“People” Programme: The Marie Curie Actions in FP7

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Why a Marie Curie fellowship?

People programme = Marie Curie Actions
From pure mobility actions to a dedicated programme for structuring training, mobility and career development

Objectives:
- Human resources potential in R&D in Europe
- Stimulate people to enter into the profession of researcher
- Encouraging researchers to stay in Europe
- Attracting researchers from around the world

One main condition to be eligible: Mobility
- Employment contracts with full social rights
- Addressed to researchers at all stages of their careers
- Adequate working conditions and attractive salaries
- Peer-reviewed international evaluation
- European (and international) prestige
FP7 overview (2007-2013)

EU’s main instrument for funding research

Aim: Contribute to the Union becoming the world’s leading research area
Total EC budget: M€ 50 500

FP7 breakdown (€ million)

- **Cooperation**: M€ 32 500
- **Ideas**: M€ 7510
- **People**: M€ 4750
- **Capacities**: M€ 4100
- **JRC**: M€ 1 750
- **Euratom**: M€ 2 750
- **Nuclear research**: M€ 1 600
- **Frontier Research**: ERC
- **Marie Curie Actions**: M€ 1580 million

FP6 (2002-2006)

Marie Curie Actions
€ 1 580 million
Can I apply?

I want to *start* a research career

Early-stage researcher:

*No PhD*

*OR*

*< 4 years experience*
http://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/
Look for the “Early-stage researcher” positions.
Community contributions

Gross amounts (for ESR)

Fellows’ expenses

- Living allowance*: € 34 500 per year
- Mobility allowance*: € 500 or 800 per month
- Travel allowance: € 250 to 2500 per year
- Career exploratory allowance: € 2000 for recruitment (> 1 year)
- Research/training costs: € 300-600 per researcher-month

Hosts’ expenses

- Coordination & execution training project: € 600 per researcher-month
- Organisation Conferences/Workshops for external participants: € 300 per researcher-day
- Overheads: 10% of direct costs
- Management: Up to 7% of the total EC contribution

*Correction Coefficients apply
Marie Curie Actions

Can I apply?

I am finishing my PhD and looking for a post-doctoral position

I am a post-doc looking for another post-doc position

Experienced researcher:

PhD holder

OR

> 4 years experience

You have 2 options!
Look for the “Experienced researcher” positions.
I can apply myself for a Marie Curie individual fellowship!

**Individual-driven actions:**
Applicants are individual researchers (post-docs) in liaison with potential supervisor/host institution

5 different Actions:
- Intra-European Fellowships for Career Development (IEF)
- International Outgoing Fellowships for Career Development (IOF)
- International Incoming Fellowships (IIF)
- European Reintegration Grants (ERG)
- International Reintegration Grants (IRG)
Intra-European Fellowships
for career development (IEF)

To support the career development of experienced researchers at different stages of their careers

- 12 to 24 months (full-time) period
- Any nationals working/living in MS/AS moving to another MS/AS
- Mobility requirement at the deadline of the call (definition)

International Outgoing Fellowships
for career development (IOF)

To reinforce the international dimension of the career of European researchers

- 12-24 months period in a TC plus 12 months of compulsory return phase in MS/AC
- For Nationals of MS/AC

International Incoming Fellowships (IIF)

To reinforce the scientific excellence of MS/AS with incoming to Europe top-class researchers from TC

- 12-24 months period in MS/AC
- Third country nationals coming from outside Europe
- Possible return phase to country of origin (12 months)
Community contributions

Gross amounts (rates for 2009)

- **Living allowance**: € 54 300 per year (with 4-10 years experience)
  € 81 400 per year (with > 10 years experience)

- **Mobility allowance**: € 500 or 800 per month

- **Travel allowance**: € 250 to 2500 per year

- **Career exploratory allowance**: € 2000 for IEF

- **Research/training/networking costs**: € 500-800 per researcher-month

- **Overheads and Management**: € 700 per researcher-month
  (up to 20% total direct costs)

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European Reintegration Grants (ERG)

- After a Marie Curie fellowship of at least 18 months duration
- Financial contribution of 15 000 €/year during 2-3 years
- Host institution within MS/AS, including country of origin
- Research costs, including salary of researchers or assistants

International Reintegration Grants (IRG)

- Researchers returning from third countries to a MS/AC
- Financial contribution of 25 000 €/year during 3-4 years
- Host institution within MS/AS, including country of origin
- Research costs, including salary of researchers or assistants
Marie Curie Actions

What if I am a PI or group leader?

