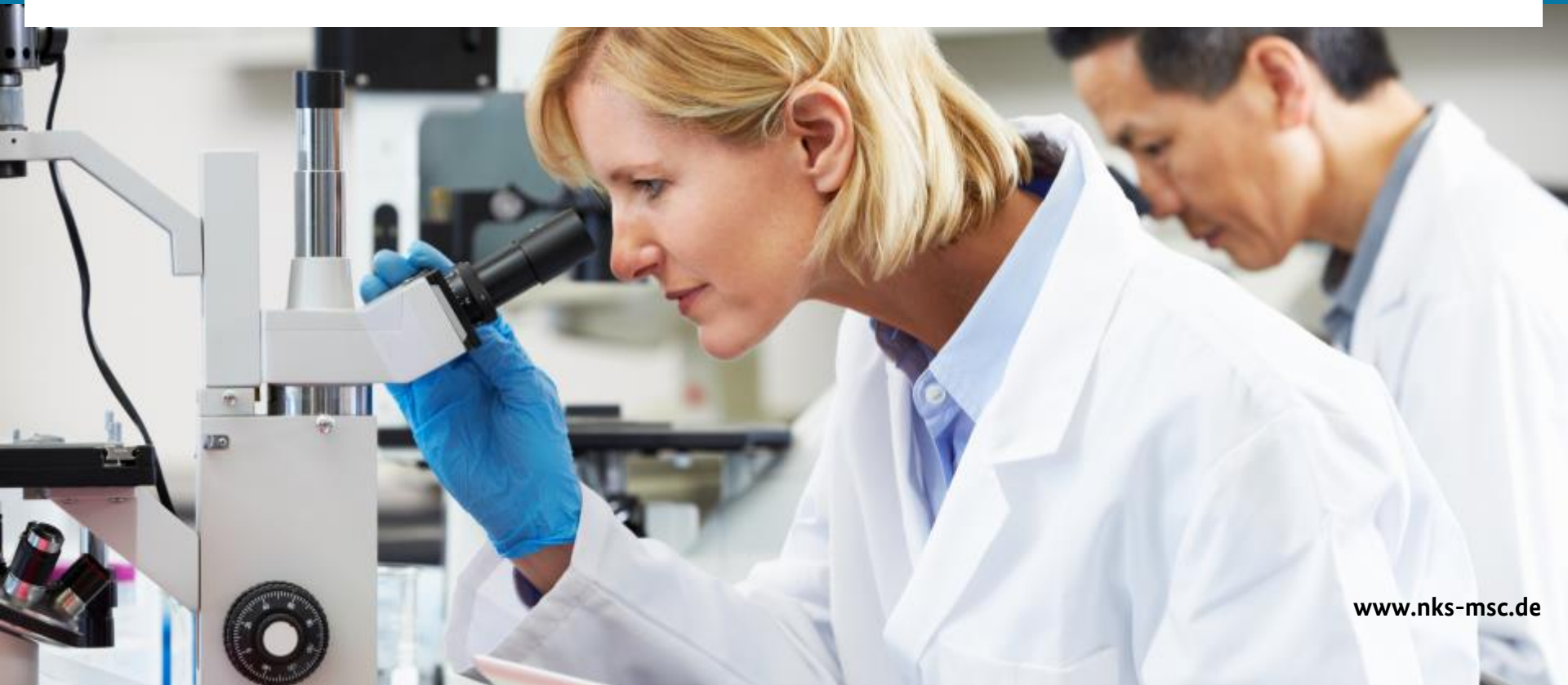




Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowships: what is it all about?

