



MARIE SKŁODOWSKA-CURIE ACTIONS

Your next career move!

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MARIE SKŁODOWSKA-CURIE ACTIONS (MSCA)

Want to go further in your research career? Use the Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions!

These actions offer a myriad of opportunities for researchers from Europe and beyond, taking careers to the next level. There is an action for every need.

Considering a doctoral degree? Go to **section 1** to learn more about the Innovative Training Networks (ITN).

Advancing your career with a change of country and possibly sector? Have a look at the Individual Fellowships (IF) in **section 2**.

Interested in collaborating and sharing knowledge? Read about the Research and Innovation Staff Exchange (RISE) in **section 3**.

Does your organisation fund or manage a doctoral or fellowship programme? Check out the Co-Funding of Regional, National and International Programmes action (COFUND) in **section 4**.



“ When I wanted to relocate to Europe, I realised that a Marie Skłodowska-Curie grant would provide my projects with momentum because of the flexibility in the funding. ”

Romain Koszul, Geneticist

1. Innovative Training Networks (ITN)

If you are an organisation aiming to host early-stage researchers, ITN will finance you to train them to be excellent in their research field, plus equip them with a range of skills (such as **entrepreneurship, commercialisation of research results, management** or **patenting**) to maximise their future employment options. Researchers will apply to specific vacancies of the project finally funded.

High-quality international and intersectoral training for researchers at doctoral level is supported under:

» European Training Networks (ETN): research training delivered jointly by at least three partners from different EU Member States or Associated Countries.

» European Industrial Doctorates (EID): at least two partners: one academic organisation entitled to deliver doctoral degrees and one non-academic organisation (primarily businesses). They jointly supervise the doctoral degree candidate, who spends at least 50% of his/her time in the non-academic sector.

» European Joint Doctorates (EJD): at least three organisations entitled to award doctoral degrees from three different EU Member States or Associated Countries.

“ The Marie Skłodowska-Curie fellowship provided me with a unique opportunity to develop my skills. ”

Esmeralda Valiente, Molecular Microbiologist

2. Individual Fellowships (IF)

Advanced training based on international and possibly intersectoral mobility for **researchers at postdoctoral level and beyond**.

» Returning to research after a career break, re-integrating in Europe after time away, or working on research projects elsewhere in or outside Europe are the opportunities that this action offers.

3. Research and Innovation Staff Exchange (RISE)

Should you be an organisation interested in short-term researchers' mobility (1-12 months), RISE is your action. You can benefit from these international and intersectoral exchanges based on a joint research and innovation project. You could involve researchers or management, administrative or technical staff members of your organisation.

» keystones of RISE are **the transfer of advanced knowledge** through exchange of personnel and the reinforcement of **research partnerships involving** organisations in EU Member States/Associated Countries and possibly also non-European countries.

“ As a Marie Skłodowska-Curie fellow (MSC) I had a lot of opportunities to learn from experts from both the industry and the academia ”

Yang Ren Bin, researcher on fuel cell catalyst

4. Co-Funding of Regional, National and International Programmes (COFUND)

Funding for **doctoral programmes** or **fellowship programmes** at postdoctoral level. Regional, national or international research programmes fostering excellence in researchers' training, mobility and career development can be supported by COFUND.

» Mobility across borders is a must. Cross-sectoral mobility is also encouraged. COFUND aims at improving employment conditions of researchers and the quality of the selection and recruitment processes.

“ An excellent programme appreciated by both the academic and non-academic communities. ”

NEW RESEARCH FUNDING POSSIBILITIES IN THE MARIE SKŁODOWSKA-CURIE ACTIONS

Which action?	ITN Innovative Training Networks <i>(Host applies)</i>	IF Individual Fellowships <i>(Individuals apply)</i>	RISE Research and Innovation Staff Exchange <i>(Host applies)</i>	COFUND Co-Funding of Regional, National and International Programmes <i>(Funder applies)</i>
What does it offer?	High-quality research training delivered through international and interdisciplinary networks, industrial doctorates or joint doctorates	Opportunities to work on personal research projects by moving between countries and possibly sectors to acquire new skills	International and/or intersectoral exchanges of staff members involved in research and innovation to develop sustainable collaborative projects and transfer knowledge	Regional, national or international programmes to foster excellence in researchers' training, mobility and career development
Who is it for?	Networks of organisations that train researchers at doctoral level (less than four years of full-time research experience and no doctoral degree)	Postdoctoral researchers (doctoral degree or at least four years of full-time research experience)	Partnerships of organisations that undertake a joint research project supported by the exchange of their staff (researchers, technical, administrative and managerial staff)	Organisations funding or managing doctoral programmes or fellowship programmes

“ The Marie Skłodowska-Curie grant helped me enter more deeply into the philosophical research areas that I have specialised in and gave the opportunity to form new research collaborations. ”

Karin Edvardsson Björnberg, researcher in climate policy

FACTS ON THE MARIE SKŁODOWSKA-CURIE ACTIONS 2007-13:

- 23% of participants work within industry. Of these participants 34% work in a small to medium sized enterprise (SME)
- 38% of participants are women
- 90% of participants are in employment two years after their fellowship
- 9 out of 10 from the top Research and Development (R&D) investors in Europe participating in MSCA
- From the Shanghai top 500 world university ranking, 2/3 participate in MSCA
- Over 130 nationalities and host organisations in more than 80 countries
- A third of Marie Skłodowska-Curie researchers are from outside the EU

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