EU Framework Programme 7

The Marie Curie Actions

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Cooperation (collaborative projects)
Ideas (individual excellent research)
People (Marie Curie Actions)

Total budget 2007-2013: 54,582 billion Euros
Countries eligible for EU funding

EU Member States (MS):

- Austria
- Belgium
- Bulgaria
- Cyprus
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Estonia
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Hungary
- Ireland
- Italy
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Malta
- The Netherlands
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- Spain
- Sweden
- United Kingdom

Associated Countries (AC):

- Albania
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Croatia
- Faroe Islands
- FYR Macedonia
- Iceland
- Israel
- Liechtenstein
- Montenegro
- Norway
- Serbia
- Switzerland
- Turkey

Other countries may also be eligible depending on the call.
People = Marie Curie Actions

From pure mobility actions to a dedicated programme for structuring training, mobility and career development

Objectives:

• Strengthening the human potential in Research and Development in Europe
• Stimulate people to enter into the profession of researcher
• Encouraging researchers to stay in Europe
• Attracting researchers from around the world
• Addressed to researchers at all stages of their careers
People = Marie Curie Actions

Main characteristics:
• Open to all domains of research (bottom-up approach)
• Application through calls for proposals
• Selection criteria:
  – Science and technological quality
  – Quality of participants
  – Quality of training or transfer of knowledge
  – Impact
  – Implementation
• Trans-national and inter-sectorial mobility
• Budget covers mainly salaries of researchers
# People = Marie Curie Actions

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Profile of recruited researchers

Very experienced researchers
(Senior post-docs)
>10 years research experience

Experienced researchers
(mainly post-docs)
>4 years research experience
OR/AND
a PhD

Early-stage researchers
(post-graduates)
< 4 years research experience
AND
NO PhD

Applicants

Individual researchers

Research Institutions/Industry

IEF
IOF
IIF
CIG

IAPP
IRSES

ITN

Research experience is measured from the date when a researcher obtained the degree which would formally entitle him or her to embark on a doctorate.
Mobility requirements

For most Marie Curie Actions a mobility rule applies:

• Must not have been resident in host country for more than 12 months in the last 3 years immediately before application deadline/ date of recruitment or secondment
• In case of international organisations cannot have been working at the host institute for more than 12 months in the last 3 years
• Researchers can now return to the country of their nationality if the mobility rule is respected

In order to assess eligibility it is essential to consider the following:

• The minimum or maximum amount of research experience stipulated for the action
• The transnational mobility requirements for the action
Marie Curie Fellowships

Types of fellowships according to the mobility action:

• **Intra-European** Fellowships for Career Development (IEF)

• **International Outgoing** Fellowships for Career Development (IOF)

• **International Incoming** Fellowships (IIF)

**Duration of grant:** 1-2 years

**Eligibility:**

• Min. 4 years postgraduate research experience OR a PhD

• Nationality:
  • IEF: any
  • IIF: any
  • IOF: MS/AC or having lived in a MS/AC for at least the last 5 years

**Budget:** mainly salary of the fellow and research/training costs

**Next deadline** for fellowships: **11 August 2011 (call open)**
Career Integration Grants (CIG)

Focus: to improve the prospects for the permanent integration of researchers who are offered a stable research post in Europe in a country different from the one where the researcher has been active during the past years.

Duration: 2-4 years

Eligibility:

- Min. 4 years postgraduate research experience OR a PhD
- Any nationality
- Mobility: from any country to a MS/AC

Budget: Flat rate 25000 EUR/year to cover the research costs

(no strict rules on spending)

Next deadline: 06 September 2011 (call open)
Initial training networks (ITN)

Aim:

A joint training programme mainly for early-stage researchers including complementary skills modules

Participants:

– Min. 3 partners from different Member States or Associated Countries
– Both public and private sector has to be involved
– Associated partners can complement the training

Duration: 4 years

Recruitments:

– Early-stage researchers
– Experienced researchers (<5 years experience)

Budget:

– Recruited researcher’s expenses (living and mobility allowance)
– Host’s expenses (research/training/transfer of knowledge activities, management costs, contribution to overheads)

Next deadline: expected in January 2012 (no call published yet)
International Research Staff Exchange Scheme (IRSES)

**Aim:**
To strengthen research partnerships through short period staff exchanges and networking activities between *European and Third country research organisations*

**Participants:**
- At least 2 participant from different MS or AC
- at least 1 participant from an eligible Third Country (has an S&T Agreement with EU or is covered by the European Neighbourhood Policy)

**Duration:** 2-4 years

**Secondments:** Balanced exchanges between the European and the Third Country partners for up to 12 months, any experience level

**Budget:**
- **MS/AC:** 1900 EUR/person/month for visits from a MS/AC to a Third country (long-distance exchanges: extra 200 EUR/p/m)
- **Third countries** are supposed to cover their own expenses, low income countries can receive contribution towards their costs

**Next deadline:** expected in February 2012 (no call published yet)
Industry Academia Partnerships and Pathways (IAPP)

Aim:
To enhance *industry-academia cooperation* in terms of research training, career development and knowledge sharing

Participants:
- At least 1 participant from academia and 1 from industry from different Member States or Associated Countries

Duration: 4 years

Secondments for 2-24 months (between sectors):
- any experience level

Recruitments for 12-24 months:
- experienced researchers (at both levels)

Budget:
- Salary for the recruited and seconded researchers
- Host’s expenses (research/training/transfer of knowledge activities, management costs, contribution to overheads)

Next deadline: expected in April 2012 (no call published yet)
How to apply – The FP7 Cordis website

http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/

Proposal submission:
# Marie Curie Calls

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