interdisciplinary, and inter-sectoral experience.

Stronger **networking and communication** capacities with peers and the public



For participating organisations

Better alignment with the **European Charter for Researchers**.

Higher quality and sustainability of **training and supervision**.

Increased **global visibility and attractiveness**.

Stronger R&I capacity, improved **knowledge transfer**, and integration of research results into teaching.

MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships

Eligibility Criteria



Eligibility criteria – the fellow (researcher)

Nationality

- **European Fellowships: any nationality**
- **Global Fellowships: EU nationals or long-term residents (> 5 years) of EU Member State or Horizon Europe Associated Country**

PhD degree

- **must be in possession of a doctoral degree (or successfully defended their doctoral thesis) at the call deadline**

Research experience

- maximum of **8 years full-time equivalent research experience**, exceptions apply
- [Guidelines on the calculation of 8-years research experience](#)
- [Self-assessment tool for the calculation of the 8-years research experience](#)

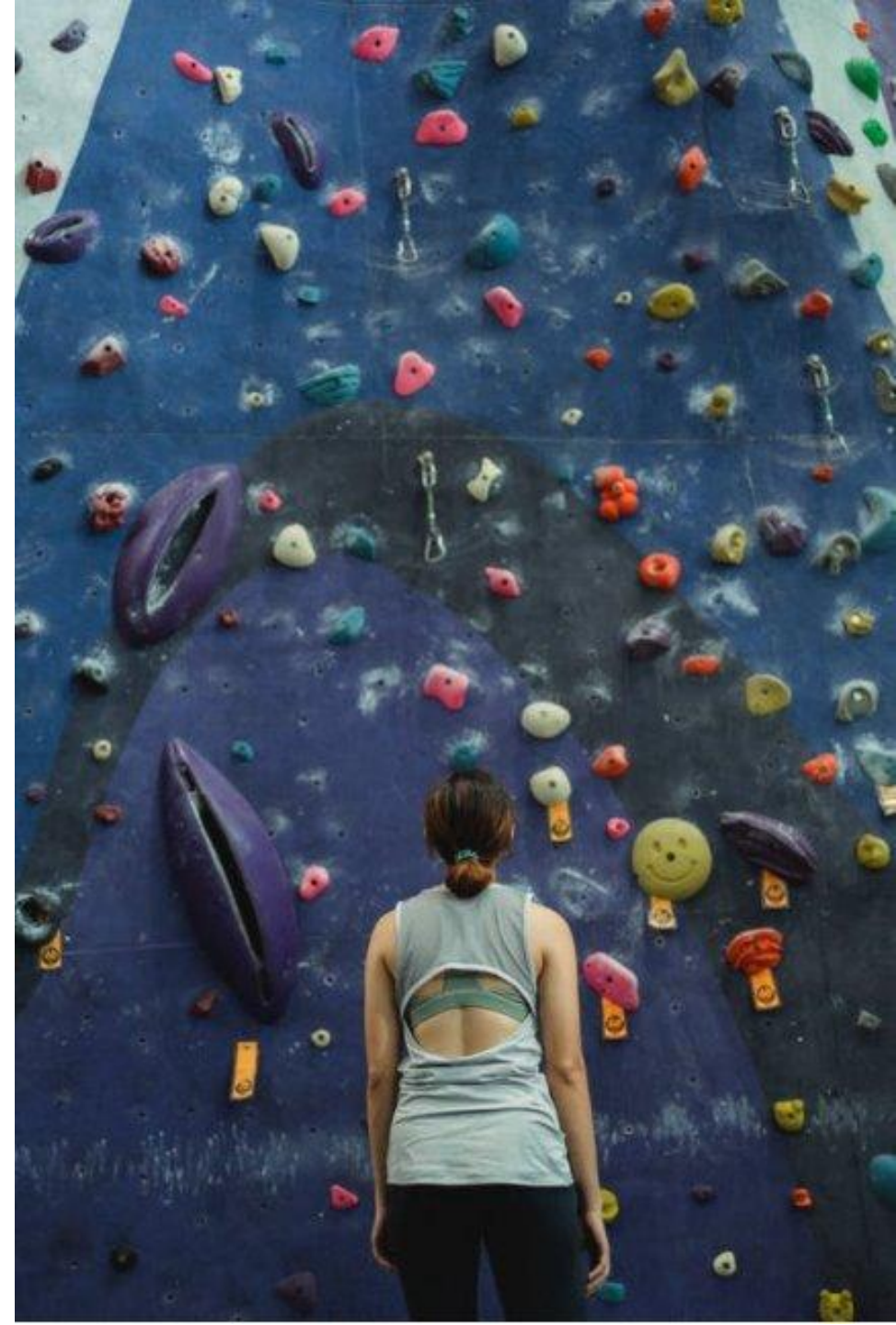
Mobility rule

- cannot have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in the country of the host institution (European Fellowship), or host of the outgoing phase (Global Fellowship) for more than **12 months in the 3 years immediately before the call deadline (9 September 2026)**

The Researcher