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Horizon 2020 – Structure





Overview of the MSCA

- **Innovative Training Networks (ITN):**
Research Training of Early-Stage Researchers
- **Individual Fellowships (IF):**
Career Development of Experienced Researchers
- **Research and Innovation Staff Exchange (RISE):**
Cooperation by Means of Staff Exchange
- **Co-funding of regional, national and international programmes (COFUND):**
Co-Funding of Doctoral or Fellowship Programmes
- **Researchers' Night (NIGHT):**
Pan-European Event to promote Research Careers

General Information IF

- No pre-defined research topics (»**bottom-up**«)
- Funded researchers in individual actions:
Experienced Researchers
 - doctoral degree (95% of the applicants) **or**
 - at least 4 years' research experience
(full-time equivalent) after graduation at the deadline for submission
- Working conditions: Generally **full-time employment contract** including **social security** – **no stipends/scholarships**



European Fellowships (EF)

Career development of experienced researchers

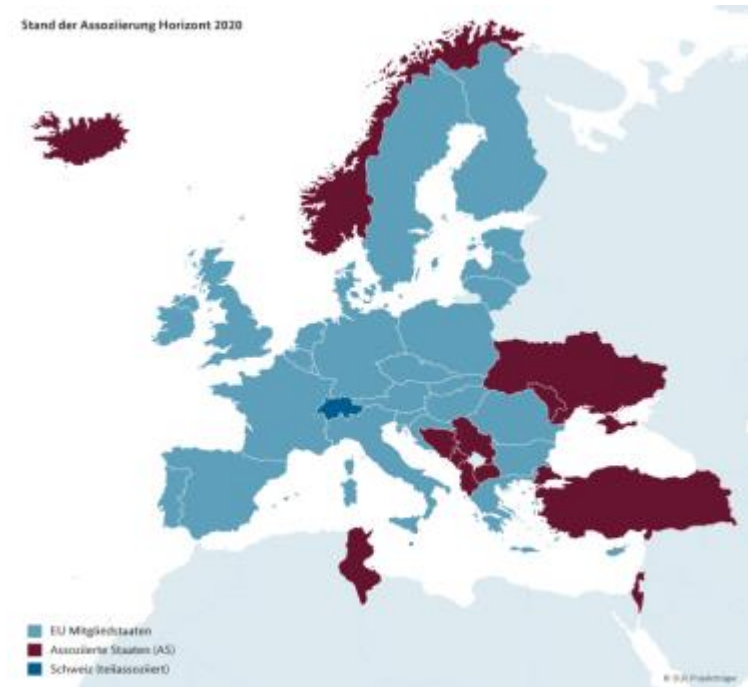
Participating Countries

Countries

- EU Member States (MS)
- Associated Countries (AC)

Mobility Rule

Researchers **must not** have resided or carried out their main activity in the country of their host organization for more than **12 months in the previous three years.**



Standard European Fellowship

- One to two-year **research stay in Europe** (MS/AC)
- **Experienced researchers of any nationality**
(→ mobility rule)
- **Host institution:**
active in Research & Development,
e.g. University, Research Organization, Company (incl. SME),
NGO, ...
- Submission and evaluation in eight **scientific panels**: CHE, SOC,
ECO, ENG, ENV, LIF, MAT, PHY





European Fellowships – Career Restart Panel

- Assistance in resuming a scientific career after a break
- Conditions:
 - At the submission deadline **not active in research for at least twelve months** (15.9.2015-14.9.2016)
 - Modified mobility rule: Researchers must not have resided or carried out their main activity in the country of their host organisation for more than **three years in the previous five years.**
- Submission and evaluation in **one multidisciplinary Panel**



European Fellowships – Reintegration Panel

- Assistance in returning to Europe
- Conditions:
 - Researchers with **MS/AC nationality or MS/AC long-term residence** (at least five consecutive years)
 - Mobility **from a third country to MS/AC** (where the host institution is located)
 - Modified mobility rule: Researchers must not have resided or carried out their main activity in the country of their host organisation for more than **three years in the previous five years.**
- Submission and evaluation in **one multidisciplinary Panel**



European Fellowship – Society and Enterprise Panel

- Assistance in doing research in the non-academic sector
- Conditions
 - Host institution must be a **non-academic institution** and be located in a **MS/AC**
 - **Mobility Rule**: the researcher **must not have** resided and/or carried out his/her main activity **for more than 3 years within the last 5 years** immediately prior to the application
 - Applicants may be of any nationality

