



MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships



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MSCA key features

- **Support the training and career development** of researchers from **all over the world** through excellent doctorates, postdoctoral fellowships and collaborative projects
- Stimulating **international, inter-sectoral and interdisciplinary** cooperation.
 - Participation of **non-academic sector**, especially industry and SMEs
- For researchers at **every stage** of their career
- Support excellent research in all domains (**bottom-up approach**)
- Promotion of **attractive working and employment** conditions (financing rate of up to 100%)
- Impacting **researcher careers, organisations, structures**

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- Supporting postdoctoral research and careers
- **Any nationality**
- **Mobility rule**
- **All research domains**
- New mind-sets and approaches to research and innovation through **interdisciplinary, inter-sectoral and international experience**
- Develop skills needed for **academia and beyond**
 - Intensify exposure/secondments to training in entities beyond academia
 - Improved guidance towards career development (plan & supervision)

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➤ Duration:

- **European Fellowships:** 12-24 months (additional up to 6 months for non-academic sector)
- **Global Fellowships:** 24 -36 (12-24 outgoing & 12 months mandatory return phase in Europe)

➤ One **single action:**

- Two destinations: European and Global Postdoctoral Fellowships
- **Secondments in any country**
- Incentive for additional period of up to 6 months for placements in the non-academic sector

➤ **Managing the increasing demand** to maintain high-quality selection & improve success rate

- Limit research experience (with possible exceptions)
- Require PhD degree
- Restrict resubmissions below quality threshold (in 2022)

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Unit cost contributions:

MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships	Contributions for the recruited researcher per person-month					Institutional contributions per person-month		unit
	Living allowance	Mobility allowance	Family allowance (if applicable)	Long-term leave allowance (if applicable)	Special needs allowance (if applicable)	Research, training and networking contributions	Management and indirect contributions	
	EUR 5 150	EUR 600	EUR 660	EUR 5 750 x % covered by the beneficiary	requested unit ⁵⁰ x (1/number	EUR 1 000	EUR 650	

⁵⁰ The pre-defined categories are as follows: EUR 3 000, EUR 4 500, EUR 6 000, EUR 9 500, EUR 13 000, EUR 18 500, EUR 27 500, EUR 35 500, EUR 47 500 and EUR 60 000.