Is this the right fit?

- Do you have the **potential to reach or re-enforce professional maturity/independence** during the fellowship?
- Are you able to clearly **demonstrate your experience, competences and skills** (relative to your career stage)?
- The **track record** is evaluated against other researchers in the same career stage, discipline and sector
- What are your **future career prospects**?
- Do you have **clear scientific and training goals**?
- How will you be **integrated into the team(s)/institution(s)**?
- What **knowledge** are you bringing and what will be gained during the project?



Eligibility Criteria – the host organisation(s)

Beneficiary

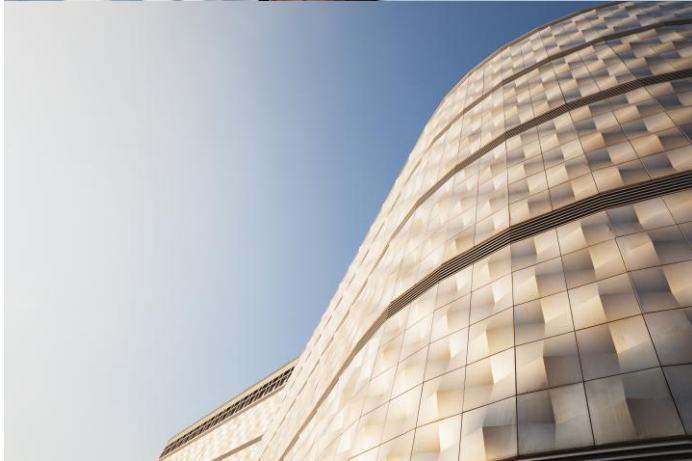
- host of the European Fellowship and return phase of Global Fellowship
- must be located in a MS/AC
- any legal entity within or outside academia
- recruits the postdoctoral researcher

Associated Partner

- host of the outgoing phase of the Global Fellowship
- secondment and placement host
- any legal entity within or outside academia
- located anywhere in the world

Host Institutions

Why are they the best place to undertake the project?



Does the host have the necessary skills and experience to help meet the project objectives (research & training)?

Look beyond the potential supervisor – departmental & institutional level matters as well

How will you be integrated into the institution?

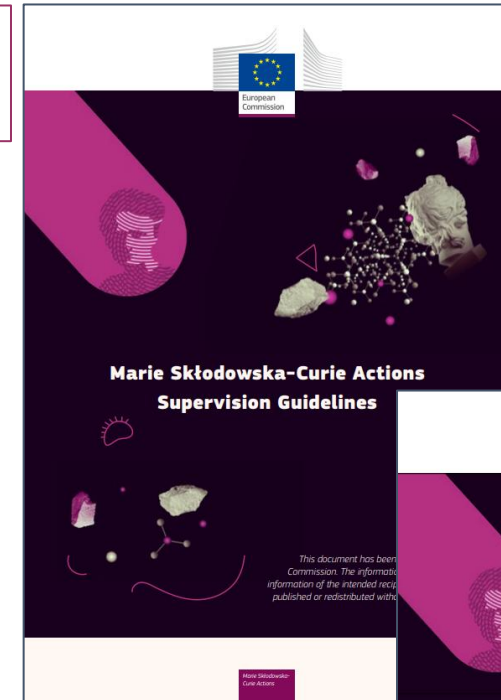
The institution needs to be aware of the submission!

