



Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions
Research Fellowship Programme

Funding opportunity Individual Fellowships 2019



Invitation to submit a proposal
Instituto de Educação
Universidade de Lisboa (Portugal)



About the MSCA Research Fellowship Programme

The Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) support **researchers at all stages of their careers, regardless of age and nationality**. Researchers working across all disciplines are eligible for funding. The MSCA also support cooperation between industry and academia and innovative training to enhance employability and career development.

About the Individual Fellowships

The goal of the Individual Fellowships (IF) is to **enhance the creative and innovative potential of experienced researchers**, wishing to diversify their individual competence in terms of skill acquisition through advanced training, international and intersectoral mobility.

Individual Fellowships provide **opportunities to researchers of any nationality to acquire and transfer new knowledge and to work on research and innovation in Europe** (EU Member States and Horizon 2020 Associated Countries) and beyond.

The scheme particularly supports the return and (re)integration of European researchers from outside Europe and those who have previously worked here, as well as researchers displaced by conflict outside the EU and Horizon 2020 Associated Countries.

It also promotes the career restart of individual researchers who show great potential.

Types of Individual Fellowships

European Fellowships

- Are open to researchers moving within Europe, as well as those coming in from other parts of the world.
- Can restart a research career after a break, such as parental leave.
- Can help researchers coming back to Europe find a new position.

These Fellowships are held in the EU or Associated Countries* and last for one to two years.

Global Fellowships

- Fund positions outside Europe for researchers based in the EU or Associated Countries.
- Last between two and three years.
- The researcher has to come back for one year to an organisation based in the EU or Associated Countries.

Both types of Fellowship can also include a [secondment](#) period of up to three or six months in another organisation in Europe.

* **Associated Countries:** Iceland, Norway, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, North Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Turkey, Israel, Moldova, Switzerland, Faroe Islands, Ukraine, Tunisia, Georgia, Armenia.

Why you should apply for an Individual Fellowship at Instituto de Educação?

Instituto de Educação (IE-ULisboa) is the school of the Universidade de Lisboa that dedicates to research, training and intervention in Education and Training in Portugal.

- It has been distinguished in various international rankings as one of the institutions with the most outstanding performance in the scientific domain of Education in Portugal.
- It provides teaching activities in undergraduate (bachelor) and graduate (specialization, master's and doctorate) programmes in different specific fields of Education and Training.
- It is organized in fields of teaching and research, corresponding to several disciplinary and interdisciplinary expertise.
- It provides advisory and training services to educational organizations at different levels of teaching as well as scientific and technical support for the design, monitoring and evaluation of public education and training policies, namely in the areas of curriculum, didactics, assessment, teacher education and school administration, in Portugal and in Portuguese-speaking countries.
- It has suitable facilities and appropriate resources for training and research activities: specialized library and laboratories, study rooms, computer rooms, wireless network and access to virtual libraries, etc. It also includes the *Future Teacher E-ducation Lab*, a learning space equipped with the most advanced digital technologies.

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About UIDEF

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UIDEF—Unit for Research and Development in Education and Training is the research unit of the Instituto de Educação of the Universidade de Lisboa.

- It has a strong team of researchers, mostly members of IE-ULisboa, as well as from other higher education institutions.
- Its research is developed in close collaboration with advanced training activities, in which are enrolled more than 200 PhD students.
- It participates in research projects, funded by national agencies such as the FCT-Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia, and international agencies, such as the European Commission (LLP Comenius, Erasmus+, Horizon 2020).
- It promotes the organization of national and international scientific conferences and keeps a calendar of research seminars and outreach initiatives, in collaboration with other research units and educational institutions.
- It maintains close partnerships with many international research and teaching institutions, attracting a significant number of international students for doctoral studies and post-doctoral programmes.



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Research Groups

Research within UIDEF is currently organized in three Research Groups in close relationship to the PhD programmes offered at Instituto de Educação as well as to ongoing international and national research funded projects:

- **Education and Training Policies**

Adult Education; Educational Evaluation; Educational Policy and Administration; History of Education

- **Curriculum, Teacher Education and Technology**

Curriculum and Teacher Education; Education, Technology and Society; Psychology of Education

- **Didactics**

Mathematics Education; Physical Education; Science Education

This disciplinary-based organization combines with the two research programmes that address two main lines of inquiry: **Education XXI** and **Change Forces**. This matrix organization allows UIDEF to better face the complexity of present problems, trends and prospects in education and training, which require multi-, inter- and transdisciplinary approaches, as well as to strengthen the quality of research, based on a more selective focus of its main contributions.

