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Preparación de una propuesta MSCA Postdoctoral

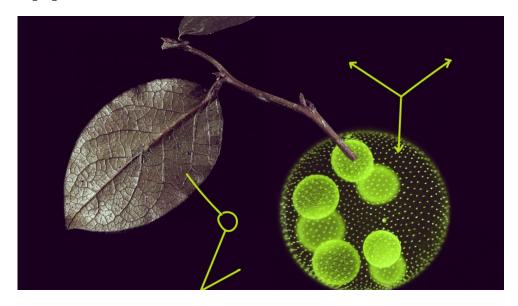
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"Postdoctoral Fellowships call: 6 steps to prepare your application"



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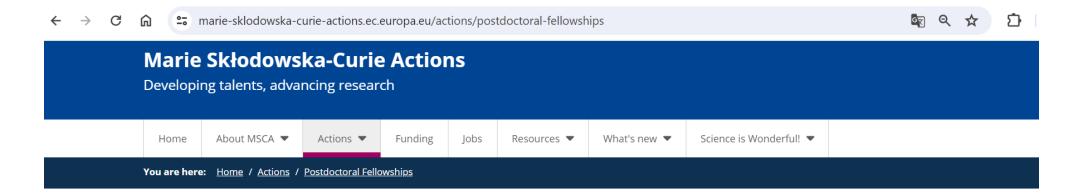
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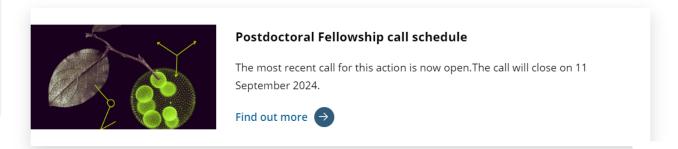
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Postdoctoral Fellowships

The information provided on this page is a summary of the main rules and requirements for Postdoctoral Fellowships (PFs) and who can apply for them.





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Relevant documents and information

All relevant documents are available for each call on the Funding and including

• MSCA work programme and general annexes



- guide for applicants 🖸
- specific FAQs
- application and Juation forms

Introduction

Doctoral Networks - call 2024

Postdoctoral Fellowships – call 2024

Staff Exchanges – call 2024 (various documents below will be updated soon)

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MSCA4Ukraine

What happens next

Postdoctoral Fellowships - call 2024

For detailed information about the Postdoctoral Fellowships, including the eligibility conditions and implementation modalities, please check the corresponding sections in the MSCA Work Programme and the dedicated Funding & Tenders portal page.

Additional useful information for applicants on the Postdoctoral Fellowships can be found in the:

- Postdoctoral Fellowships Guide for Applicants 2024
- General annexes of the Work programme (h)
- Proposal template 2024 and instructions on how to fill it in (19)
- 6 steps to prepare your application for the 2024 Postdoctoral Fellowships call
- Common mistakes in MSCA-PF proposal submission
- MSCA specific evaluation forms used by the expert evaluators (9)
- Guidelines on the calculation of 8-years research experience in Postdoctoral Fellowships under Horizon Europe
- Postdoctoral Fellowships Self-assessment tool for the calculation of the 8-years research experience



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Step 2: Make sure you can apply





MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships are open to postdoctoral researchers that

- •hold a PhD degree on the closing date for applications. Applicants who have successfully defended their doctoral thesis but who have not yet formally been awarded the doctoral degree are also eligible to apply
- •have a maximum of eight years of experience in research from the date of the award of the PhD degree the following experience will not be counted towards this maximum
 - years of experience outside research and career breaks
 - years of experience in research in third countries, for nationals or long-term residents of EU Member States or Horizon Europe Associated Countries who wish to reintegrate to Europe

•comply with mobility rules: they must not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in the country of the beneficiary (for European Postdoctoral Fellowships), or the host organisation for the outgoing phase (for Global Postdoctoral Fellowships) for more than 12 months in the 36 months immediately before the call deadline

Some exceptions and specific conditions apply.