Work closely with colleagues to set expectations and avoid surprises, during proposal development and project implementation

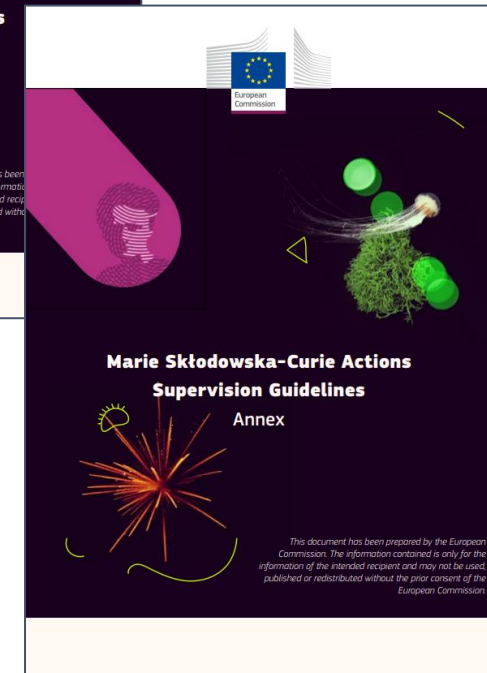
The Supervisor

The **supervisor's main role** is to provide **research guidance and mentoring**, and support the fellow's **integration and career development**

- **Appropriate level of supervision** depends on the career stage of both parties, and the expectations of the project.
- The best proposals are constructed where the Supervisor has an **active role** in their development!
- For less experienced supervisors, highlight any **mentorship/ support** for the supervisor; justify their involvement
- **Additional individuals** can take on a mentor or co-supervisor role
- It can build on an existing collaborative relationship (justify in application)
- Supervisor needs to be committed and involved for the **full duration of the fellowship** – evaluators must be convinced of this!



Guidelines for Supervision



The Supervisor



Who is appropriate for your career stage and project objectives?

An appropriate supervisor is a researcher whose **expertise, mentoring track record, and institutional support** align with your specific project objectives and your current career stage.

Remember that their profile and commitment are evaluated under the "Excellence" criterion and directly impact the feasibility of your project!

How will supervision work day-to-day?

Regular 1:1, group or lab meetings, open-door policy, etc.

The **Career Development Plan** is a mandatory deliverable by M6

Are the arrangements sufficiently explained in the proposal?

Only **one primary supervisor for each host organisation** in the administrative forms (Part A), **BUT** you can have additional co-supervisors, mentors, etc. described in the narrative form (Part B)

Other key Elements

Excellence, Impact and Implementation

Think about how to incorporate...

- Gender, and the gender dimension of your research
- Open science and open science practices
- Dissemination, exploitation and communication plans
- Public engagement
- Impact (scientific, societal and economic)
- Quality of the supervision
- Integration in the team/institution and knowledge exchange






MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships

The Budget



Monthly Unit Contributions

Details can be found in the [MSCA Work Programme 2026-2027](#)

Contributions for recruited researchers per person-month					Institutional unit contributions per person-month	
Living Allowance*	Mobility Allowance	Family Allowance**	Long-term Leave Allowance**	Special Needs Allowance**	Research, training and networking contribution	Management and indirect contribution
EUR 6350	EUR 710	EUR 660	EUR 7060 x % covered by the beneficiary	Requested unit x (1/number of months)	EUR 1 000	EUR 650
 <p>constitutes the gross salary of the recruited MSCA PF</p>					 <p>covers costs related to the training, career development & research of the PF</p>	
					 <p>covers general costs of the host institution(s), connected to organising & implementing the fellowship</p>	

Finances – things to consider



Finances managed by host institution according to **usual internal policies**



Institutions strongly advised to explain **how the salary will be calculated**



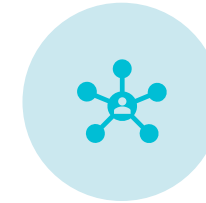
Family, Long-Term Leave & Special Needs Allowance requested **when/if the need arises**



Living Allowance, Mobility Allowance & Family Allowance are **subject to all national deductions**



