Call identifier: H2020-MSCA-IF-2017

Overview: The goal of Individual Fellowships is to enhance the creative and innovative potential of experienced researchers, offering them opportunities to acquire and transfer new knowledge and to work on research and innovation in a European context (EU Member States and Associated Countries) or outside Europe. The scheme particularly supports the return and reintegration of researchers from outside Europe who have previously worked here. It also develops or helps to restart the careers of individual researchers that show great potential, considering their experience. In the last 20 years the European Union has supported one hundred thousand Fellows through Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions in the past 20 years, with 40% of the Fellowships awarded to female scientists.

Deadline: 14 September 2017

Types of IF:

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<td>Return and Reintegration MSCA-IF-EF-RI</td>
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All European Fellowships are held in EU Member States or Associated Countries and are open to researchers either coming to Europe from any country in the world or moving within Europe. The researcher must comply with the rules of mobility in the country where the European Fellowship is held. European and Global Fellowships can also include a secondment period of up to 3 or 6 months in another organisation in Europe, where this would boost the impact of the fellowship.
Eligibility for recruited researchers:

- IF researchers must be **experienced researchers (ER)** at the time of the call deadline, be in possession of a doctoral degree or have at least four years of full-time equivalent research experience.
- Supported researchers and staff members may be of any nationality. They must move from one country to another to broaden or deepen their competences. For IF Global Fellowships (GF) and the European Fellowships (EF) Reintegration Panel researchers must be nationals or long-term residents of EU Member States and Horizon 2020 associated countries. Long-term residence means a period of full-time research activity in the EU or Horizon 2020 associated countries of at least 5 consecutive years.
- Researchers must comply with the **mobility rule**: the may not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in the country of their host organisation for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately before the call deadline. For the IF Society and Enterprise Panel, Career Restart Panel and Reintegration Panel researchers may not have resided or carried out their main activity in the country of their host organisation for more than 3 years in the 5 years immediately before the call deadline.

**For Refugees**: the period of residence/activity in the country of the beneficiary will be counted as the day they are recognized as refugees.

**Beneficiary**: a participating organization which is a legal entity located in an EU Member State or Horizon 2020 associated country and must employ and supervise the researcher during the action. In addition to the above, for IF European Fellowship (EF) **Society and Enterprise Panel**, the beneficiary must be an entity from the non-academic sector.

**Grant Duration**:
- IF European Fellowships (EF): fellowship duration: 12-24 months
- IF Global Fellowships (GF): fellowship duration: 24-36 months (12-24 months for the outgoing phase plus 12 month return phase in Europe)

**Budget** The financial support for Marie Skłodowska-Curie IF takes the form of a grant covering 100% of the action’s eligible costs. Funding is calculated exclusively based on the fixed unit costs set out in the Work Programme.

**Financial Aspects**

- **There are 2 types of unit costs:**
  - Researcher Unit Costs
  - Institutional unit costs

**Living Allowance**: basic gross EU contribution in the amount of € 4650 per person-month (€55,800/year), subject to national tax regulations. Adjustments are made through the application of a country correction coefficients (Table 2 of the MSCA Work Programme). The host beneficiary may pay a top-up to the eligible researchers from another budget source in order to complement this contribution. **IMPORTANT**: the host organization must appoint each eligible researcher under an employment contract which covers the researcher under the social security scheme for the duration of the action.

**Mobility Allowance**: Fixed amount of € 600/person month. No country coefficient applied to this. All researchers recruited within an IF are eligible for this

**Family allowance**: a fixed amount of € 500 per person-month will be paid in case the supported researcher has family obligations. Family is defined as persons linked to the researcher (i) by marriage, or (ii) a relationship with equivalent status to a marriage recognised by the legislation of the country or region where this relationship was formalised; or (iii) as dependent children who are actually being maintained by the researcher. **IMPORTANT**: The family status of a researcher will be determined at the deadline of the call (i.e. September 2017) and will not be revised during the lifetime of the action.

**Institutional costs**: this is a set amount of € 800 per person month.

**Management and Overheads**: this is a unit cost of € 650 per person month that is to be used towards the management of the project.