

THE MARIE SKŁODOWSKA- CURIE ACTIONS (MSCA) RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS



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INTRODUCTION

WHAT IS THE MARIE SKŁODOWSKA-CURIE ACTIONS (MSCA) RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME?

- The European Union's flagship funding programme for doctoral education and postdoctoral training of researchers.
- Involves research collaborations between Academia and Industry
- The MSCA support the mobility of researchers between countries, sectors and disciplines to acquire new knowledge, skills and competences.

1. **Industrial Doctorates:** Trains candidates for industry with academic collaboration.
2. **Joint Doctorates:** Integrated international doctoral training across sectors and disciplines, leading to joint or multiple degrees. Joint supervision required.



Horizon Europe

Doctoral Networks (DN)

Postdoctoral Fellowships (PF)

Staff Exchanges (SE)

COFUND (no change)

MSCA and Citizens





ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Hold a Master's Degree in a relevant subject
- Candidates should not have been awarded a doctoral degree yet.
- Candidates must apply in a country different from where they lived for most of the past 3 years.
- Researchers should not have lived or worked in the host country for over 12 months within 3 years before recruitment.



RESEARCH PROFILES DESCRIPTORS

- **R1 - First Stage Researcher** (Up to the point of PhD)
- **R2 - Recognised Researcher** (PhD holders or equivalent who are not yet fully independent)
- **R3 - Established Researcher** (Researchers who have developed a level of independence)
- **R4 - Leading Researcher** (Researchers leading their research area or field)



Link for more info: <https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/europe/career-development/training-researchers/research-profiles-descriptors>

BENEFIT I: MSCA DN JOB CONTRACT & SALARY

Job Contract:

- ❑ 3 years Research Employment

Gross salary:

- ❑ Living allowance (LA): approx.
€3400/month
- ❑ Mobility allowance (MA): **€600/month**
- ❑ Family support (FS): **€500/month (only for married researchers)**

Net salary:

- ❑ $((LA \times CCC)/100) + MA + FS) - \text{Taxes}$

Table 1: Country correction coefficients (CCC) for Doctoral Networks and Postdoctoral Fellowships living allowances

For countries where the correction coefficient is not indicated, the Commission will decide on a case-by-case basis.

Country Code ¹¹⁷	CCC
EU Member States	
AT	106,3%
BE	100,0%
BG	54,8%
CY	77,5%
CZ	79,1%
DE	98,3%
DK	132,0%
EE	80,3%
EL	81,6%

¹¹⁷ [ISO 3166 alpha-2](#), except for Greece and the United Kingdom (EL and UK used respectively instead of GR and GB).

ES	91,3%
FI	119,5%
FR	116,4%
HR	75,5%
HU	72,0%
IE	119,5%
IT	97,4%
LT	72,8%
LU	100,0%
LV	76,0%
MT	88,1%
NL	109,6%
PL	70,5%
PT	84,3%
RO	65,4%
SE	125,4%
SI	83,3%
SK	78,1%

Third Countries	
AE	94,0%
AL	59,0%
AM	77,7%
AO	130,0%
AR	62,5%

AU	100,9%
AZ	82,1%
BA	63,9%
BB	112,8%
BD	81,2%
BF	95,0%
BI	81,3%
BJ	91,9%
BO	83,9%
BR	84,7%
BW	62,9%
BY	66,8%
BZ	79,9%
CA	95,2%
CD	151,9%
CF	109,3%
CG	117,3%
CH	128,6%
CI	94,6%
CL	69,5%
CM	87,8%
CN	90,0%
CO	67,6%
CR	77,6%
CU	82,5%
CV	69,6%

DJ	87,2%
DO	61,4%
DZ	67,9%
EC	79,4%
EG	67,4%
ER	120,4%
ET	81,9%
FJ	73,5%
FO	132,0%
GA	107,9%
GE	62,2%
GH	73,9%
GM	68,8%
GN	84,2%
GT	87,3%
GW	81,9%
GY	71,7%
HK	115,4%
HN	77,4%
HT	85,0%
ID	73,0%
IL	107,2%
IN	73,8%
IS	130,5%
JM	84,4%
JO	98,8%



BENEFIT II



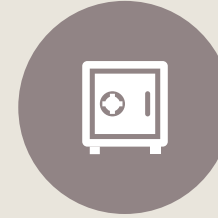
**ACADEMIC &
INDUSTRIAL
EXPERIENCES**



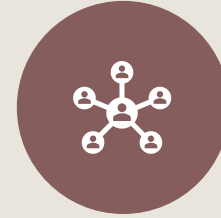
**CONDUCT
INTERNATIONAL
RESEARCH PROJECTS**



**TRAVEL ACROSS
EUROPE**



**BETTER CAREER
OPPORTUNITY**



**NETWORKING &
COLLABORATIONS**



**RESEARCH
EMPLOYMENT (WORK
VISA)**



HOW TO APPLY: NAVIGATING THE EURAXESS PORTAL

The image is a composite of three screenshots from the Euraxess portal. The leftmost screenshot shows the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions homepage with the 'Jobs' menu item highlighted by a red box. A red arrow points from this box to the middle screenshot. The middle screenshot shows the 'Search for jobs' page with filter options for Keywords, Country, European Research Programme, and Researcher Profile. The rightmost screenshot shows a 'Research Field' dropdown menu with a list of fields including '3 D modelling', 'Acoustics', 'Aerospace engineering', 'Agricultural engineering', and 'Agricultural sciences'.

