# Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

## MSCA PF 2024 Call General aspects April 30th 2024

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2024 calls



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## **MSCA NCP Support in Spain**







## Timing of the call and budget

#### **Indicative timeline**

- 23 April 2024: Launch of the call for proposals
- **11 September 2024**: Deadline for submitting proposals
- February 2025: Notification of call results to applicants (TBC)
- April 2025: Grant agreement signature for successful projects (TBC)
- April 2025: First EU-funded projects start (TBC)

#### Indicative budget

• EUR 417.18 million





#### Potential Start dates: April 2025 - Sept. 2026



## **MSCA:** a global programme for research career development







## **MSCA: Relevant terminology**



Chemistry (CHE)



Social Sciences and Humanities (SOC)



Life Sciences (LIF)

Geosciences (ENV)

**Enviroment and** 



Economic Sciences(ECO)



Mathematics (MAT)



Information Science and Engineering (ENG)



Physics (PHY)



## **Open to all scientific fields**





## **MSCA: Relevant terminology**



#### **BENEFICIARIES**

Legal entities based in Member States or Associated Countries to Horizon Europe

Receive EU Funds to carry out the project activities (recruiting and supervising researchers, training ... etc.)



#### **ASSOCIATED PARTNERS**

Located anywhere in the world

Contribute to the action by hosting secondments in their premises, allowing for scientific/transferible skills training, etc.

Costs, if any, will be taken care by the beneficiary, in the framework of a bilateral agreement, but not charged to the EC



## **MSCA: Relevant terminology**



#### **ACADEMIC SECTOR**

- Public or private higher education establishments awarding academic degrees
- Public or private non-profit research organisations
- International European Reserach Organisations <u>http://eiroforum.org/</u>



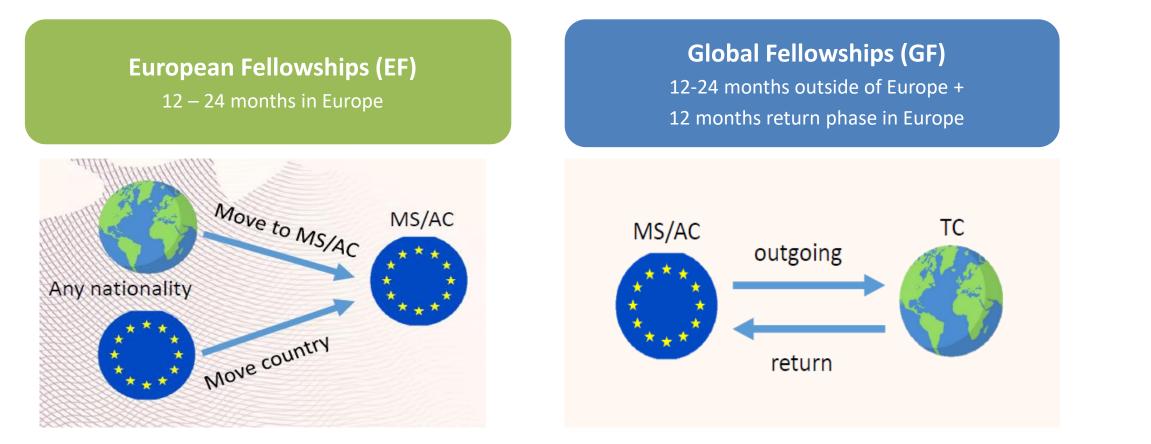
#### **NON ACADEMIC SECTOR**

Any other socio-economic actor not included in the academic sector: SME, companies, NGOs, hospitals, public administration, museums, town halls, etc ...

