



Marie Skłodowska- Curie Actions

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- **Mono-beneficiary action to co-fund** new or existing national, regional, institutional schemes for **doctoral** training and **postdoctoral** fellowships
- **Focus**
 - Spread **best practices** of the MSCA by promoting **high standards** in the recruitment process and **excellent working conditions**
 - Introduce **sustainable structuring effects**, by promoting excellent and sustainable research training, international, inter-sectoral and interdisciplinary cooperation and mobility
 - Encourage **synergies** with Cohesion policy funds as well as the Recovery and Resilience Facility. Programmes could focus on specific disciplines, notably when based on RIS³.

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- **Target groups**
 - **Doctoral candidates**, i.e. researchers without a doctoral degree at the deadline of the co-funded programme's call; mandatory enrolment in a doctoral programme
 - **Postdoctoral researchers**, i.e. researchers with a doctoral degree at the deadline of the co-funded programme's call
- **Who applies?**
 - **Single legal entity** established in an EU Member State or HE Associated country.
 - A **minimum of three researchers** must be recruited.
- **Career Development Plan**
 - To be jointly established by the supervisor and each recruited researcher upon recruitment. Revised (and updated where needed) within 18 months

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- **Co-funding**

- Max **10 M€** per beneficiary per call (unchanged)
- The EU contribution covers **minimum remuneration** (70% living + mobility allowance) and can be used more **flexibly**

- **Duration**

- **Programme:** max. 60 months (unchanged)
- **Fellowship:** min 3 months
- **Secondments:** up to 1/3 of the fellowship duration

- Introduction of an MSCA Cofund **Seal of Excellence** for applications scoring $\geq 85\%$

- **Calls:**

- **2021:** 12 Oct 2021 – 10 Feb 2022; 89 M€
- **2022:** 11 Oct 2022 – 9 Feb 2023; 95 M€

MSCA COFUND – Unit contributions

Contributions for recruited researchers and institutional contributions

Per person-month

	COFUND allowance	Long-term leave allowance (if applicable)	Special needs allowance (if applicable)
Doctoral Programmes	EUR 2 800	EUR 2 800 x % covered by the beneficiary	Requested unit ¹ x (1/number of months)
Postdoctoral Programmes	EUR 3 980	EUR 3 980 x % covered by the beneficiary	Requested unit ¹ x (1/number of months)

Minimum remuneration applies:

EUR 2 800 for Doctoral researcher, EUR 3 980 for Postdoctoral researcher

MSCA COFUND – Award criteria

Excellence	Impact	Quality and efficiency of the implementation
<p>Quality and novelty of the selection / recruitment process for the researchers (transparency, composition and organisation of selection committees, evaluation criteria, equal opportunities, the gender dimension and other diversity aspects) and quality and attractiveness of the appointment conditions, including competitiveness of the salary for the standards of the hosting countries</p>	<p>Strengthening human resources good practices at institutional, regional, national or international level, in particular through aligning the practices of participating organisations with the principles set out by the EU for human resources development in research and innovation</p>	<p>Quality and effectiveness of the work plan, management structures, assessment of risks and appropriateness of the effort assigned to work packages</p>
<p>Quality and novelty of the research options offered by the programme in terms of science, interdisciplinarity, inter-sectorality and level of transnational mobility. Quality of open science practices</p>	<p>Credibility of the proposed measures to enhance the career perspectives and employability of researchers and contribution to their skills development</p>	<p>Quality and capacity of the host institution(s) and participating organisations (where appropriate), including hosting arrangements and extent to which they bring together the necessary expertise to successfully implement the research training programme</p>
<p>Quality, novelty and pertinence of the research training programme (including transferable skills, inter/multidisciplinary, inter-sectoral and gender as well as other diversity aspects)</p> <p>Quality, novelty and pertinence of the supervision, career guidance and career development arrangements</p>	<p>Suitability and quality of the measures to maximise the expected outcomes and impacts, as set out in the dissemination and exploitation plan, including communication activities</p>	
<p>50%</p>	<p>30%</p>	<p>20%</p>

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