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EURAXESS

Home **Jobs and Funding** Career Development Partnering Information

Home > Jobs & Funding > Search for jobs

Search for jobs

Filter by

Keywords

Country

European Research Programme

Researcher Profile

Search for jobs (10875)

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ITALY

Università degli Studi dell'Aquila

Ph.D. Course in HEALT

mission Procedure: Qualificati
Medicine b) Diagnostic, Molec
stomatognathic system d) Psyc

Application Deadline

European Research
Programme

Research Field

Select

Search

☐ Select all (157)

☐ 3 D modelling

☐ Acoustics

☐ Aerospace engineering

☐ Agricultural engineering

☐ Agricultural sciences

Research Fields: 157 in total

- Link to Homepage: <https://marie-sklodowska-curie-actions.ec.europa.eu/>
- Link to Euraxess: <https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/jobs/search>



THE BIG QUESTION

- **How do I make my application stand out?**



MY TIPS

Before
application

During
application

After
application



BEFORE APPLICATION I

Obtain all necessary application documents prior to applying



- International Passport
- Academic Transcripts (B.Sc & M.Sc)
- Motivation Letter / Statement of Purpose
- B.Sc and M.Sc Certificates
- **English Proficiency certificate:** (TOEFL, IELTS or Letter of Proficiency from University)
- CV (Europass format)
- Recommendation letters
- List of Publications



01

What are your
research
interests?

02

Are you eligible?
(very important)

03

What are the
objectives of the
MSCA project
you intend to
apply for?

04

Clear motivation
for applying for a
Ph.D and a
specific MSCA
project

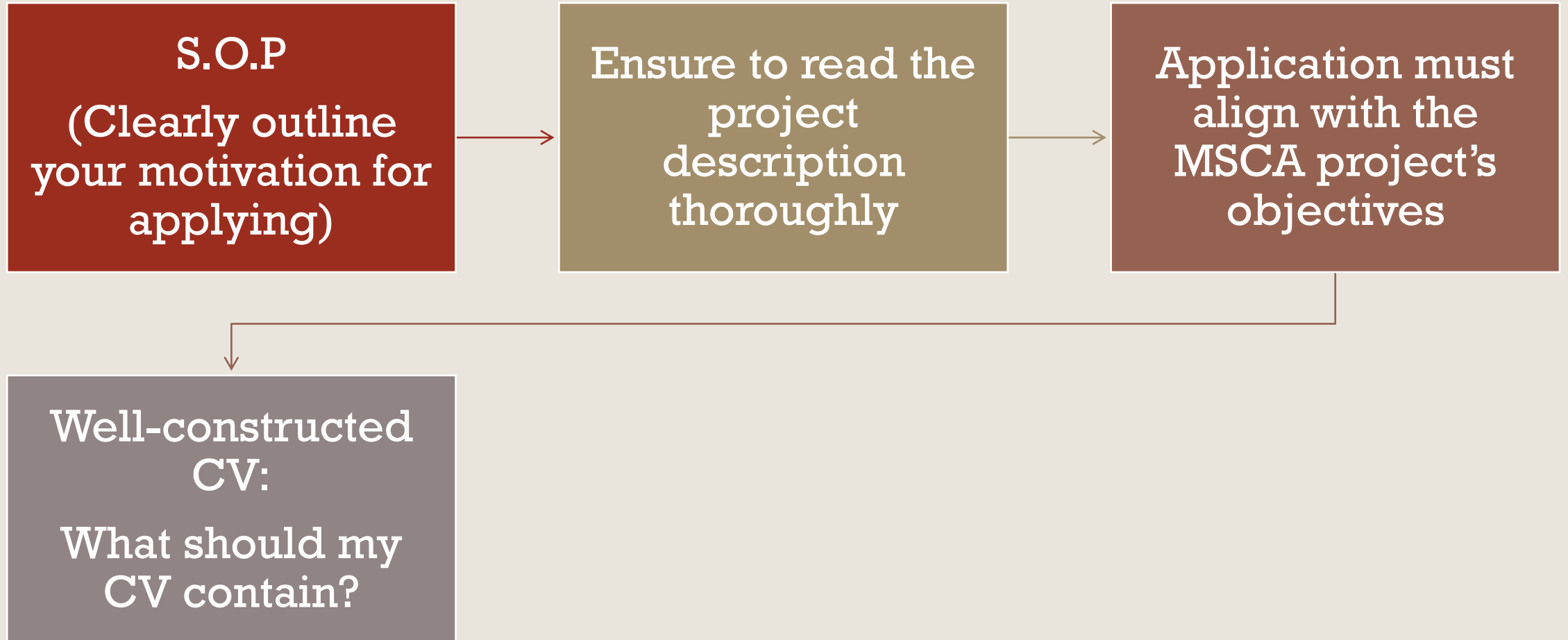
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Why MSCA and
not a regular
Ph.D?

BEFORE APPLICATION II



DURING APPLICATION I



DURING APPLICATION II

01

Request
proofreading
from Mentors

02

Ensure your
application is
complete before
you submit

03

Submit at most
two days before
the deadline



AFTER APPLICATION I



PRAY



REST



ALWAYS CHECK
YOUR MAILS



BE OPTIMISTIC



AFTER APPLICATION II – THE INTERVIEW



Interview Questions and Responses?

Attitude

Time management

Presentation of previous research work

Questions to ask Selection Panel

Practice! Practice!! Practice!!!



AFTER APPLICATION II

After Selection, What next?

Accepting
Offer

Visa
Application

Applying
for Ph.D
Admission

Obtaining
Health
Insurance

My LinkedIn profile: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/kingsley-ibeabuchi-%F0%9F%93%96-%E2%9C%8D%EF%B8%8F-3b98a3188/>

Feel Free to Connect

I wish you all the best in your future applications...





**THANK YOU FOR
YOUR ATTENTION.**

■ **ANY QUESTIONS?**

