

Navigating the MSCA

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MSCA in a Nutshell

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EURATOM

EU FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME FOR RESEARCH & INNOVATION



Pillar I EXCELLENT SCIENCE

European Research Council

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

Research Infrastructures



Pillar II GLOBAL CHALLENGES & EUROPEAN INDUSTRIAL COMPETITIVENESS

Clusters

- Health
- Culture, Creativity & Inclusive Society
- Civil Security for Society
- Digital, Industry & Space
- Climate, Energy & Mobility
- Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture & Environment

Joint Research Centre



Pillar III INNOVATIVE EUROPE

European Innovation Council

European Innovation Ecosystems

European Institute of Innovation & Technology*

WIDENING PARTICIPATION AND STRENGTHENING THE EUROPEAN RESEARCH AREA

Widening participation & spreading excellence

Reforming & Enhancing the European R&I system

Fusion

Fission

Joint
Research
Center

2021-2027

Budget: EUR 95.5 billion

Pillar I: Excellent Science

Reinforcing and extending the excellence of the Union's science base

European Research Council

Frontier research by best researchers & their teams

€16 billion

Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions

Equipping researchers with new knowledge & skills through mobility & training

€6.6 billion

Research Infrastructures

Integrated & inter-connected world-class research infrastructures

€2.4 billion

Key features of the MSCA



Excellent research

All domains (bottom-up approach)



Mobility

International, cross-sectoral & interdisciplinary mobility



Collaboration

Strong collaboration with industry & SMEs



Training, skills & career development

All researcher career stages, attractive employment conditions



MSCA in numbers



**+150,000 funded
researchers**



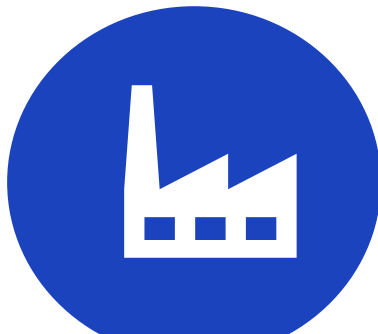
**44% female
researchers**



**40% researchers
from outside EU**



**+150 participating
countries**



**+9,500 supported
companies**



23 Nobel Prizes

Whom is MSCA for?



**Doctoral
candidates**



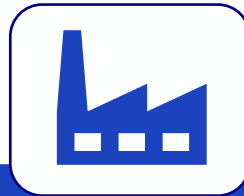
**Postdoctoral
researchers**



**Academic
institutions**



**Research
staff**



SMEs



**Other Non-
Academia**

MSCA Actions

Doctoral Network

- Intl Consortium
- Multiple Researchers Recruited

Postdoctoral Fellowship

- Single Beneficiary with Partners
- Single Researcher

Staff Exchange

- Intl Consortium
- Multiple Researchers Participate

COFUND

- Single Beneficiary with Partners
- Multiple Researchers Recruited

Choose Europe for Science

- Single Beneficiary with Partners
- Multiple Researchers Recruited

MSCA & Citizens

- Single Beneficiary or Consortium
- Multiple Researchers Participate



Researcher applies directly to our call via the [Funding and Tenders Portal](#)



Researcher applies to vacancies in selected projects via [EURAXESS](#)



Researcher participates in the project activities



Doctoral Networks (DN)

Doctoral Networks in a nutshell

ONE CONSORTIUM

ONE RESEARCH PROJECT

interlinked individual PhD research projects

Researchers interested in DN



Any nationality

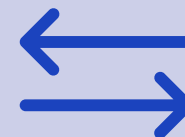
Doctoral candidates

Open, merit-based &
transparent recruitment
procedure



Project: 48 months, JD:
60 months

Fellowship: max. 36
months;
JD: max. 48 months



Mobility rule

Types of DN implementation



Joint Doctorates



Industrial Doctorates



Doctoral Networks
(standard)

Scientific panels

LIF, MAT, PHY, ECO, SOC, CHE, ENG, ENV



Postdoctoral Fellowships (PF)



