

MSCA4Ukraine Fellowship Programme: 2024 Call for Applications

Template for the host organisation's statement on planned support for the candidate

Please prepare a statement on your organisation's letterhead outlining in approximately 2-pages (no more than 1,500 words) the support to be provided to the candidate, by addressing each of the items below. This statement must be signed by the legally authorised person, who approves the nomination of the candidate (e.g. Rector, Vice-Chancellor, Executive Director, President, etc.) and submitted as a separate PDF-document through the online application portal.

1. Please provide details of the position and role the candidate will play within your organisation, including a confirmation that working space and all other necessary research equipment (such as access to research literature, lab space and other infrastructure) will be provided.
2. Please outline the candidate's compatibility with the host organisation, for example departmental strength in the candidate's research area, or, in the case of PhD holders, a void that the research can successfully fill.
3. Please describe the profile of the academic mentor proposed for this candidate. If applicable, please provide details on their experience hosting international guest scholars, in particular any experience hosting researchers at risk. For PhD candidates: please provide details on the mentor's experience of successfully mentoring PhD candidates.
4. Please outline any practical support measures you have planned for the candidate, in particular any support you intend providing to the candidate and his/hers family members to access accommodation, medical services, schooling and other social supports, as applicable.
5. A secondment is an optional component of the application and can be up to a third of the fellowship duration. Secondments can still be planned after the fellowship is underway. Please provide details of any secondments envisaged as part of the MSCA4Ukraine fellowship, either within Ukraine, in another EU country, Horizon Europe Associated Country or other third country. This might include, for example, a secondment to the candidate's home institution in Ukraine for part of the fellowship duration in order to foster collaboration and facilitate return if safe conditions for return are met.
6. In addition to, or instead of any proposed secondment, please outline any measures envisaged during the fellowship to maintain or strengthen the candidate's connections to research and innovation communities in Ukraine, including measures to prepare for continued affiliation with and future reintegration into Ukraine, should researchers wish to return if safe conditions for such a return are met. Such measures might include e.g. cotutelle arrangements (for PhD candidates), double affiliations, joint supervision of doctoral candidates, facilitating continued distance learning, continued distance teaching, or other measures.

7. Please confirm that as the applicant organisation, if your application is successful, you understand that your organisation would act as the employer for the full duration of the MSCA4Ukraine fellowship, including during any secondment undertaken by the candidate in Ukraine or elsewhere. Responsibility for compliance with the funding terms, including any ethical matters and reporting on the progress of the fellowship will lie with your organisation for the duration of the fellowship.

NB: By submitting the application through the online portal, the host organisation declares:

- *That if awarded MSCA4Ukraine funding, the applying host institution will provide the candidate with an employment contract, and the applicant organisation agrees to provide the candidate with any necessary information and assistance in order to ensure compliance with relevant labour laws. Please note that offering the candidate a research fellowship instead of an employment contract is only possible in exceptional cases when national legislation prevents the issuing of an employment contract. Should this be the case for your organisation, please provide additional justifying information. The final decision on the possibility of offering a research fellowship by the host organisation to the candidate will be taken once the candidate is selected to receive the funding.*
- *The applying host institution undertakes to provide support with administrative and practical issues related to the stay.*
- *The information and documentation submitted by the candidate concerning certificates and degree credentials have been checked by the applying host institution to the best of its knowledge and belief. Original documents, certified copies or replacement documents with a high degree of credibility were submitted for inspection. The applying host institution is not forwarding any original documents to the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation. The applying host institution hereby declares that it is unaware of any facts or specific aspects which may speak against awarding sponsorship, e. g. regarding the candidate's personal integrity, possible conflicts with legally binding principles of scientific ethics, the Rules of Good Scientific Practice, danger of arms-relevant technological transfers within the meaning of legal regulations, etc. Should it become aware of such facts in the course of this selection procedure or learn that legal action has been taken regarding a breach of the Rules of Good Scientific Practice, it will inform the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation immediately.*
- *The applying host institution confirms that it has interviewed the candidate online or in person.*
- *The applying host institution confirms that the candidate has language skills which permit him/her to complete the planned research project.*