



MARIE SKLODOWSKA-CURIE ACTIONS INDIVIDUAL FELLOWSHIPS (MSCA-IF-2020)

Objective.

The Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions belong to the pillar [of *Excellent Science of the Horizon 2020 Programme of the European Commission*](#). The ultimate goal of these actions is to enhance the creative and innovative potential of researchers.

The **Individual Fellowships** call offers opportunities for experienced researchers to work on personal training and their research projects (on any scientific area) by moving between countries and sectors to acquire new skills.

The individual fellowships fund the researcher's salary, research and management costs for a period of 12 to 36 months.

Actors involved.

- The researcher.
The *researcher*, along with their Host Organisations are who apply for the funding. A candidate can only submit one proposal. If the project is funded, the researcher will be appointed by the Host Organisation (beneficiary) to implement the research project described in the application.

Only experienced researchers are eligible. These are researchers who have a doctoral degree or at least 4 years of full-time equivalent research experience (measured from the date when the researcher obtained the degree entitling him/her to embark on a doctorate).

- The supervisor.
The *supervisor* is the scientist appointed at the Host Organisation to supervise the *fellow* throughout the whole duration of the action. The same supervisor can participate in several proposals.
- The Host Organisation
The *Host Organisation* is the beneficiary of the fellowship. Must be located in a [Member State or Associated Country](#) and is who receives the funding and signs the Grant Agreement with the European Commission. It is also, who recruits, hosts and trains the fellow.

It can be an academic host: public or private Higher Education Institutions, public or private non-profit research organizations or European Organisations or; a non-academic host: any other socio-economic actor not included in the academic sector definition like SME, enterprises, NGOs, hospitals, government bodies, museums or libraries.

- The Partner Organisation
The *Partner Organisation* does not recruit the fellow, but offers additional training and hosts the researcher during his/her: (i) *secondment*, located in a Member State or Associated Country or; (ii) *outgoing phase*, in a Third Country¹ in the case of Global Fellowships*.

* In the Global Fellowships, the Partner Organisation must appoint a *co-supervisor* and provide an up-to-date letter of commitment.

¹ A Third Country is neither an EU Member State, nor associated to Horizon 2020 (AC).



MSCA IF modalities.

1. European Fellowship (MSCA-IF-EF)

1.1 MSCA-IF-EF-ST (Standard Panel).

- For fellows coming or moving within Europe.
- Mobility Rule: cannot have lived/work in the country of the Host Organisation for more than 12 months in the last 36 months prior to the call deadline.
- No restriction to nationality applies, can come from any country in the world.
- 8 scientific panels: Chemistry (CHE), Social Sciences and Humanities (SOC), Economic Sciences (ECO), Information Science and Engineering (ENG), Environmental and Geosciences (ENV), Life Sciences (LIF), Mathematics (MAT) and Physics /PHY).
- Duration of the project: between 12 and 24 months.

1.2 MSCA-IF-EF-RI (Reintegration Panel).

- For direct mobility from a Third Country.
- Relaxed Mobility Rule: cannot have lived/work in the country of the Host Organisation for more than 3 years in the 5 years previous to call deadline.
- Restriction to nationality: nationals or long-term residents (legal and continuous residence of at least 5 consecutive years) of a Member State or Associated Country.
- Evaluated in a multidisciplinary panel.
- Duration of the project: between 12 and 24 months.

1.3 MSCA-IF-EF-CAR (Career Restart Panel).

- For researchers who want to resume research in Europe after a career break. Researcher must not have been active in research for a continuous period of 12 months within the 18 months previous to the call deadline.
- Relaxed Mobility Rule: cannot have lived/work in the country of the Host Organisation for more than 3 years in the 5 years previous to the call deadline.
- No restriction to nationality applies.
- Evaluated in a multidisciplinary panel.
- Duration of the project: between 12 and 36 months.