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› Calls

- › **2021:** 15 Apr – 15 Sept
- › **2022:** 14 Apr – 14 Sept



Writing successful MSCA-FP proposal

Tips and Tricks

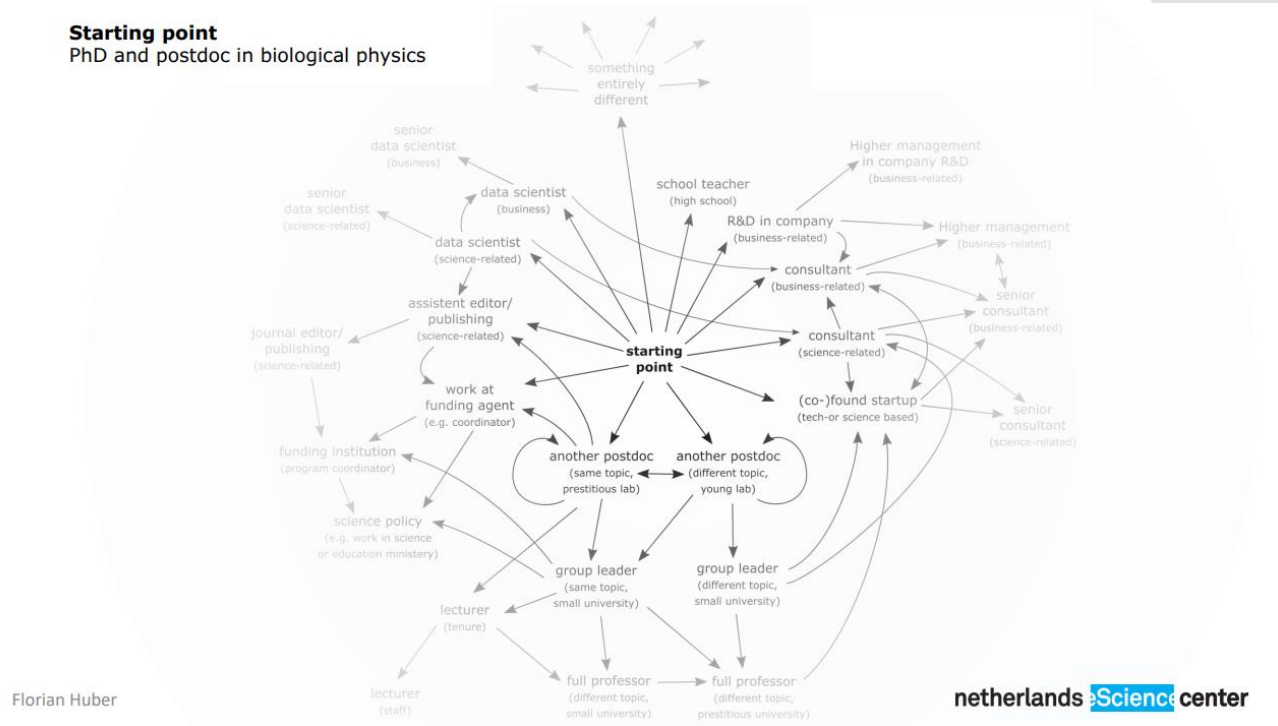


*I was taught that the way of progress was neither swift nor easy.
First principle: never let yourself be defeated by people or by events.*

Plan your Career

- What?
- Why?
- Who?
- Where?
- When?

Starting point
PhD and postdoc in biological physics



2019 MCAA Annual Conference
https://www.mariecuriealumni.eu/sites/default/files/florian_huber_mcaa_talk.pdf

“Truths” to realize... before starting

- The Proposal is NOT a Paper/ Article for a Journal...

It is a... **“Marketing/ Sales”** pitch of the **Research...** and...

The **Career Development of the Fellow**

➔ so as to receive funding...!

- EC has been doing this for quite a few FPs...

- Particular **Policies** and **Mandate Backgrounds.**

- Particular **Language-Jargon, Structure, Process...**

- **“Competitive Calls for Proposals” ... NOT “Subsidies” ...!**

EC publishes the Call, but

Proposal evaluated by **External Expert Evaluators...**

➔ you “need” both audiences...

“Truths” to realize... before starting

- You need **European Added Value...!**
- **Pan-European Character...** for EU and not “just Country-X”.
 - Problem/ Issue attempted to be solved or the technology/ innovation attempted to be developed
 - scale/complexity of the “solutions”
- **Transnationality, Replicability** and **Transferability** should be the keywords for both the “challenges”/ “problems” addressed, and the “solutions” proposed.
- Clearly show in the proposal how the issue addressed is of a “**Wider Interest**” and how the solution proposed indeed has **Wide Applicability**.

Know the Criteria

Grading 1: Excellence

➤ Science

- Original, vision
 - “Trends” in Science [FP7 and H2020 Find a Project](#)
- Timely, feasible
- IMPACT!

➤ Fellow

- Achievements

➤ Supervisor

- Scientific reputation
- Experience in guiding Postdocs

Grading 3: Implementation -

- Project management
- Risks → contingency plan
- Infrastructure (feasibility)

Key Messages

- Bottom up yes, but keep in mind **the goals of the EC**
- Get feedback from multiple sources
- [5 Strategies for writing in turbulent times](#)
- [From isolation to inspiration: The psychology of writing in communities](#)
- **Re-submissions:** evaluators will not know until after the evaluation has been done
- **Perseverance:** maybe not the 1st time.....but you don't loose, you learn!
- You can do it!



“Nothing in life is to be feared, it is only to be understood.

Now is the time to understand more, so that we may fear less.”



Important links

- [MSCA in a nutshell](#)
- [IF Success Story](#)
- [Open Science](#)
- [Open Data](#)
- [Jobs for researchers](#)
- [EURAXESS Jobs](#)



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