•To check your research experience, REA has prepared a <u>Self-assessment tool</u> and <u>guidelines</u> on the calculation of 8-years research experience in Postdoctoral Fellowships under Horizon Europe

Step 3: Find a host organisation and supervisor



Organisations from all socioeconomic sectors in any country can host an MSCA postdoctoral fellow – although conditions differ depending on the modality you are applying to. This includes: higher education institutions, research centres and infrastructures, private sector organisations, including industry, businesses, and small and medium-sized enterprises, public sector organisations, including national, regional, and local governments, agencies, and museums, certain international organisations, bodies and research institutions, other organisations such as NGOs, foundations, charities, etc.

Organisations based in third countries that are not associated to the Horizon Europe programme can host researchers for Global Fellowships and for short-term secondments (see specific conditions in the MSCA Work Programme). If you are not sure whether a country is associated to Horizon Europe, have a look at the <u>list of participating countries to Horizon Europe</u>.

As of January 2024, the United Kingdom is associated to the Horizon Europe programme. **United Kingdom organisations will therefore be able to host researchers**, <u>apply and receive funding</u> under this year's call under the same conditions as EU Member States and other countries associated to Horizon Europe.



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If you do not yet have a host organisation in mind or are still looking for a secondment or a placement host, the following resources may help you find your match

- •MSCA Matchmaking platform
- Euraxess hosting offers
- Funding and Tender Opportunities Portal (see "Partner Search Announcements")

If you are looking for a non-academic host or seeking advice for research-business collaboration, reach out to the <u>European Enterprise Network</u>'s contact points.



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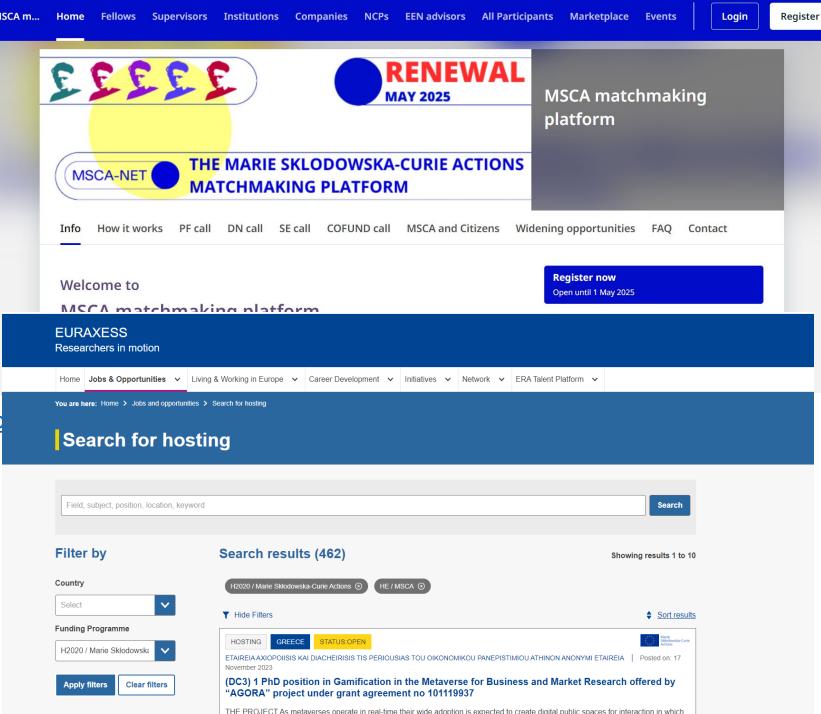
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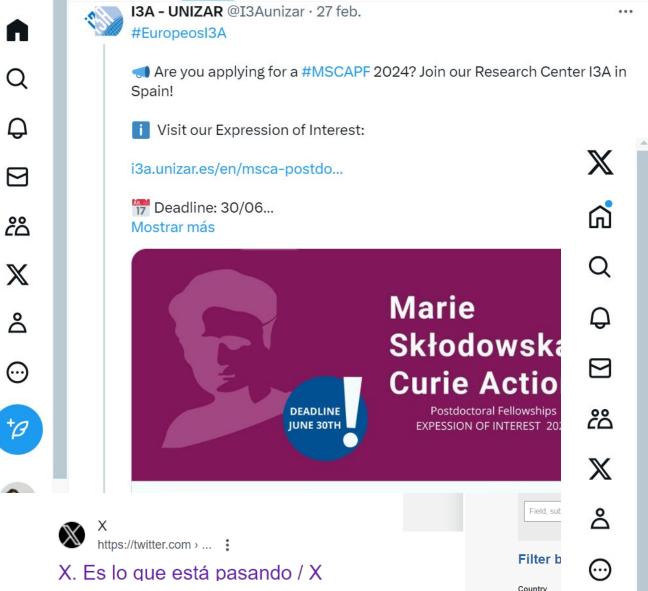
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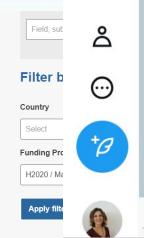
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Step 4: Start drafting your application

