



MSCA

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

Developing talents, advancing research



Funding opportunities and inclusion measures under MSCA

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Marie Skłodowska-
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Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA)

- **Flagship programme** for training & mobility* of researchers
- Part of **Horizon Europe** (€ 95.5 bn)
- Budget: **€ 6.6 billion** (2021-2027)
- **Worldwide** geographic coverage
- Open to researchers of **any nationality, career stage, research field**



Researchers' training, skills and career development (all stages of career)



Excellent research in all domains (bottom-up approach)



International, cross-sectoral & interdisciplinary mobility



Attractive working and employment conditions



Structuring impact on organisations



Strong collaboration with industry and SMEs

*Mobility rule for researchers (DN, PF, COFUND):

They must not have *resided/carried out their main activity* (work, studies, etc.) in the *country of the recruiting beneficiary* for more than *12 months in the 36 months before their recruitment date/the deadline of the co-funded programme's call*.

Time spent by the researcher as part of a *procedure for obtaining refugee status* under the Geneva Convention* is *not* taken into account.

MSCA: main actions and opportunities for researchers

Doctoral Networks

*Doctoral programmes
in and outside
academia incl. joint &
industrial doctorates*

Postdoctoral Fellowships

*Support to excellent
postdoctoral
researchers*

Staff Exchanges

*Support for research
and innovation staff
exchanges*

COFUND

*Co-funding doctoral
and postdoctoral
programmes*

MSCA Work Programme, p.8:

*“MSCA projects are also encouraged to **facilitate access by researchers at risk**, through tailored support and career services, including job search assistance in the researcher’s new geographical area.”*

Doctoral Networks

- **Consortia** (min 3 entities) – set up a doctoral programme (any topic, excellence as main criterion)
- **Individual researchers** (doctoral candidates):
 - Any nationality
 - Mobility required (mobility rule)
 - Salary + applicable allowances (incl. special needs and/or family allowance)
 - Fellowship: 3-36 months (up to 48 months for Joint Doctorates)
 - Short-term training secondments (optional)
- **Information** about vacancies: **Euraxess** (obligation to post)
- **Application** to the doctoral programme directly



Type of DN:

- **Standard** (different modalities)
- **Industrial** (intersectoral mandatory)
- **Joint** (degree of integration)

Postdoctoral Fellowships

- **Application: host institution** (entities in EU/AC) together with **researcher** (F&T portal)
- + **TC entities** for Global Fellowships (hosts)
- **Individual researchers** (PhD holders):
 - Any nationality
 - Mobility required (mobility rule)
 - Salary + applicable allowances (incl.special needs and/or family allowance)
 - Fellowships: depending on the type →
 - Short-term secondments (optional)
 - 6-months non-academic placements at the end (optional)
- **Information** about positions: **Find host directly** / **Euraxess**



Types of fellowships:

- **European** (12-24M in EU/AC – any nationality)
- **Global** (12-24M outside, 12M return EU/AC – nationals/long-term EU/AC residents)

COFUND

- **Application:** coordinating entity (only 1 beneficiary!)
- **Funding:** for existing programmes (regional, national, international), up to 60M
- **Individual researchers:**
 - Any nationality
 - Mobility required (mobility rule)
 - Salary + applicable allowances (incl. special needs and/or family allowance)
 - PhD or postdoc fellowships: depending on the type →
 - Fellowships duration: depends on the host
 - Short-term secondments (optional)
- **Information** about positions: **Euraxess**



Types of COFUND actions:

- **Doctoral programmes**
- **Postdoctoral programmes**

Staff Exchanges

- **Application:** consortium (min.3 organisations)
- **Funding:** research cooperation, short-term mobility (projects up to 48M)
- **Individual researchers:**
 - Any nationality (employed by participating institution min.1M before the start)
 - Short-term mobility/secondments (1-12M total in-built in SE design)
 - Salary by employer, potential top-up for mobility
 - Research and non-research staff (admin, technical, managerial)
- **Information** about positions: **Employer / sending organisation**



The most international
action in MSCA

MSCA call calendar 2025

Year	Action	Opening	Deadline
2024	Postdoctoral Fellowships	08 May 2025	10 September 2025
	Doctoral Networks	28 May 2025	25 November 2025
	Staff Exchanges	27 March 2025	08 October 2025
	COFUND	23 January 2025	24 June 2025