Participation of the non-academic sector is promoted via "placements" in Europe at the end of the project



## **MSCA PF 2024: Two implementation modes**



- The researcher can only apply for one mode
- Resubmission restriction: 70% score min. last year (same researcher, same institution)





#### **ERA FELLOWSHIPS and EURATOM PROJECTS**

## ERA FELLOWSHIPS

- Funding of excellent projects not funding by MSCA
- Open to European Fellowships only
- Researchers from any nationality submitting a project with a Widening country
- Indicate "YES" at submission stage
- Researchers will not be MSCA fellows

## EURATOM

- Participants (researcher and institutions) must be from MS or AC to EURATOM
- Topics specified in the Guide for Applicants
- Open to both modes (EF and GF)
- Indicate "YES" at submission stage
- Proposals evaluated in the corresponding scientific panel

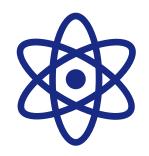




#### **EURATOM Funding**

Proposals will be eligible for funding in the following European Atomic Energy Community (Euratom) **domains of research**:

- Improve and support **nuclear safety, security, safeguards, radiation protection**, safe spent fuel and radioactive waste management and decommissioning...
- Maintain and **further develop expertise and competence in the nuclear field** within the Community.
- Foster the **development of fusion energy** as a potential future energy source for electricity production and contribute to the implementation of the European fusion roadmap.
- Support the policy of the Union and its Member States on continuous improvement of nuclear safety, safeguards and security.
- "Are the research and training activities proposed addressing topics related to nuclear sciences and technology, as outlined in the Guide for applicants for this call and the Euratom Research and Training Programme (ERTP)?" **YES**





## MSCA PF 2023-24: Novelties

HISTORY OF CHANGES						
Version Publication Date		Change				
1.0	22 June 2021	Initial version (2021 call)				
1.1	11 May 2022	Addition of definition of Gender Equality Plan	4			
		<ul> <li>Revision of definition of Associated Partners for submission purposes</li> </ul>	4			
		<ul> <li>Addition of procedure for the evaluation of resubmitted proposals</li> </ul>	6			
		<ul> <li>Revision of eligibility of non-compliant non-academic placements</li> </ul>	7			
		<ul> <li>Addition of Doctoral degree as eligibility criterion</li> </ul>	7,9			
		<ul> <li>Clarification on how to encode secondments and non-academic placements</li> </ul>	10			
		Clarification on short visits	11			
		<ul> <li>Clarification on secondments for GF</li> </ul>	11			
		<ul> <li>Clarification on description of secondments and non-academic placements in part B2</li> </ul>	11-12			
		<ul> <li>Clarification on how to apply for EURATOM funding</li> </ul>	12			
		<ul> <li>Clarification on part B2 content</li> </ul>	13			
		Clarification on abstract content	14			
		<ul> <li>Link to 8-years research experience calculation tool added</li> </ul>	15			
		Link to FAQs	16			
1.2	06 July 2022	Clarification on the conditions for a successful PhD defence	7, 8, 9			
2.0	03 April 2023	<ul> <li>Link to Horizon Europe general Annexes updated to 2023-2024 version</li> </ul>	5			
		<ul> <li>Statement on the evaluation of eligible resubmissions</li> <li>Removal of the requirement to include a letter of commitment for</li> </ul>	6			
		non-academic placements <ul> <li>Secondment and non-academic placement table divided into</li> </ul>	6,12			
		"general principles" and "how to fill in the application/submission forms"	11,12			
		<ul> <li>Rephrasing of secondment at the start of the fellowship for Global fellowship</li> </ul>	11			
		<ul> <li>Reference to Part A, section 5, question on secondment removed</li> <li>Reference to the new section on "Environmental considerations in</li> </ul>	12			
		light of the MSCA Green Charter" added.	15			

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2.1	11 May 2023	<ul> <li>Beneficiary definition improved</li> <li>Beneficiary's role specified better</li> <li>"physical" mobility added</li> <li>Footnote 8 added - and consequent change of following footnotes</li> <li>Copyright/IPR matters added</li> <li>Supervision during secondment and non-academic placement specified</li> </ul>	4 5 5 7 11	
3.0	19 April 2024	<ul> <li>Clarification on non portability of grants added</li> <li>Clarification on Global fellowship standard duration and secondment</li> <li>Eligibility condition on "restrictions for the protection of European communication networks" added</li> <li>Part B2 content clarification</li> </ul>	5 10, 13 12 17	