Yes, you can!

Can I still apply for Marie Curie funding?

Host-driven actions:

Submission of proposals is a Principal Investigators, Group leaders, Scientists-in-charge initiative, on behalf of institutions

- Initial training Networks (ITN)
- Industry-academia partnerships and pathways (IAPP)
Aims to improve career perspectives of early stage researchers in both public & private sector

Structuring the Initial Training of Researchers at EU level:

- International Networks of Participants
- Mutual recognition of Training/Degrees
- Opening training events to external researchers
- Complementary skills: entrepreneurship, management, IPR, grant writing, communication

Participant rules:

- Generally at least 3 participants:
  - Universities, research centres, companies, SMEs
- Typically located in at least 3 different MS/AC
- Involvement of private sector
Initial Training Networks (ITN)

Aims to improve career perspectives of early stage researchers in both public & private sector

Eligible researchers: Nationals from any country

- Mainly early-stage researchers
- Experienced researchers
- Visiting scientists (experienced researchers)

Community Contribution:

- Salaries of recruited researchers/visiting scientists
- Research and networking costs
- Organization of training events open to external researchers
Industry- Academia Partnerships and Pathways (IAPP)

Aims to open and foster dynamic pathways between public research organisations and private commercial enterprises

Intersectorial mobility and skills exchange: *Staff secondments is the key element*

Objectives:

- **Foster co-operation** between non-commercial research organisations & commercial enterprises based on joint research projects
- **Stimulate long-term collaboration** between sectors through secondment of staff
- **Diverse career possibilities** & research experience for researchers, knowledge sharing/cultural exchange

Participant rules:

- At least 1 partner from commercial & 1 partner from non-commercial sector
- Located in at least 2 different MS/AC
- Additional partners from any sector and from any other country
Industry–Academia Partnerships and Pathways (IAPP)

Aims to open and foster dynamic pathways between public research organisations and private commercial enterprises

Eligible researchers:

- **Staff exchange - secondments**: 2 to 24 months
  - Any level of experience, incl. technical & managerial staff
  - Exchange always between sectors (and usually countries)
  - Obligatory return for at least 1 year

- **Recruitment (optional)**: 12 to 24 months
  - Only experienced researchers (post-docs)
  - Mobility requirement

Community contribution:

- Staff secondments and recruitment of experienced researchers (optional)
- Research and networking costs
- Specific small equipment for SMEs: <10% total contribution
International Research Staff Exchange Scheme (IRSES)

Aiming at strengthening research partnerships between Europe and the rest of the world

Participant rules:
- At least 2 independent research organisations in two different MS/AC
- One or more organisations in TC*
- Additional partners from any sector and from any other country welcome
- Joint multi-annual programmes of 24-48 months

Eligible researchers:
- Research staff mainly, but also technical and management staff
- Min. 1 month - max. 12 months/researcher
- Staff is seconded (not recruited)

Community contribution:
- Balanced exchange of EU/International researchers
- Subsistence/travel allowance for outgoing European researchers
  € 1900/month per researcher
- Case by case: subsistence/travel allowance incoming ICPC/ENP

* TC: countries with which the Community has an S&T agreement or are in the process of negotiations, or in countries covered by the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP).
List of the non-EU-countries eligible for IRSES

- Algeria, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Brazil, Canada, China, Chile, Egypt, Georgia, India, Japan, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Mexico, Moldova, Morocco, Palestinian-administrated areas, New Zealand, Rep. of Korea, Russia, South Africa, Syria, Tunisia, Ukraine and USA.
Helpdesk:
http://ec.europa.eu/research/enquiries/

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