Useful resources for drafting your application and understand how it will be assessed:

- •Award Criteria and budget structure (MSCA Work Programme, p.95)
- •Application form (Postdoctoral Fellowships 2024 call page)
- Evaluation forms
- •The <u>Horizon Europe Programme Guide</u> offers more guidance on specific aspects evaluated under the award criteria such as
 - Gender dimension and inclusiveness (p. 16-20)
 - Dissemination and exploitation of research (p. 31-39)
 - Open science (p. 40-55)
- •Sustainability: in line with the green objectives of the European Union, projects are strongly encouraged to adopt sustainable practices in line with the MSCA Green Charter and report on their efforts in that direction. Read useful tips and guidance to increase the sustainability of projects





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You can also watch evaluators' briefing videos, including on

- how to evaluate Open Science in Horizon Europe proposals.
- how to evaluate dissemination, exploitation, and communication
- how to evaluate strategy for intellectual property management

How to evaluate Open Science in Horizon Europe proposals











You can also attend dedicated webinars, matchmaking events, bootcamps and hands-on workshops to help you prepare your application.

MSCA National Contact Points and Euraxess organise webinars regularly. Contact them to find out the next sessions planned.

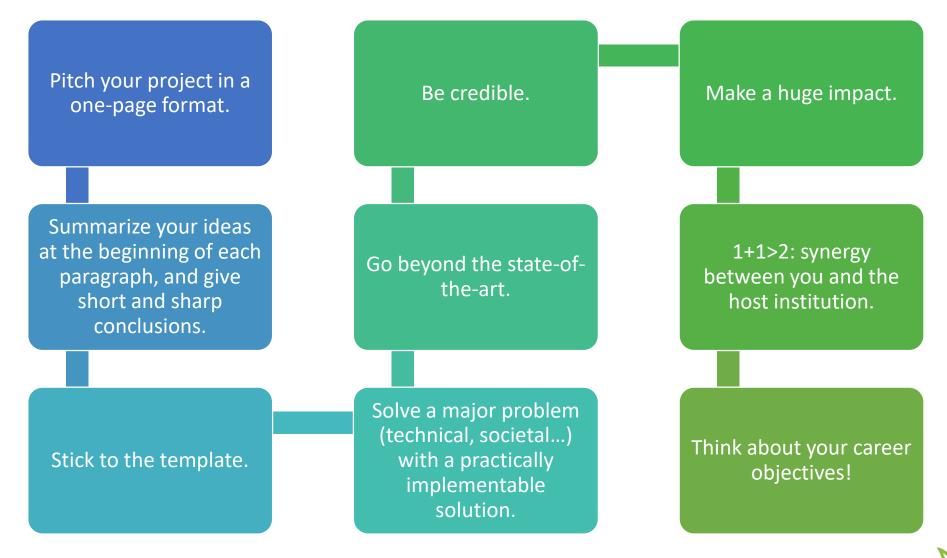
Your future host organisation may also have dedicated training.







MSCA postdoctoral fellowship proposal – Tips and tricks in a glance



Source: https://microfluidics-innovation-center.com/horizon-europe/successful-horizon-europe-msca-postdoctoral-fellowship-proposal/



MSCA postdoctoral fellowship proposal – Tips and tricks in a glance How to convince reviewers to fund your MSCA postdoctoral fellowship proposal?