Research, Training & Networking (RTN) - costs related to professional activities



Management & Indirect - general costs of the host institution



Redistribution of funds to associated partners requires an agreement between partners



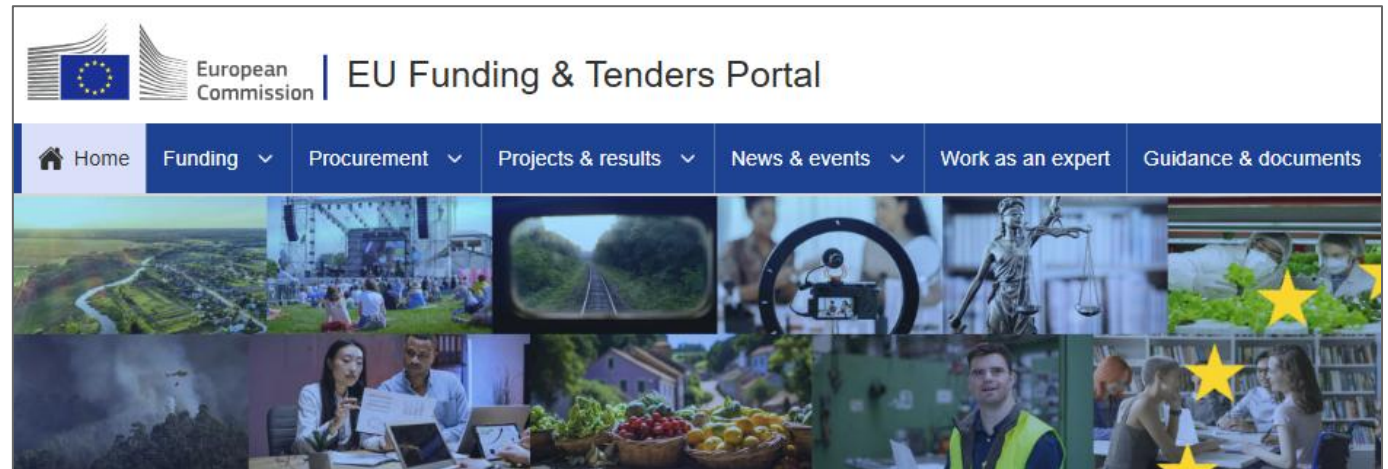
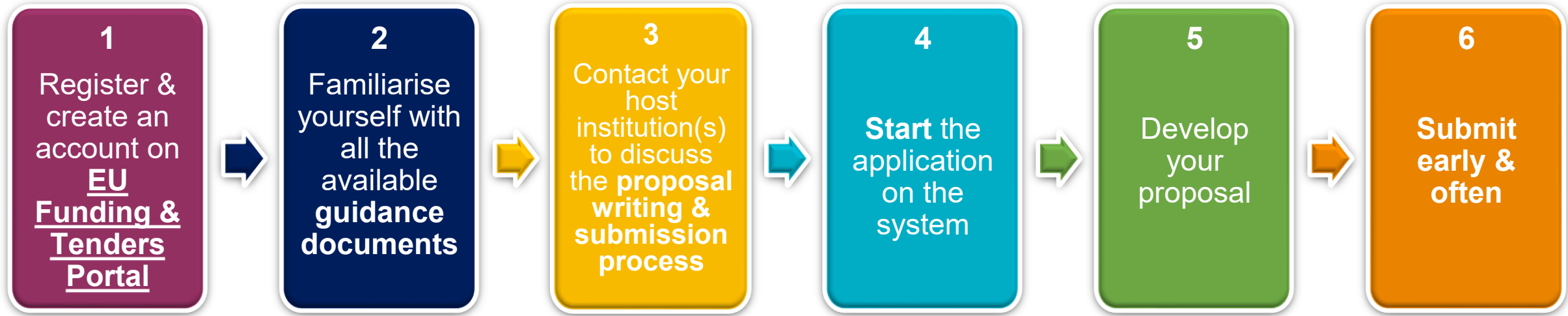
UK institutions can optionally apply a **conservative exchange rate**

MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships

The Submission Process



The Submission process



Step 1 & 2: EU Funding & Tenders Portal

2026 MSCA PF call page: [EU Funding & Tenders Portal](#) | [EU Funding & Tenders Portal](#)

The screenshot shows the EU Funding & Tenders Portal interface for the MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships 2026 call. The page includes a navigation menu, a search bar, and a main content area with a left-hand navigation pane and a main content area. A callout box points to the 'Sign in' button in the top right corner, with the text 'Register here'. Another callout box points to the 'Conditions and documents' link in the left-hand navigation pane, with the text 'Find all the call documents here'. A third callout box points to the 'Start submission' button in the 'Start submission' section, with the text 'Choose the right type - Only 1!'. The 'Start submission' section contains two radio button options for selecting the type of submission, each with a 'Start submission' button below it.

Sign in

Register here

Find all the call documents here

Choose the right type - Only 1!

Start submission

To access the Electronic Submission Service, please click on the submission-button next to the **type of action** and the **type of model grant agreement** that Upon confirmation, you will be linked to the correct entry point.

To access existing draft proposals for this topic, please login to the Funding & Tenders Portal and select the My Proposals page of the My Area section.

Please select the type of your submission:

- HORIZON TMA MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships - European Fellowships [HORIZON-TMA-MSCA-PF-EF], HORIZON Unit Grant [HORIZON-AG-UN]
- HORIZON TMA MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships - Global Fellowships [HORIZON-TMA-MSCA-PF-GF], HORIZON Unit Grant [HORIZON-AG-UN]

Start submission

Start submission

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Step 3: Contact your host institution

The proposal should be submitted by a **representative of beneficiary** (e.g. supervisor)

The screenshot shows a web form titled "Find your organisation" and "Your role".

Find your organisation section:

- Input field for PIC (Project Identification Code) with a red border and the text "This field is required" below it. A callout points to this field with the text: "Ensure you have the details of your host institution".
- Input field for Short name with a character count of 250. A callout points to this field with the text: "Supervisor & Researcher are not the same person".
- A "Search" button.
- A list of organisations you have been previously associated with, with a "Click to select" link. One organisation is listed: PIC: 906446474, UKRI, POLARIS HOUSE NORTH STAR AVENUE, SWINDON, UK, VAT: GB287461957.

Your role section:

- Section title: "Your role".
- Text: "Please indicate your role in this proposal *".
- Radio button options:
 - Supervisor (Main contact person) - A callout points to this option with the text: "Contact person = Research Office".
 - Researcher
 - Contact person

Step 4: Start your application

- Part A (Administrative Part): complete online
- Part B (Narrative Part): prepare offline & submit as pdf

European Commission | Funding: Submission Service

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Login Topic selection Create proposal Participants Proposal forms Submit

Create proposal

Deadline
11 September 2024 17:00:00 Brussels Local Time
121 days left until closure

Call data
Call: HORIZON-MSCA-2024-PF-01
Topic: HORIZON-MSCA-2024-PF-01-01
Type of action: HORIZON-TMA-MSCA-PF-EF
Type of MGA: HORIZON-AG-UN
⚠️ Topic and type of action can only be changed by creating a new proposal.

Find your organisation
PIC * [input] Short name * [input] Search
Organisations you have been previously associated with. (Click to select)
PIC: 906446474
UKRI
POLARIS HOUSE NORTH STAR AVENUE
SWINDON UK
VAT: GB287461957

Your role
Please indicate your role in this proposal *
 Supervisor (Main contact person)
 Researcher
 Contact person

Your proposal
It will appear also in the "General Information" section of the Application Form Part A and can also be updated there.


Download
Part B Templates


Support available

Part A

Step 5: Develop your proposal (Part A)

Support available: Most common mistakes in MSCA PF proposal submissions



 Applicant (FUTURE BENEFICIARY)
UKRI

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UNITED KINGDOM RESEARCH AND INNOVATION
SWINDON, UK
PIC: 906446474

[Change organisation](#) [Contact organisation](#)

Contacts 1 [Add contact +](#)

Supervisor (Main contact person)  
Raquel Meco Melguizo

[Add Partner +](#) [Add Associated partner +](#)

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Associated Partners: host organisation/s for outgoing phase (Global Fellowships) and/or for the Non-academic placement (if applicable)

DO NOT encode secondment hosts!