UIDEF Research Programmes

Research at IE-ULisboa is carried out within the framework of the two programmes, **Education XXI** and **Change Forces**.

Education XXI: This line of inquiry addresses the diversification, modernization and improvement of education. It studies the development of educational structures, processes and practices, including the integration and use of digital technologies, oriented towards the promotion of socially relevant learning. Attention will be given to two central problems: quality of learning, considering issues related to the acquisition and development of competences and skills; and inclusion, addressing the ongoing engagement with diversity.

Change Forces: This line of inquiry on the processes of change in education deals with the coordination, steering and monitoring of change in education systems. Attention will be given to two central problems: the professional development in education professions, particularly focusing on the socialization and training processes of teachers and other educators; and the processes and effects of participation and accountability in the governance of education systems, particularly focusing on the construction, implementation and assessment of educational public policies.

Indicative Timetable

Opening	11 April 2019
Deadline	11 September 2019 17:00:00 (Brussels local time)
Evaluation	February 2020
Grant agreement signature	May 2020

Standard European Fellowships

Open to **researchers of any nationality** moving within Europe, as well as those coming in from other parts of the world.

Nationality	Researchers of any nationality , including the country where the European Fellowship is held.
Mobility	Mobility from any country to Europe (EU Member States and Horizon 2020 Associated Countries).
Mobility Rule	Researchers may not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in the country of their host organisation for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately before the call deadline (11 September 2019).
Host Organization (Beneficiary)	Legal entity established in an EU Member State or Horizon 2020 Associated Country.
Partner Organization (optional secondments)	Legal entity established in an EU Member State or Horizon 2020 Associated Country.
Duration (months)	12 to 24 months

Global Fellowships

Support the **mobility of European researchers or long-term residents to Third Countries***, followed by a 12-month period in Europe.

Nationality	Researchers must be nationals or long-term residents** of EU Member States and Horizon 2020 Associated Countries.
Mobility	Mobility from any country to a Third Country* (outgoing phase) and then to an EU Member States or Horizon 2020 Associated Countries (return phase).
Mobility Rule	The researcher cannot have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in the country of the TC partner organisation where the outgoing phase takes place for more than 12 months in the three years immediately before the call deadline (11 September 2019).
Host Organization (Beneficiary)	Legal entity established in an EU Member State or Horizon 2020 Associated Country.
Partner Organization	Third Country (outgoing phase) and EU Member State or Horizon 2020 Associated Country (optional secondment).
Duration (months)	24 to 36 months: 12 to 24 months (outgoing phase)+ 12 months (return phase)

* **Non-associated Third Countries** are countries which are neither EU Member States, nor associated to Horizon 2020 (listed here <https://bit.ly/2TpCzA3>).

** **Long-term residence** means a period of legal and continuous residence within EU Member States or Horizon 2020 Associated Countries of at least 5 consecutive years.

Career Restart Panel Fellowships

Support researchers to **restart a research career after a break** (such as parental leave) in an European country.

Nationality	Researchers of any nationality (including the country where the European Fellowship is held).
Mobility	Mobility from any country to EU Member States and Horizon 2020 Associated Countries .
Mobility Rule	Researchers may not have resided or carried out their main activity in the country of their host organisation for more than three years in the five years immediately before the call deadline (11 September 2019).
Career break in research	Researchers must not have been active in research for a continuous period of at least 12 months within the 18 months immediately prior to the deadline for submission.
Host Organization (Beneficiary)	Legal entity established in an EU Member State or Horizon 2020 Associated Country.
Partner Organization (optional secondments)	Legal entity established in an EU Member State or Horizon 2020 Associated Country.
Duration (months)	12 to 36 months

Reintegration Fellowships

Help European researchers **coming back from a Third Country* to Europe** (including the country of origin) to find a new position.

Nationality	Researchers must be nationals or long-term residents** of EU Member States and Horizon 2020 Associated Countries.
Mobility	Mobility from a Third Country* to EU Member States and Horizon 2020 Associated Countries.
Mobility Rule	Researchers may not have resided or carried out their main activity in the country of their host organisation for more than three years in the five years immediately before the call deadline (11 September 2019).
Host Organization (Beneficiary)	Legal entity established in an EU Member State or Horizon 2020 Associated Country.
Partner Organization (optional secondments)	Legal entity established in an EU Member State or Horizon 2020 Associated Country.
Duration (months)	12 to 24 months

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Who can apply?