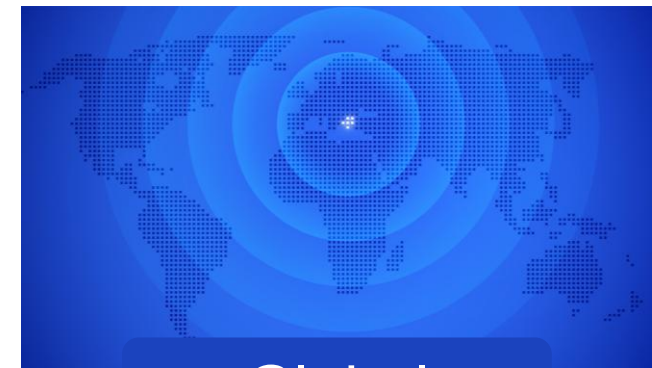
Postdoctoral Fellowships

ONE BENEFICIARY

ONE RESEARCHER



European



Global

Researchers interested in PF



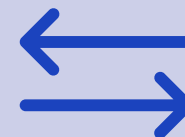
Any nationality*

Max. 8 years research experience*

PhD at the time of deadline for application



Project = Fellowship



Mobility rule

*clarifications in WP



Choose Europe



MSCA Choose Europe pilots

	Choose Europe for Science 2025	Choose Europe for Science 2027
BENEFICIARY TYPE	<p>Mono-beneficiary where only the beneficiary can recruit and host fellows</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WITHOUT Implementing Partners WITH Associated Partners (support without recruitment or claiming costs) 	<p>Mono-beneficiary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WITH Implementing Partners (recruit and host researchers and claim costs) WITH Associated Partners (support without recruitment or claiming costs)
FUNDING	<p>Two phases with a pre-set order</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st phase (24 or 36 months): EU co-funding at a fixed flat rate of EUR 6700/person-month (equivalent to PF living + mobility allowances) A corresponding min. gross monthly remuneration 2nd phase (24 months): beneficiary covers all costs and sets the remuneration at national level 	<p>Two phases with order to be specified by the beneficiary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EU-funded phase (24 or 36 months): Coverage of Researcher and Institutional Unit Costs corresponding to full PF unit contributions CCCs applied to living allowances Phase fully funded by the beneficiary (24 months): beneficiary covers all costs and sets the remuneration at national level
BUDGET	<p>Indicative budget: 22.5 M EUR</p> <p>Per beneficiary per call: Max 3.5 M EUR</p>	<p>Indicative budget: 51.25 M EUR</p> <p>Per beneficiary per call: Max 5 M EUR (<u>under consideration</u>)</p>



Overview



Researcher eligibility



Relevant degree holders



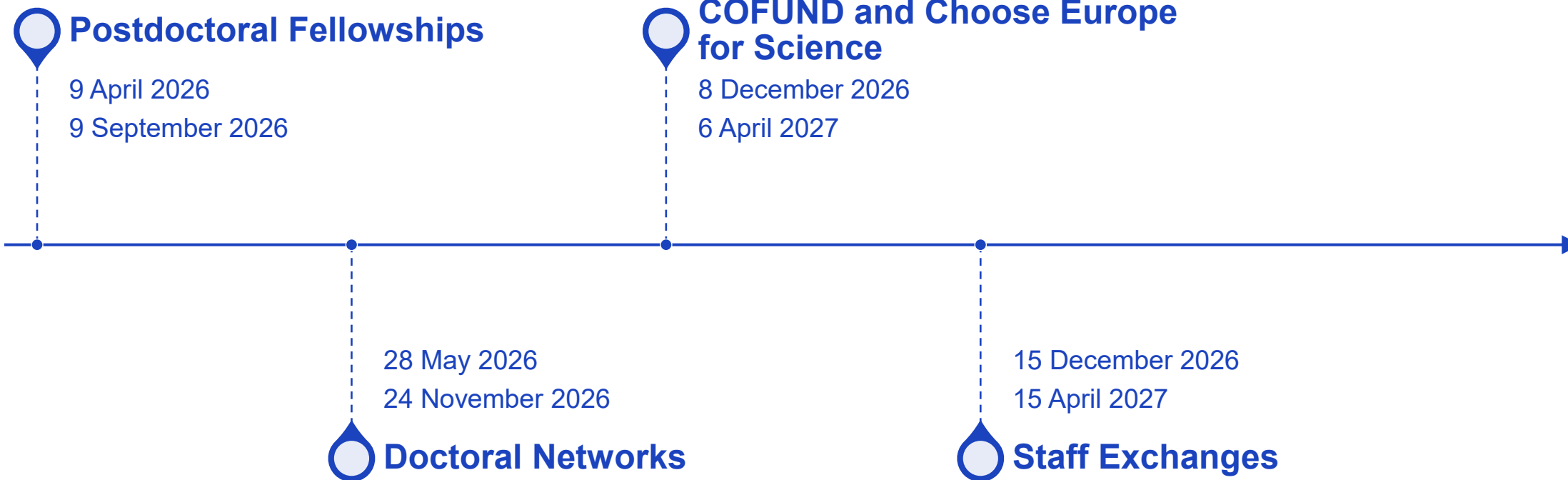
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Mobility rule

* Except for Global Fellowships: the researcher must be a national or long-term resident (5 years) of an EU Member States or Horizon Europe Associated Country

Call calendar





MSCA & Citizens



European Researchers' Night



Europe's largest science outreach event

25 September 2026

1.5 million citizens across 40 countries

Belgium will host

- Women in Science Night
- Roots and Recipes

Stay tuned!



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REA's info days

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30
years

*Curiosity that changes
the world*