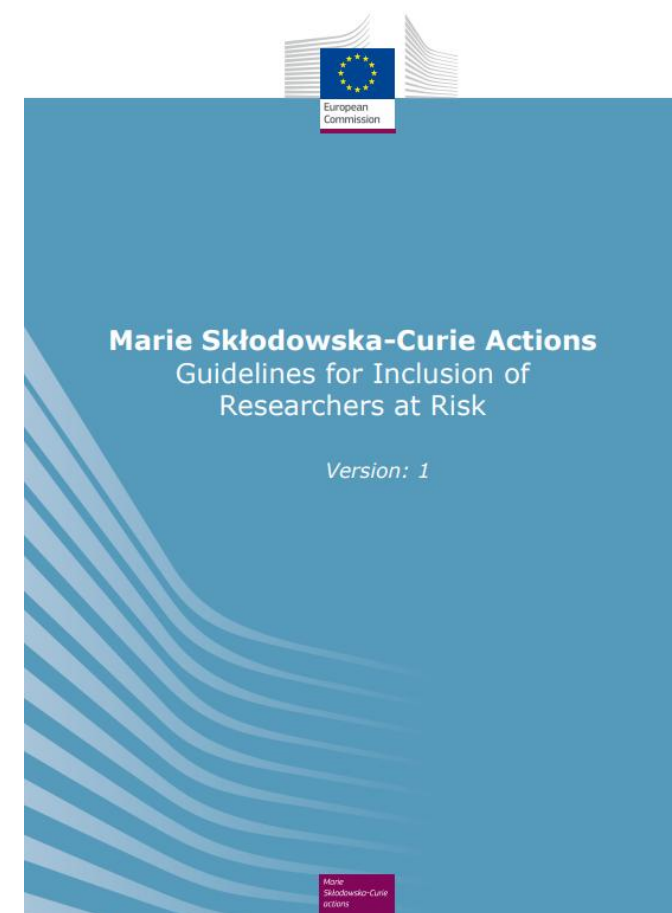
MSCA grants and support measures

- **Work Programme** (encouragement for hosts and acknowledgement of refugee process)
- **Guidelines** on the inclusion of researchers at risk (support for potential hosts and researchers, recommended and good practice)
- **Inspireurope and Inspireurope+** projects (2019-2022, 2022-2025): grants to support networks and guidance for researchers/employers (training, webinars)
- **MSCA4Ukraine** (2022-2027): fellowships for researchers from Ukraine (170+)
- **SAFE** project (2024-2027): support grant through European Parliament – to test the viability of a European fellowship scheme (60 fellowships, risk assessment, training and guidance)

MSCA Guidelines on the inclusion of researchers at risk

- Who are researchers at risk?
- Why supporting researchers at risk is important?
- How to support researchers at risk through some best practice examples and main recommendations
- Where to find more information

<https://marie-sklodowska-curie-actions.ec.europa.eu/about-msca/guidelines-for-inclusion-of-researchers-at-risk>





About Inspireurope+

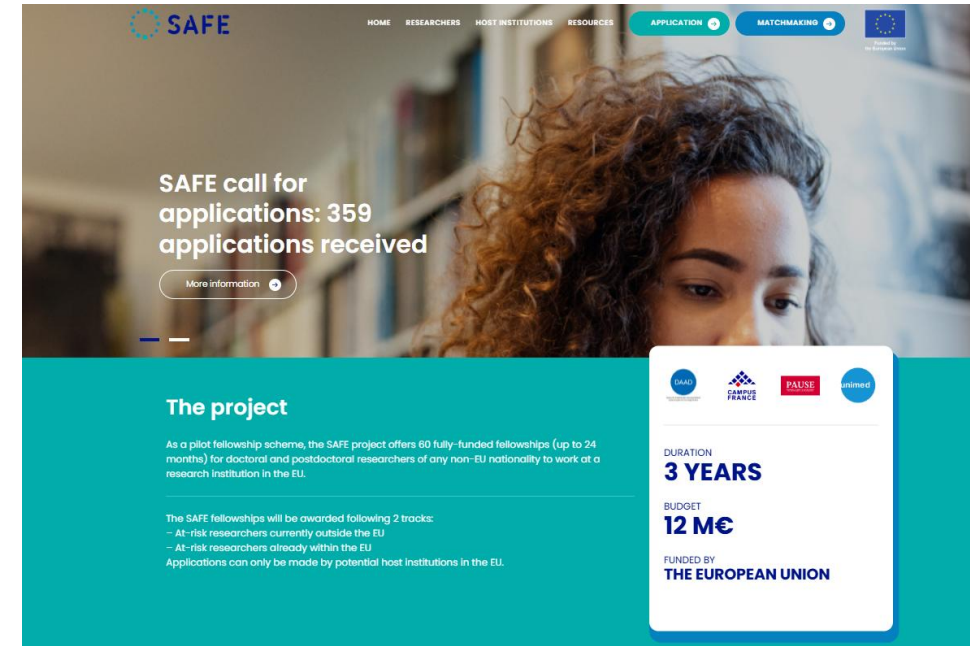


Inspireurope+ Actions:

Coordinating European support : The Inspireurope+ Coordinating Committee serves as a vehicle for cooperation and coordination of European support for researchers at risk.

Guidance and support for researchers at risk: Together with researchers at risk, Inspireurope+ partners work together to design, develop, and implement a series of career development webinars and interactive training opportunities. Through guidance, training and consultations with over 300 researchers at risk, Inspireurope+ helps to build up the skills and knowledge needed to facilitate access to European, national and institutional funding and support.

Building institutional capacity and preparedness: Inspireurope+ helps to prepare academic and non-academic institutions across Europe to support



- Training and guidance for researchers

- Guidance for employers

- Policy recommendations

- Networking and coordination at European level

- Fellowships up to 2 years

- Support for host organisations

- Career development plan

- Networking and training for researchers



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- Free and easy access to the Science4Refugees initiative
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- Information on working and living in Europe

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THERE ARE CURRENTLY

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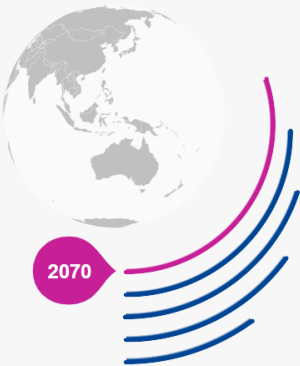
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PHYSICS

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

CHEMISTRY

COMPUTER SCIENCE

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Useful resources

- MSCA [Work Programme 2023/24](#) (WP 2025 forthcoming)
- Calls on [Funding and Tenders Portal](#)
- Vacancies on [Euraxess](#)
 - refreshed science4refugees page [Science4Refugees | EURAXESS](#)
- MSCA [website](#) and social media – information about webinars/info days organised by the European Commission / REA
- Guidance from [MSCA National Contact Points](#), incl. [matchmaking platform](#)
- MSCA [Alumni Association](#)
- [MSCA Guidelines on Supervision](#)



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