1.4 MSCA-IF-EF-SE (Society and Enterprise Panel) - *Not applicable with UMA as Host Organisation*

- For researchers who want to pursue a project in a non-academic institution.
- Relaxed Mobility Rule: no more than 3 years in the 5 years previous to the call deadline.
- No restriction to nationality applies.
- Multidisciplinary panel.
- Duration of the project: between 12 and 24 months.

2. Global Fellowship (MSCA-IF-GF)

- For mobility to a partner organisation in a Third Country (outgoing phase) and mandatory return to a host organisation in Europe.
- For EU nationals or long-term residents (5 years of continuous legal residence) of a Member State or Associated Country going to a Third Country.
- Mobility Rule at the Third Country: must not have lived/worked for more than 12 months in the 36 months prior to the call deadline.
- Duration of the project: 24 to 36 months with an outgoing phase of 12-24 months and a mandatory return phase of 12 months in Europe.

Eligible costs.

The MSCA-IF is a grant covering 100% of the eligible costs, which include:

- The salary costs of the researcher, to be appointed at the host organisation with a full-time employment contract. Salary costs include living, mobility and family allowances, and all compulsory national deductions for social security and income taxes.
- Institutional costs, which comprise:
 - A contribution to the research, training and networking costs of the researcher (e.g. consumables, travel costs, conference fees, training, publication costs, etc.)
 - A contribution to the management and indirect costs of the Host Organisation.

Costs are calculated based on these fixed units per month:

	Researcher unit cost in EUR			Institutional unit cost in EUR	
	person/month			person/month	
	Living Allowance	Mobility Allowance	Family Allowance	Research, training and networking costs	Management and indirect costs
Individual Fellowships	4,880	600	500	800	650

Source: *Guide for applicants MSCA IF 2018-20.*

The living allowance amount must be adjusted through the application of a country correction coefficient (see *Table 2* of the [Work Programme](#)). The correction coefficient of Spain is 95,4%.

The family allowance only applies in the cases in which the researcher has a family (at the time of the call deadline, the researcher is married and/or has a dependent child).

As an estimate, the gross salary per month in Spain, resulting from the three categories of researcher unit cost, ranges between 3.600€ and 4.100€ depending on whether the researcher is eligible for the family allowance.

Preparation of the proposal.

The proposal must be submitted electronically via the [Funding and Tenders Portal](#). It is composed of:

- The Part A of the proposal which contains submission forms that collect general information about the proposal, declarations on the information given and the eligibility of the researcher, administrative data of the participating organisation(s), general information about the department(s) carrying out the proposed work, general information about the researcher and the supervisor(s), budget of the action, an ethics self-assignment and some call-specific questions.
- The project proposal itself, written using the MSCA-IF-2020 template which contains two parts:
 - The Part B1 of the proposal which has a maximum length of 10 pages and must include the three following sections: (1) excellence, (2) impact and (3) implementation.
 - The Part B2 of the proposal which contains the following sections: (4) CV of the researcher with a maximum length of 5 pages, (5) capacities of the participating organisations with 1 page for the overview and 1 page for each participative



organisation, (6) ethical aspects and (7) letter of commitment of the partner organisation in the case of Global Fellowship.

The European Projects Office of the University of Malaga is at your disposal for any question and to support you in the preparation of the proposal.

If you are planning to apply for the MSCA-IF-2020 call with the University of Malaga as Host Organisation, please contact us as soon as possible to receive administrative support, personalized advice and useful resources to write your proposal, and stay informed of call-specific training events.

Please check below the recommended timeline for the preparation of your proposal.

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Useful links

- [MSCA-IF Call website](#)
- [MSCA-IF 2020 Guide for applicants](#)
- [Documentación de apoyo para la preparación de propuestas MSCA IF 2019](#) (to be updated, although the information provided is also valid for the 2020 call).
- [Net4Mobility](#)
- [Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions website](#)

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Indicative timeline for the preparation of proposals.