Submission and evaluation in one multidisciplinary Panel



Career Development of experienced researchers outside Europe



Global Fellowships

- One to two-year **research stay outside of Europe** (→ mobility rule),
mandatory one-year return phase in Europe (MS/AC)
- **Experienced researchers** with **MS/AC nationality** or **MS/AC long-term residence** (at least five consecutive years)
- Two host institutions
 - in a third country (partner organization)
 - in MS/AC (return phase),
contractual partner of the EU (employer for the whole time)
- Submission and evaluation in eight scientific panels: CHE, SOC, ECO, ENG, ENV, LIF, MAT, PHY



Individual Fellowships – Secondments

- Optional secondment phase in **MS/AC**, preferably **intersectoral**
- Dividable into several shorter stays
- Significant contribution to the fellowship's impact
- To be justified in the proposal

Fellowship duration

≤ 18 month

> 18 month

Secondment duration

≤ 3 month

≤ 6 month



Individual Fellowships – Funding

- Only unit costs
- Living Allowance is multiplied by correction coefficient of the host country (DE: 98.8%*)
- Allowances are **employer's gross** amounts

Researcher unit costs [person/month]			Institutional unit costs [person/month]	
Living Allowance	Mobility Allowance	Family Allowance	Research, Training and Networking	Management and Overheads
4 650 €	600 €	500 €	800 €	650 €



Financing Example EF UK

A researcher without family obligations applies for a 12-month fellowship in UK

Term	Calculation	Contribution
Living Allowance CCC*	$12 \times 4.650 \text{ €} = 55.800 \text{ €}$ 120.3 %	67.127 €
Mobility Allowance	12×600	7.200 €
Employer's gross amount		74.327 €
Institutional Unit Costs	$12 \times 800 + 12 \times 650$	17.400 €
Maximum EC-Contribution		91.727 €

* correction coefficient of the host country



Financing Example GF Germany → USA

A researcher with family obligations applies for a 24-month fellowship in the USA with a 12-month return phase in Germany

Term	Calculation	Contribution
Living Allowance CCC	$24 \times 4.650 \text{ €} = 111.600 \text{ €}$ 99.4 (USA)	110.930 €
Living Allowance CCC	$12 \times 4.650 \text{ €} = 55.800 \text{ €}$ 98.8 (Germany)	55.130 €
Mobility Allowance	$36 \times 600 \text{ €}$	21.600 €
Family Allowance	$36 \times 500 \text{ €}$	18.000 €
Employer's gross amount		205.660 €



Financing Example GF Germany → USA

A researcher with family obligations applies for a 24-month fellowship in the USA with a 12-month return phase in Germany

Term	Calculation	Contribution
Research, Training and Networking	$36 \times 800 \text{ €}$	28.800 €
Management and Overheads	$36 \times 650 \text{ €}$	23.400 €
Total Institutional Unit Costs		52.200 €
Maximum EC Contribution		205.660 € + 52.200 € 257.860 €



Individual Fellowships – Success Rates 2015

Standard EF	14.2 %
Reintegration EF	14.6 %
Career Restart EF	13.8 %
Global Fellowships	11.3 %



Call for applications 2016

- Work Programme 2016

Opening date: 12 April 2016 Deadline: 14 September 2016
17:00:00 Brussels Time

- <http://www.eubuero.de/msc-bewerbungsaufrufe.htm>
- Participant Portal:
<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/calls/h2020-msca-if-2016.html#c,topics=callIdentifier/t/H2020-MSCA-IF-2016/1/1/1&callStatus/t/Forthcoming/1/1/0&callStatus/t/Open/1/1/0&callStatus/t/Closed/1/1/0&+identifier/desc>

National Contact Point MSC

Information and advice concerning the mobility actions of the EU Framework Programmes

Services offered:

- Information on funding opportunities and application deadlines
- Advice during the entire project lifecycle
- Proof reading of proposals and tips on optimization
- Information events
- Provision of additional information, analyses and statistics
- www.nks-msc.de



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