## MSCA PF 2024: How does it work?

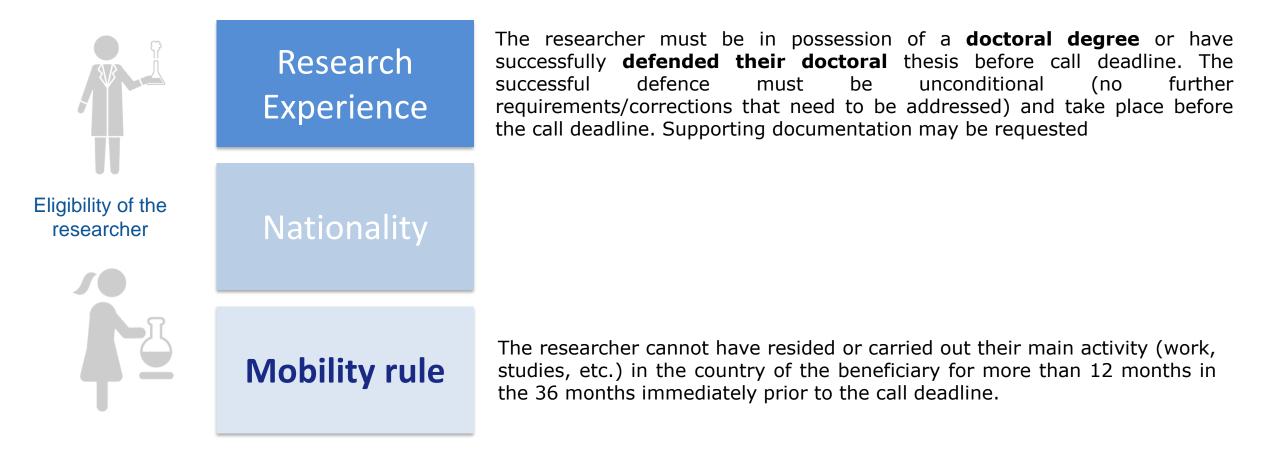


Letters of Commitments compulsory for the Associated Partners of the **outgoing pase** of the **Global Fellowships** (GF)





## **MSCA PF 2024: Eligible researchers**





## All measured at call deadline: 11/09/2024



# MSCA PF 2024: Having obtained the PhD and having not more than 8 years of research experience by 11/09/2024

#### **Exceptions can apply**

- Maternity leave: 18 months for each child born after the PhD Award date
- Paternity leave: exact duration per child born after the PhD Award date
- Long term sick leave
- Time spent not working in research
- Compulsory national service
- Research in a non-associated Third Country (TC), only for nationals or long term residents of MS/AC wishing to reintegrate in Europe: they must be based in the TC at the call deadline of have directly moved to Europe within the 12 month period immediately prior to the call deadline

#### How can you calculate this 8 years period?

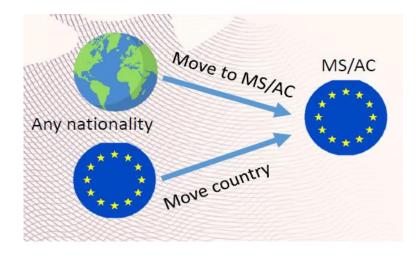
- REA Guidelines (MSCA-PF)
- <u>REA Self-assessment tool (MSCA-PF 2024)</u>



## MSCA PF 2024: European Fellowships (EF)

**EUROPEAN FELLOWSHIPS** 

- Open to all nationalities
- **Mobility rule:** not more than 12/36 months in the country of the beneficiary prior to 11/09/2024
- Researchers awarded a PhD and not more than 8 years of research experience by 11/09/2024
- Exceptions apply
- Project to be carry out at a **beneficiary in Europe**
- Duration: 12-24 months
- Secondments can take place, anywhere in the world
- Possible 6 months extension to carry out a non-academic placement in Europe







