

Who can apply for MSCA?

To receive **MSCA funding** you can either:

- 1 **Apply as an organisation:** you can submit a proposal to an open funding call on behalf of your organisation or a consortium.

As an organisation or consortium of organisations, you can submit an application to an open funding call for Doctoral Networks, Staff Exchanges, COFUND or MSCA and Citizens. The call is announced on the Funding and Tender Opportunities Portal.

- 2 **Apply as an individual to Postdoctoral Fellowships:** you can develop and submit a proposal to an open funding call jointly with your host organisation.

If you are an experienced researcher interested in carrying out a research project, you can apply for Postdoctoral Fellowships. You will need to develop an application jointly with your chosen host organisation and submit it to an open funding call published on the Funding and Tender Opportunities Portal.

- 3 **Apply to PhD and postdoctoral vacancies** funded by MSCA projects.

If you are an individual researcher looking for a position funded by one of the MSCA (PhD and postdoctoral level), take a look at the list of vacancies published on EURAXESS. EURAXESS is the EU's portal for researchers. This list is updated on a daily basis. You will find the full requirements of the position you are interested in and be able to apply directly.

<https://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/actions/jobs-funded-our-actions>

Find out more

MSCA
<https://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/>

Find calls for funding in all the MSCA actions
<https://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/funding>

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EURAXESS - Researchers in Motion is a unique pan-European initiative delivering information and support services to professional researchers. EURAXESS provides a range of services to professional researchers including thousands of job postings in and outside of the EU. The portal is more than just a jobs service. You can find advice about visas, pensions, recognition of qualifications and other issues related to working as a researcher abroad.

EURAXESS - <https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/>
EURAXESS ASEAN - <https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/worldwide/asean>

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA)



MSCA is the European Union's flagship funding programme for doctoral education and postdoctoral training of researchers.

MSCA is part of **Horizon Europe**, the European Union's key funding programme for research and innovation.

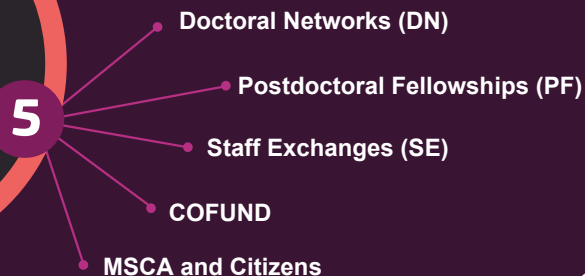
More info:
<https://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/actions/how-apply>

Funding and Tender Opportunities Portal - <https://europa.eu/!yNCKwT>

Jobs from EURAXESS
<https://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/jobs>

Types of MSCA funding

There are 5 types of MSCA targeting different objectives:



1. Doctoral Networks (DN)

Supporting programmes to train doctoral candidates in academic and non-academic organisations

Doctoral Networks implement doctoral programmes, by partnerships of universities, research institutions and infrastructures, businesses including SMEs, and other socio-economic actors from different countries across Europe and beyond.

Besides standard Doctoral Networks, incentives have been introduced to promote two specific types of doctorates as well:

- **Industrial Doctorates** train PhD candidates who wish develop their skills and step outside academia, in particular in industry and business.
- **Joint Doctorates** provide a highly integrated type of international, inter-sectoral and interdisciplinary collaboration in doctoral training leading to a joint doctoral degree or multiple doctoral degrees awarded by the participating institutions.

Who can apply?

Doctoral Networks are open to international consortia of universities, research institutions, businesses, SMEs and other non-academic organisations.

Candidates wishing to apply for PhD positions under Doctoral Networks should apply to funded Doctoral Network projects by consulting their open vacancies advertised internationally, including on the EURAXESS portal.

What does the funding cover?

All areas of research may be funded. Doctoral Networks can last for up to four years. The duration of each fellowship is between three and 36 months.

More info:

<https://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/actions/doctoral-networks>

2. Postdoctoral Fellowships (PF)

Supporting the careers of individual researchers and promoting excellence

Postdoctoral Fellowships target researchers holding a PhD who wish to carry out their research activities abroad, acquire new skills and develop their careers.

There are 2 types of Postdoctoral Fellowships:

- **European Postdoctoral Fellowships** are open to researchers moving within Europe or coming to Europe from another part of the world to pursue their research career. These fellowships take place in an EU Member State or Horizon Europe Associated Country and can last between 1 and 2 years. Researchers of any nationality can apply.
- **Global Postdoctoral Fellowships** fund the mobility of researchers outside Europe. The fellowship lasts between 2 to 3 years, of which the first 1 to 2 years will be spent in a non-associated Third Country, followed by a mandatory return phase of 1 year to an organisation based in an EU Member State or Horizon Europe Associated Country. Only nationals or long-term residents of the EU Member States or Horizon Europe Associated Countries can apply.

Who can apply?

Interested researchers submit an application together with a host organisation, which can be a university, research institution, business, SME or other organisation based in an EU Member State or Horizon Europe Associated Country. All disciplines are eligible for Postdoctoral Fellowships.

What does the funding cover?

The beneficiary receiving EU funding needs to recruit the researcher for the total period of the fellowship.

More info:

<https://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/actions/postdoctoral-fellowships>

3. Staff Exchanges (SE)

Encouraging collaborations between organisations through staff exchanges

Staff Exchanges fund short-term international and inter-sectoral exchanges of staff members involved in research and innovation activities of participating organisations. The aim is to develop sustainable collaborative projects between different organisations from the academic and non-academic sectors based in Europe and beyond.

Who can apply?

Staff Exchanges are open to international consortia of universities, research institutions, businesses, SMEs and other non-academic organisations.

Individual staff members are selected by their sending organisations to take part in the planned exchanges.

What does the funding cover?

Staff Exchanges projects can last up to four years. The grant funds the mobility of seconded staff members from one month to one year.

More info:

<https://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/actions/staff-exchanges>

4. COFUND

Supporting regional, national and international programmes through co-funding

COFUND provides funding for regional, national and international programmes for training and career development, through co-funding mechanisms.

There are 2 types of COFUND:

- **Doctoral Programmes** offer research training activities to allow doctoral candidates to develop and broaden their skills and competences. They will lead to the award of a doctoral degree.
- **Postdoctoral Programmes** fund individual advanced research training and career development fellowships for postdoctoral researchers.

Who can apply?

A single legal entity in an EU Member State or a Horizon Europe Associated Country applies. Additional partners can be included in the project.

Candidates wishing to apply for PhD and postdoctoral positions under COFUND should apply to funded COFUND projects by consulting their open vacancies advertised internationally, including on the EURAXESS portal.

What does the funding cover?

COFUND projects should last for up to five years and should recruit at least 3 researchers.

More info:

<https://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/actions/cofund>

5. MSCA and Citizens

Bringing research and researchers closer to the public at large

MSCA and Citizens brings research and researchers closer to the public at large, with a focus notably on families, pupils and students. It does so through the organisation of the European Researchers' Night, a research communication and promotion event taking place across EU Member States and Horizon Europe Associated Countries.

Who can apply?

The European Researchers' Night can be organised either by one single beneficiary or by several organisations constituting a partnership at regional, national or international level.

What does the funding cover?

The European Researchers' Night provides funding to cover expenses linked to the organisation of the events.

More info:

<https://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/actions/msca-citizens>