
Marie Skłodowska-Curie Action

- Co-funding of mobility programmes (MSCA COFUND) -

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MSC Action (budget): [HORIZON-MSCA-2025-COFUND-01-01](#) (101.82 million euros)

Objective

COFUND supports existing or new regional, national or international mobility programmes for postdoctoral researchers (Fellowship Programme Panel) and for doctoral candidates (Doctoral Programme Panel). The scheme aims to foster and improve excellence in the training, mobility and career development of researchers in Europe. *Support is provided not to individual researchers but to European organisations offering mobility programmes.*

Participation requirements for institutions

Organisations from Member States and Associated States that offer programmes to enhance transnational mobility and career development for postdoctoral researchers and doctoral candidates may apply.

Eligible programmes

Organisations can apply for funding with both existing and new mobility programmes which enable or promote transnational mobility and the career development of researchers.

The Doctoral Programme Panel is dedicated to programmes for researchers after graduation who have not yet been awarded a PhD degree. It aims to promote the development and broadening of research competences. Collaborations with different partner organisations, including from the non-academic sector, are taken into account favourably during the evaluation. Attention is being paid to the quality of supervision and mentoring arrangements as well as career guidance.

The Fellowship Programme Panel is dedicated to postdoctoral researchers who have already been awarded a PhD degree. The objective is to increase the researchers' skill sets to improve their employability and career prospects. The selection of researchers should be based on open competition and on fair, transparent peer-review procedures. Funded programmes should impose as few limitations as possible on the research areas and the host organisations or host countries.

Duration of the project

COFUND supports programmes with a maximum duration of 60 months.

Financial aspects

EU funding is provided in the form of a fixed contribution to the researcher's subsistence costs and / or to the researcher's research, training and networking costs and to the administrative costs of the mobility programme. It may be combined with funding from the European Structural & Investment Funds (ESIF) or other external funding, but **not with any other grant from Horizon Europe**. An organisation can apply for a **maximum of 10 million euros** in a COFUND call.

Where co-funding for an existing mobility programme is sought, the applicant must **demonstrate how the co-financing would be used to enhance the quality and extent of the existing measure**. The co-financing shall not replace existing funds, but contribute to expanding and enhancing the measure.

Applications

Project proposals are submitted by the organisations. Researchers apply directly to the selected organisations.

MSCA COFUND Terms

Beneficiary is the sole signatory to the Grant Agreement, which receives the EU funding, claims costs, and takes complete responsibility for the proper implementation of the proposed programme. The Beneficiary must be a legal entity established in an EU Member State or HE Associated Country that *funds or manages Doctoral or Postdoctoral Programmes for researchers*.

Implementing Partners means third parties implementing the MSCA COFUND Doctoral or Postdoctoral Programmes by recruiting researchers. Implementing Partners can receive financial support from the Beneficiary.

Associated Partners are entities which participate in the action (e.g. providing training or secondments), but without the right to charge costs or claim contributions. Associated Partners may not employ the researchers under the action.

Doctoral candidates are researchers not already in possession of a doctoral degree at the deadline of the co-funded programme's call.

Postdoctoral candidates are researchers in possession of a doctoral degree at the deadline of the co-funded programme's call.

Summary

Programme	Doctoral	Postdoctoral
Number of Beneficiaries	1	1
Number of Associated Partners	No restrictions	No restrictions
Number of Implementing Partners	No restrictions	No restrictions
Minimum duration of each individual fellowship	3 months	3 months
Maximum duration of the action	60 months	60 months
Minimum number of recruited researchers	3	3
Eligible researchers	Researchers must be doctoral candidates, i.e. not already in possession of a doctoral degree at the deadline of the co-funded programme's call.	Researchers must be in possession of a doctoral degree at the deadline of the co-funded programme's call.
Selection of researchers	A good balance between experts related to the Beneficiary and independent experts from outside the partnership must be ensured in the pool of evaluators and in the selection committees.	A good balance between experts related to the Beneficiary and independent international experts from outside the partnership (based in other countries) must be ensured in the pool of evaluators and in the selection committees.

Participant Organisations & Tasks

Role in the Doctoral or Postdoctoral Programme	Recruitment of researchers	Training and/or hosting of seconded researchers	Directly claim unit costs
Beneficiary	Yes	Yes	Yes
Associated Partner	No	Yes	No
Implementing Partner	Yes	Yes	No

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