Reviewers will receive many MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowship proposals to be reviewed in quite a short time. Make their lives easier! They need to understand your project's challenges and originality already on the first page of the proposal.

Focus on what is essential; do not give too many details, but stay short and precise. And remember: it is better to repeat three key ideas ten times than three times ten!

Tip #1 – Pitch your MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowship project in a one page format

How grateful a reviewer must be when understanding an entire project after a glimpse at the first page? That's what pitching is for. Use **short sentences**, include a **graphical abstract** of your project, and stay simple. After this first page, the reviewer often knows if they will fund your project... don't neglect it!



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MSCA postdoctoral fellowship proposal – Criterios evaluación



50% Excelencia:

calidad y pertinencia de la investigación,
metodología de investigación,
calidad de formación supervisión,
transferencia de conocimiento y calidad,
idoneidad y capacidades, del investigador/a.



30% Impacto:

credibilidad de las medidas para reforzar las perspectivas de carrera la empleabilidad del investigador/a y la contribución de la beca al desarrollo de nuevas destrezas,

efectividad de las medidas de comunicación y divulgación de resultados; magnitud e importancia del proyecto para alcanzar impactos esperados a nivel científico, social y económico.

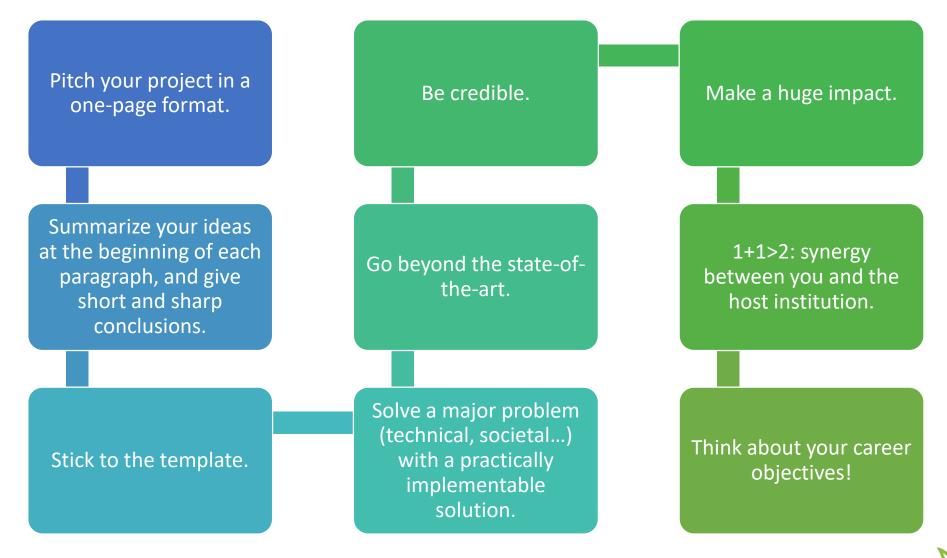


20% Implementación

Coherencia y efectividad del plan de trabajo, calidad y capacidad de la institución de acogida para el desarrollo del proyecto



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Step 5: Check your application with the experts

Your supervisor and your host organisation are your first contact points, but if you want to receive feedback on your draft and get advice from former applicants and experts you can also reach out to:





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- •the Marie Curie Alumni Association has an active network of former awardees ready to help you in the drafting of your proposal. The association also organises regular training for future applicants
- •some host organisations may also have resources to verify your application

MSCA PF Evaluator









Step 6: Submit your application

The Postdoctoral Fellowships 2024 call for applications will close on 11 September 2024, 17.00, CEST.

During this period, you can prepare and submit your application and learn more about the submission process on the <u>call page on the Funding and Tenders Opportunities Portal</u> and through the portal's <u>online manual</u>.

To avoid last-minute problems, submit your proposal as early as possible before the deadline expires. You can update, download, or withdraw your proposal up until the deadline.

The European Research Executive Agency's website provides an overview of the evaluation process on .



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