Università degli Studi G. d'Annunzio Chieti - Pescara

Info Sheet
Horizon Europe Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA)
POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS – PF

MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships

The **Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) Postdoctoral Fellowships (PF)** are funding programmes designed to enhance the talent of experienced researchers by providing opportunities to broaden their skill sets through individual research projects. The primary objective of the PF is to foster the professional growth of candidates, enabling them to work within cutting-edge environments through **international mobility** towards host institutions (either universities or private entities) located in EU Member States or Associated Countries. Postdoctoral Fellowships adopt an **interdisciplinary** and **intersectoral** approach, combining high-level research with specialised training activities to improve the career prospects of researchers.

Types of Actions

European Postdoctoral Fellowships (EF): open to experienced researchers of any nationality intending to move to a Host Institution in an EU Member State or Associated Country for a research project lasting between 12 and 24 months.
Global Postdoctoral Fellowships (GF): reserved to European citizens or long-term residents (at least 5 consecutive years) in Europe. These involve an initial mobility phase in a Third Country (outside the EU) lasting 12 to 24 months, followed by a mandatory 12-month return period at a Host Institution in an EU Member State or Associated Country.

Eligibility criteria

Academic Degree: candidates must hold a PhD at the time of the call deadline (or have successfully defended their thesis).
Research Experience: a maximum of 8 years of full-time research experience after obtaining the PhD. Career breaks, such as leave or expectations, are excluded from this count. For those returning to Europe, research periods spent in Third Countries are not included in the 8-year limit.
Mobility Rule: candidates must not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies) in the country of the host organization (for European PF) or the Third Country organization (for Global PF) for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately preceding the call deadline.

Funding

The MSCA funding covers 100% of the project costs and is calculated on a flat-rate basis (unit costs) in proportion to its duration. Contributions for the Researcher include the following
Living allowance: monthly gross salary, subject to a correction coefficient based on the cost of living in the destination Country.
Mobility allowance: for mobility costs.
Family allowance: for researchers with family.
Long-term leave allowance or **Special needs allowance** may be provided in specific cases
The Institutional contributions include the following:
Research, training, and networking costs: cover research expenses, conferences, and training.
Management and indirect costs: cover the administrative management for which the Host Institution is in charge.

Application

Proposals are submitted online via the European Commission Funding & Tenders Portal during the call opening window. **The forthcoming MSCA-PF call opens on 9 April and closes on 9 September 2026**.
All scientific research domains are eligible for funding (bottom-up approach).

Contact us

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