Experienced researchers

Applicants need a doctoral degree or at least four years' full-time research experience* by the time of the call deadline.

* **Full-time equivalent research experience** is measured from the date when the researcher obtained the degree entitling him/her to embark on a doctorate (either in the country in which the degree was obtained or in the country in which the researcher is recruited or from where he/she is seconded) – even if a doctorate was never started or envisaged.

Submitting the Application

The proposal is written jointly with the chosen host organization (Researcher + Supervisor) and includes:
CV + Career Development Plan + Hosting arrangements, infrastructure + Description of all partner organisations.

In addition to research or innovation objectives, the **Career Development Plan** comprises the researcher's training and career needs, including training on transferable skills, teaching, planning for publications and participation in conferences. It should aim at reaching a realistic and well-defined objective in terms of career advancement (by attaining a leading independent position for example) or resuming a research career after a break.

EU contribution [in EUR]

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Action	Researcher unit cost person/month			Institutional unit cost person/month	
	Living allowance*	Mobility allowance	Family allowance	Research, training and networking costs	Management and indirect costs
Individual Fellowships	4880	600	500	800	650

The beneficiary must recruit each eligible researcher **under an employment contract** or 'equivalent direct contract' with full social security coverage. **A country correction coefficient applies to the living allowance**; this coefficient is the one applicable to the country of the beneficiary (Portugal: 84,2%). The only exception are IF Global Fellowships with two different country correction coefficients:

- i) for the outgoing phase: the coefficient of the country where the researcher is hosted (i.e. the country of the partner organisation);
- ii) for the return phase: the coefficient of the country where the researcher returns to (i.e. the country of the beneficiary).

In addition to the living allowance, the beneficiary must pay a **mobility allowance** and for some categories of researchers, a **family allowance**. The EU contributes to the **training, networking and research costs of the fellow**, as well as to the management and indirect costs of the project. The researcher must **work exclusively** on the research training activities—work outside the action is NOT allowed (unless part-time for professional reasons was approved).

Secondment Phase

For all Individual Fellowships, a **secondment in Europe** is possible:

- for a fellowship of 18 months or less, the secondment phase may last up to 3 months,
- for a fellowship of more than 18 months, the secondment phase may last up to 6 months.

The secondment phase can be a single period or be divided into shorter mobility periods.

Time spent at the beneficiary or a partner organisation in Europe before the outgoing phase in the Global Fellowships will be considered a secondment and is limited to a maximum of 3 months.

Secondments of the researcher to other beneficiaries and partner organisations are encouraged, but should be relevant, feasible, beneficial for the researchers and in line with the project objectives. **The secondment should significantly add to the impact of the fellowship.**

Award Criteria, Scores and Weighting

IF: Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowships		
Excellence	Impact	Quality and efficiency of the implementation
Quality and credibility of the research/innovation project; level of novelty, appropriate consideration of inter/multidisciplinary and gender aspects	Enhancing the future career prospects of the researcher after the fellowship	Coherence and effectiveness of the work plan, including appropriateness of the allocation of tasks and resources
Quality and appropriateness of the training and of the two way transfer of knowledge between the researcher and the host	Quality of the proposed measures to exploit and disseminate the project results	Appropriateness of the management structure and procedures, including risk management
Quality of the supervision and of the integration in the team/institution	Quality of the proposed measures to communicate the project activities to different target audiences	Appropriateness of the institutional environment (infrastructure)
Potential of the researcher to reach or re-enforce professional maturity/independence during the fellowship		
50%	30%	20%
Weighting		
1	2	3
Priority in case of <i>ex aequo</i>		

More info

- [Instituto de Educação](#)
- [Universidade de Lisboa](#)
- [Funding & tender opportunities](#)
- [MSCA Work Programme 2018 - 20](#)
- [Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions website](#)
- [Horizon 2020 Work Programme 2019-2020: General Introduction](#)
- [Horizon 2020 Work Programme: General Annexes](#)
- [List of countries and applicable rules for funding](#)
- [Horizon 2020: Reference Documents in the Participant Portal](#)
- [Horizon 2020: Rules for Participation](#)
- [Horizon 2020: How to Complete Your Ethics Self-Assessment](#)
- [Horizon 2020: Guidelines on Data Management in Horizon 2020](#)
- [Participant Register](#)
- [European Charter and Code for Researchers](#)
- [Fact Sheet IP management in Horizon 2020 Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions](#)