Step 5: The Scientific Panel (Part A)

- **8 scientific panels:** Chemistry (CHE), Social Sciences and Humanities (SOC), Economic Sciences (ECO), Information Science and Engineering (ENG), Environment and Geosciences (ENV), Life Sciences (LIF), Mathematics (MAT) and Physics (PHY).
- Budget per panel will be determined by number of proposals received
- Select the best fit **keywords** (3-5) for your proposal – **DO NOT** select by previous success rates or popularity

Your proposal

It will appear also in the "General Information" section of the Application Form Part A and can also be updated there.

Acronym * 20

Short Summary * 2000

Scientific Panel * ▾

Max. 2000 characters

List of up to 5 publications, projects, infrastructure

List of up to 5 publications, widely-used datasets, software, goods, services, or any other achievements relevant to the call content.

Type of achievement	Short description (Max 500 characters)	+
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List of up to 5 most relevant previous projects or activities, connected to the subject of this proposal.

Name of Project or Activity	Short description (Max 500 characters)	+
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Description of any significant infrastructure and/or any major items of technical equipment, relevant to the proposed work.

Name of infrastructure of equipment	Short description (Max 300 characters)	+
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IMPORTANT: do not fill in the list of up to five publications, relevant previous projects, or significant infrastructure in Part A. If filled in this will be disregarded by the evaluators. This information however should be described in the relevant sections of part B-2.

Step 5: Budget Table (Part A)

Funding based on **unit costs** multiplied by requested person months

Country Correction Coefficient (CCC) applies

Fellowship

Duration of the Fellowship: 24
 Country in which fellowship will take place: United Kingdom

Living Allowance	Mobility Allowance	Family Allowance	Research, training and networking costs	Management and indirect costs	Total
218,694 €	17,040 €	0 €	24,000 €	15,600 €	275,334 €

Duration of the Fellowship (12 to 24 months)*: 24
 Country in which fellowship will take place*: United Kingdom
 Country Coefficient: 1.435

Estimated EU contribution

Estimated eligible unit contributions (per budget category)

A. Contributions for recruited researchers

A.1 Living allowance (a) $24 \text{ person month} \times 9,112.25 \text{ €} = 218,694 \text{ €}$

A.2 Mobility allowance (b) $24 \text{ person month} \times 710 \text{ €} = 17,040 \text{ €}$

A.3 Family allowance (c) $0 \text{ person month} \times 660 \text{ €} = 0 \text{ €}$

B. Institutional contributions

B.2 Management and indirect contribution (f) $24 \text{ person month} \times 650 \text{ €} = 15,600 \text{ €}$

B.1 Research, training and networking contribution (g) $24 \text{ person month} \times 1,000 \text{ €} = 24,000 \text{ €}$

Total (h) * 275,334 €

Can be requested at any time when applicable

Includes funding for secondments and short stays

Step 5: Ethics & Security questions (Part A)

- Follow the guidance on [How to complete your ethics self-assessment](#)
- Answering “**Yes**” might require a brief statement and/or upload of documents

UK applicants tick “Yes” to non-EU country activity and list the UK

Ethics issues table	
Human embryonic stem cells and human embryos	
Does this activity involve Human Embryonic Stem Cells (hESCs)?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Does this activity involve the use of human embryos?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Humans	
Does this activity involve human participants?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Does this activity involve interventions (physical also including imaging technology, behavioural treatments, tracking and tracing, etc.) on the study participants?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Does this activity involve conducting a clinical study as defined by the Clinical Trial Regulation (EU 536/2014)? (using pharmaceuticals, biologicals, radiopharmaceuticals, or advanced therapy medicinal products)	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Human cells / tissues	
Does this activity involve the use of human cells or tissues (not covered by section 1)?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Personal data	
Does this activity involve processing of personal data?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Does this activity involve further processing of previously collected personal data (including use of preexisting data sets or sources, merging existing data sets)?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Is it planned to export personal data from the EU to non-EU countries?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Is it planned to import personal data from non-EU countries into the EU or from a non-EU country to another non-EU country?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Does this activity involve the processing of personal data related to criminal convictions or offences?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Animals	
Does this activity involve animals?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Non-EU countries	
Will some of the activities be carried out in non-EU countries?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
In case non-EU countries are involved, do the activities undertaken in these countries raise potential ethics issues?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Is it planned to use local resources (e.g. animal and/or human tissue samples, genetic material, live animals, human remains, materials of historical value, endangered fauna or flora samples, etc.)?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No