## MSCA PF EF 2024 Example

#### **Postdoctoral researcher**

- Researcher from Australia
- PhD degree obtained in Australia in October 2016
- Living and working in Italy for the last 3 years

#### **European Fellowship**



https://www.recercasantpau.cat/en/



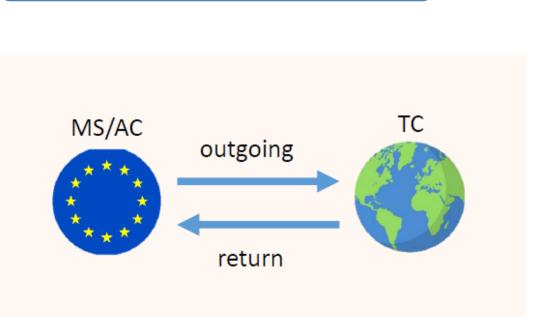


#### Supervisor

 Researcher head of a research team within Institut de Recerca Sant Pau, Beneficiary (ES)

## **MSCA PF 2024: Global Fellowships**

**GLOBAL FELLOWSHIPS** 



- Initial outgoing phase outside of Europe (to a Third Country for 12-24 months) and a final return pase in Europe (12 months) at the beneficiary
- Open to european researchers and long term residents in MS/AC
- Researchers awarded a PhD and not more than 8 years of research experience by 11/09/2024
- Exceptions apply
- Mobility rule: not more than 12/36 months in the country of the outgoing phase prior to 11/09/2024
- Duration: 24-36 months
- Secondments can take place, anywhere in the world
- Possible 6 months extension to carry out a nonacademic placement in Europe



Associated Partner in the Third Country must include a letter of Commitment



## MSCA PF GF 2024 Example

#### **Candidate to Global Fellowship**

- Researcher from Thailand
- Remained in Portugal for 6 years before returning to Thailand
- PhD degree obtained in Portugal in August 2016
- Had a child in 2020

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- Since January 2024 working at the Chulalongkorn University
- Candidate for Global Fellowship with a beneficiary in Spain (Universidad Complutense) and an Associated Partner in Thailand (Chulalongkorn University) : 24 months TH, 12 months



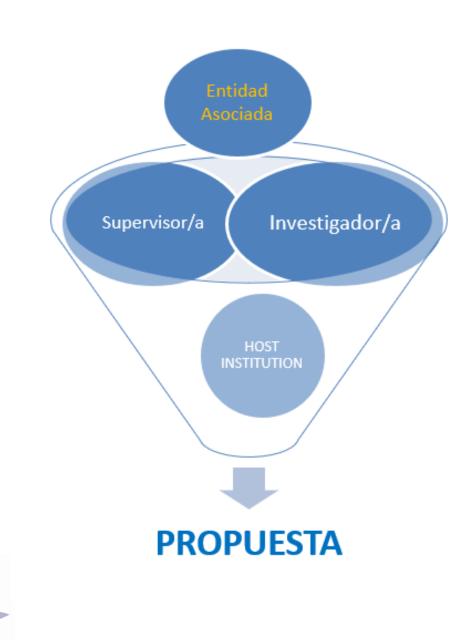








## An MSCA Postdoctoral proposal



## Much more than a research project

- Improvement of research capacities
- Development of complementary skills
- Knowledge Exchange and transfer between researcher, supervisor and institution (s)

## A common approach is needed

- The best projects are always built together by both parts (researcher and institution)
- Supervisor has an active role in the proposal
- Ensure all expectations are covered and well established
- Be well aware of the project and researcher needs