Step 5: Part B

- Complete ALL mandatory tables
- Do not alter headings
 - Can also include additional subheading
- Deliverables should be divided into
 - Scientific deliverables and management, training, recruitment and dissemination deliverables
- Milestones
 - Control points in the action that help to chart progress and MAY be linked to deliverables

Part A

ONLINE

- Proposal's title and abstract
- Beneficiary, researcher and supervisor's information
- Budget table
- Other information: Gender, Ethics, etc.

Part B1 (document 1):

UPLOAD AS PDF

- Sections 1-3
- Core of your proposal, divided in: Excellence, Impact and Quality and Efficiency of Implementation
- Maximum length: 10 A4 sized pages
- Respect the instructions (e.g. margins, font size, etc)

Part B2 (document 2):

UPLOAD AS PDF

- Sections 4-9
- Researcher's CV, Ethics, Participating Organisation's Table, Environmental Considerations, etc.
- No overall page limit will be applied to this document
- Letter of Commitment for Global Fellowships

MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships

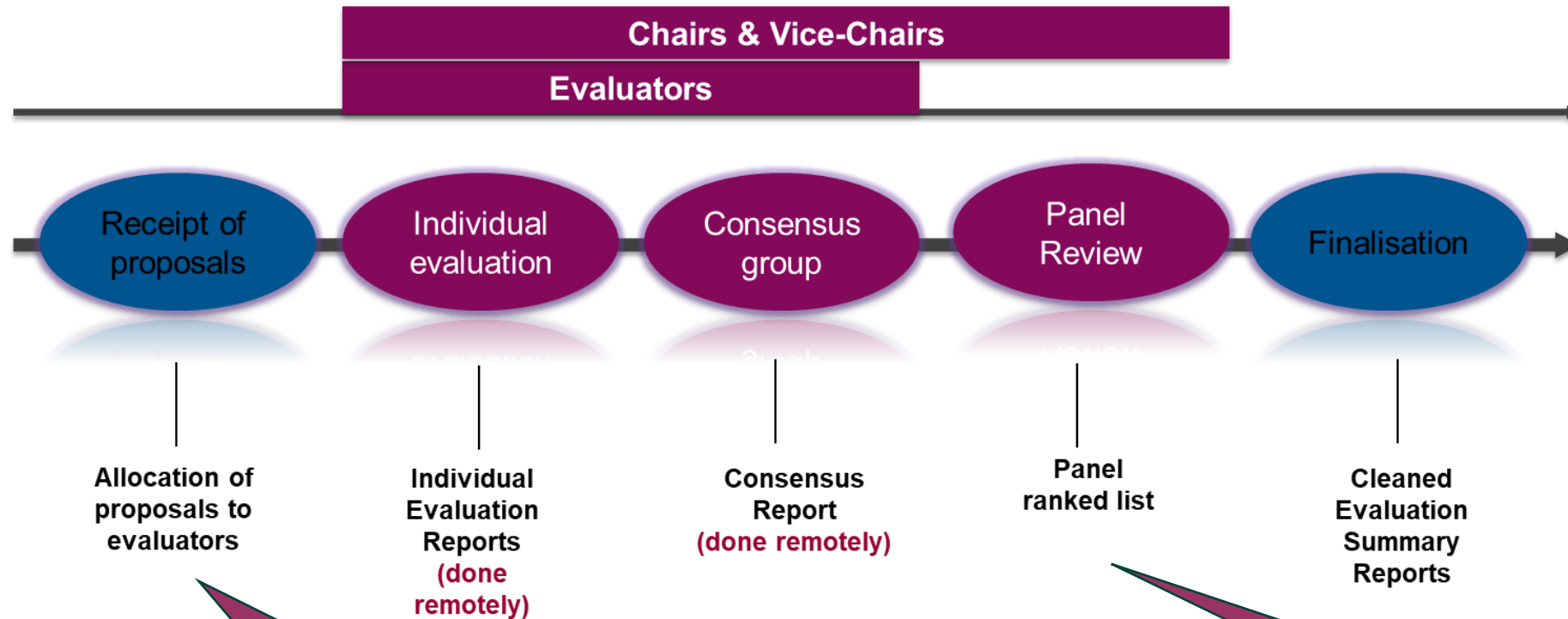
The Evaluation process



Evaluation Workflow

- REA will automatically pre-allocate **3 evaluators** based on MSCA keywords
- Scores range **from 5 (excellent) to 0 (fails)** – scores & comments are based on consensus of evaluators
- Additional evaluators can be involved if required

Evaluators can reject allocation if outside their expertise or conflicts exist



Evaluators will be from 3 different nationalities

Rapporteur is an experienced evaluator

Evaluation Criteria

- Outlined in the [MSCA Work Programme 2026-2027](#)
- Use the [MSCA PF Handbook](#)

Read all relevant guidance documents & policies

Minimum threshold for all criteria is 3

Excellence (50%)	Impact (30%)	Quality & efficiency of the implementation (20%)
Quality and pertinence of the project's research and innovation objectives (and the extent to which they are ambitious, and go beyond the state of the art)	Credibility of the measures to enhance the career perspectives and employability of the researcher and contribution to their skills development	Quality and effectiveness of the work plan, assessment of risks and appropriateness of the effort assigned to work packages
Soundness of the proposed methodology (including interdisciplinary approaches, consideration of the gender dimension and other diversity aspects if relevant for the research project, and the quality of open science practices)	Suitability and quality of the measures to maximise expected outcomes and impacts, as set out in the dissemination and exploitation plan, including communication activities	Quality and capacity of the host institutions and participating organisations, including hosting arrangements
Quality of the supervision, training and of the two-way transfer of knowledge between the researcher and the host	The magnitude and importance of the project's contribution to the expected scientific, societal and economic impacts	
Quality and appropriateness of the researcher's professional experience, competences and skills		

Make it easy for the evaluators to find the information

Invest time in writing & proof-reading

Use clear language & explain jargon

Scoring & Ranking

Distribution of the indicative budget is proportional to the number of eligible proposals received in each panel

Proposals are funded in ranking order per panel

Final ranking is approved by panel vice-chairs

Equal scores: prioritisation based on scores for award criteria

Highly competitive: cut-off scores are > 90-95 (depending on the panel)

Distribution of scores and cut-offs published on call page

If things don't go as planned...

Reserve List

- for proposals above threshold but outside of available funding
- proposals in the reserve list can be promoted to the main list until the end of the year following the call deadline (for the 2026 call, **until 31 December 2027**)

Redress

- process for redress outlined in decision letter
- only for procedural failings or factual errors in the evaluation process, not to add new information or argue the evaluation
- scores can decrease during the additional evaluation

Resubmission

- proposals with a score of **<80%** must not be resubmitted
- proposals involving the same recruiting organisation (for Global Postdoctoral Fellowships the associated partner hosting outgoing phase) and individual researcher must not be resubmitted
- must meet all eligibility criteria

MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships

Resources & Timelines



The 2026 Call Timeline

The call page is hosted on [EU Funding & Tenders Portal](#)

Action	Date
Launch of the call	9 April 2026
Deadline for submission	09 September 2026 (17:00 Brussels Time)
Information on outcome of evaluations	February 2027
Grant Agreement signature	April 2027
Prospective start date	from May 2027



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Additional Resources

- [Horizon Europe MSCA - How to apply - European Commission](#)
- [Postdoctoral Fellowships - Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions](#)
- [MSCA Financial Guide](#)
- [MSCA RADIANCE](#)
- [MSCA Work Programme 2026-2027](#)
- [EU Funding & Tender Opportunities Portal](#)
- [Horizon Europe Strategic Plan 2025-2027](#)
- [Horizon Europe Programme Guide](#)



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Nothing in life is to be feared, it is only to be understood. Now is the time to understand more, so that we may fear less.

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Thank you

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