## **MSCA PF 2023: secondments and placements**

	SECONDMENT	NON-ACADEMIC PLACEMENT
What?	Aligned with the research objectives, will enhance the triple I dimension of the project, adding value and impacting in the results	This incentive aims at promoting career moves between sectors and organisations and thereby stimulate innovation and knowledge transfer while expanding career opportunities for researchers.
When?	<ul> <li>EF: Anytime during the project</li> <li>GF: only possible during the outgoing phase ( a possible 3 months can be initially spent at the beneficiary in Europe)</li> </ul>	Part of the proposal that takes place at the end of the standard EF/PF duration
	<ul> <li>In both modes, secondments can be divided into several periods</li> </ul>	
Where?	Anywhere in the world, in any sector	In Europe, in the non-academic sector
Timing	<ul> <li>EF: Up to 1/3 of the total standard duration</li> <li>GF: Up to 1/3 of the outgoing phase duration</li> </ul>	Up to 6 months

- In both cases, the supervisor is key
- Different from "short stays" or "field work"
- Have to be described in Part B, no letter of commitment is needed
- Part A: Placement has to be included



## MSCA PF 2024: FUNDING RATES

MSCA	Researchers costs (person/month)			Institutional costs (P/M)		
European Fellowship	Living allowance*	Mobility Allowance	Family Allowance	Research, training and Networking Costs	Management and Indirect Costs	
UNIT COSTS	<mark>5,990</mark>	<mark>710</mark>	660	1.000	650	
PF – EF in Spain	5,726.44	710	660	1.000	650	
PF 24 months	137,434.56	17,040	15,840	24.000	15.600	
TOTAL PF 2 years			170,314.56 + 39,	,600 = <mark>209,914,56€</mark>		

#### **RESEARCHER COSTS**

- \*CCC: country coefficient correction (95,6 ES)
- All deductions apply (employer and employee)
- Possible family situation during the project will be taken into account
- Long-term leave allowance requested if needed
- Disability allowance requested if needed

#### **INSTITUTIONAL COSTS**

Research, training and networking costs: lab material, secondments costs, participation and organization of events, etc.



## **MSCA PF 2024: COUNTRY COEFFICIENT CORRECTION**

٠	AT	109,7%	•	IE	136,4%
٠	BE	100%	•	IT	95,3%
•	BG	64,7%	•	LT	86,6%
•	CY	81,9%	-	LU	100%
•	CZ	94,1%	•	LV	83,8%
٠	DE	101,2%		MT	92,4%
•	DK	132,8%	•	NL	111,6%
•	EE	92,7%	4	PL	74,1%
٠	EL	86,8%		ΡΤ	93,7%
•	ES	95,6%	•	RO	70,7%
•	FI	118%	•	SE	125%
٠	FR	118,1%	•	SI	87,7%
•	HR	80,1%	•	SK	80,9%
•	HU	76,7%			

- UK 141,7%
- US 169,4%
- KR 127,9%
- IS 138,9%
- CA 114,4%
- AR 82,7%
- JP 161%
- CH 163,8%
- NO 135,6%
- IL 121,5%





## **MSCA PF 2024: Proposal structure**



Part B Technical

<u>B1 (10 pages)</u>

#### **Sections**

- Excellence
- Impact
- Implementation

#### <u>B2</u>

- CV of the researcher
- Institutional Info
- Ethical aspects
- Security screening
- Letter of commitment (if applicable)





## **MSCA PF 2024 Evaluation Criteria**

EXCELLENCE	ΙΜΡΑϹΤ	QUALITY AND EFFICIENCY OF THE IMPLEMENTATION
Quality and pertinence of <b>the project's research</b> <b>and innovation objectives</b> (and the extent to which they are ambitious, and go beyond the state of the art)	career perspectives and employability of the	Quality and effectiveness of the work plan, assessment of risks and appropriateness of the effort assigned to work packages
<b>Soundness of the proposed methodology</b> (including interdisciplinary approaches, consideration of the gender dimension and other diversity aspects if relevant for the research project, and the quality of open science practices)	maximise <b>expected outcomes and impacts</b> , as set out in the dissemination and exploitation plan, including communication	Quality and capacity of the host institutions and participating organisations, including hosting arrangements
Quality of the supervision, training and of the two-way transfer of knowledge between the researcher and the host	- ·	
Quality and appropriateness of the <b>researcher's</b> <b>professional experience</b> , competences and skills		
50%	30%	20%
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## **Portal Funding and Tender Opportunities (FTOP)**

- Portal where all EU calls are published
- Official documentation for MSCA Call

https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-msca-2024-pf-01-01?openForSubmission=false&closed=false&programmePeriod=2021%20-%202027&frameworkProgramme=43108390&programmePart=43108473

General information			
Programme Horizon Europe Framework Programme (HORIZON)		Budget overview	
Call MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships 2024 (HORIZON-MSCA-2024-PF-01	1)		
Type of action HORIZON-TMA-MSCA-PF-EF HORIZON TMA MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships - European Fellowships	<b>Type of MGA</b> HORIZON Unit Grant [HORIZON-AG-UN]		Forthcoming
HORIZON-TMA-MSCA-PF-GF HORIZON TMA MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships - Global Fellowships	HORIZON Unit Grant [HORIZON-AG-UN]		Forthcoming
Deadline model single-stage	Planned opening date 23 April 2024		Deadline date 11 September 2024 17:00:00 Brussels time





## **Official documentation: EC and REA**

#### MSCA European Commission

**Research Executive Agency (REA)** 



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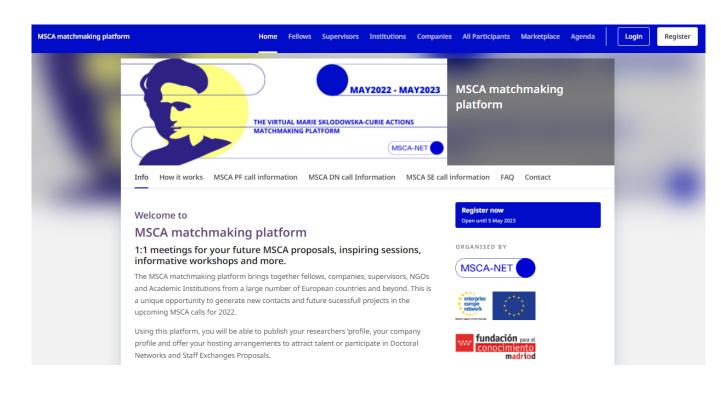
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#### **MSCA-Net: Expresssions of Interest Matchmaking Platform adn Handbooks**





https://msca.b2match.io/



https://msca-net.eu/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/MSCA\_PF2023\_handbook\_final.pdf



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	Acciones Marie Sklodowska-Curie (MSCA)	

La Convocatoria Proyectos Posdoctorales (MSCA PF 2023) ha abierto el 23/04/2024 con fecha de cierre 11/09/2024 y cuenta con un presupuesto de 417.2 millones de euros

La convocatoria MSCA PF 2024 está abierta a personal investigador de cualquier nacionalidad que cuente con un máximo de 8 años de experiencia investigadora y que desee adquirir nuevas habilidades a través de la formación avanzada y la movilidad internacional, interdisciplinar e intersectorial.

Las actividades de difusión y promoción están dirigidas al personal investigador y al personal de supervisión/gestión encargado de apoyar las solicitudes en las instituciones española:

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Convocatoria MSCA PF 2024 – Proyectos postdoctorales

Seminarios de difusión y apoyo a preparación de propuestas



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30/04/2024: Sesión informativa nacional online sobre novedades y aspectos generales 07/06/2024: Sesión informativa nacional online sobre evaluación y aspectos prácticos 04/07/2024: Café con tu NCP (sesión dirigida a personal de gestión y supervisión)



## COMING SOON:

- Documentation
- Videos
- Compiling of support material
- Links to oficial documents

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