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MARIE CURIE INITIAL TRAINING NETWORKS (ITN)

What are Marie Curie Initial Training Networks?

Initial training of researchers is offered through this action in order to improve their research and complementary skills, help them join established research teams, and enhance their career prospects in both public and private sectors.

Who can apply?

A network typically comprises at least three participants (e.g. universities, research centres, companies, SMEs) established in at least three different EU Member States or associated countries proposing a coherent research training programme. Single or twinning host organisations are also eligible to apply. Participation of third countries is also foreseen.

Which research topics are supported?

Proposals from all areas of scientific and technological research of interest to the European Community are welcome.

How does it work?

Networks will be selected competitively following a one-stage evaluation process. Proposals are evaluated by external independent experts against a series of predetermined criteria and selected for funding for up to 4 years.

What does the funding cover?

Support will be provided for:

- Recruitment of researchers (in the first five years of their career) for initial training;
- Recruitment of experienced researchers of outstanding stature in international training and collaborative research to strengthen transfer of knowledge;
- Networking activities, organisation of workshops and conferences, involving the participants own research staff and external researchers.

How to apply?

Calls for proposals for this action are announced on the CORDIS website:

http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/people/home_en.htm



INTRA-EUROPEAN FELLOWSHIPS FOR CAREER DEVELOPMENT (IEF)



What are Intra-European Fellowships for career development?

This action aims at supporting experienced researchers at various stages of their career, helping them in acquiring new research skills (multi or interdisciplinary) or to undertake intersectoral experiences.

Who can apply?

Experienced researchers from EU Member States or associated countries in possession of a doctoral degree, or having at least 4 years of full-time equivalent research experience after obtaining the degree allowing them to embark on a doctorate.

Which research topics are supported?

Proposals from all areas of scientific and technological research of interest to the European Community are welcome.

How does it work?

Proposals are submitted in liaison with the organisation that will host the individual researcher concerned and evaluated by external independent experts against a series of predetermined criteria. Financial support will be provided to the best proposals for a period of 12 to 24 months (full-time equivalent).

What does the funding cover?

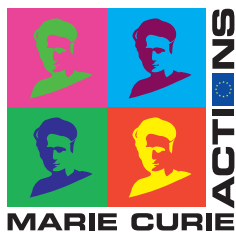
Funding is provided for advanced training (including complementary skills) and transnational mobility, on the basis of a "personal career development plan" established by the researcher with her/his personal supervisor in the host organisation. It includes in particular a salary for the researcher and a contribution towards research-related costs.

How to apply?

Calls for proposals for this action are announced on the CORDIS website:

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MARIE CURIE EUROPEAN REINTEGRATION GRANTS (ERG)

What are Marie Curie European Reintegration Grants?

Marie Curie European Reintegration Grants provide financial assistance to researchers who are looking for a long-term employment in research after they have concluded a transnational mobility experience in the frame of a Marie Curie action under the current or a previous Framework Programme. The duration of the grants is between 2 and 3 years.

Who can apply?

Experienced researchers from EU Member States or associated countries with at least 4 years full-time postgraduate research experience or a doctoral degree, who have benefited from a Marie Curie training and mobility action with duration of at least 18 months. The researcher applies in liaison with a (re)integration host organisation located in an EU Member State or associated country.

Which research topics are supported?

Proposals from all areas of scientific and technological research of interest to the European Community are welcome.

How does it work?

The proposal has to be submitted at the earliest 1 year before the end of the initial Marie Curie fellowship and not later than 6 months following its end. The execution of the project must start at the latest 12 months after the end of the initial fellowship. Applications will be evaluated twice a year.

What does the funding cover?

The grant is a flat-rate contribution (for 2008 set at €15 000/year) to the host organisation for expenses related to the integration of the researcher in the host institution.

How to apply?

Calls for proposals for this action are announced on the CORDIS website:
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CO-FUNDING OF REGIONAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMMES (COFUND)



What is co-funding of regional, national and international programmes?

This action aims at encouraging existing or new regional, national and international programmes to open up and provide for transnational mobility.

Who can apply?

Public or public mission bodies responsible for funding and managing fellowship programmes (ministries, research academies or agencies, international bodies running schemes at European level, etc.).

Which research topics are supported?

Proposals from all areas of scientific and technological research of interest to the European Community are welcome.

How does it work?

Participants will submit multi-annual proposals for programmes to be co-funded. These programmes based on open, widely advertised competition, with transparent international peer review and merit-based selection of candidates will address at least one type of transnational mobility (Outgoing mobility, Incoming mobility, Reintegration).

What does the funding cover?

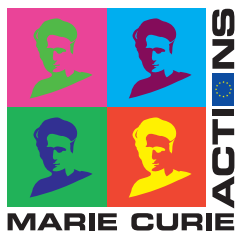
The Community contribution consists in co-funding a fixed percentage of 40% of the full fellowship costs of eligible researchers. Programmes selected will initially be supported for half of the proposed funding period, while a second funding phase will be made available upon a positive outcome of the mid-term review.



How to apply?

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INDUSTRY-ACADEMIA PARTNERSHIPS AND PATHWAYS (IAPP)

What are Marie Curie Industry-Academia Partnerships and Pathways?

Partnerships between the public or non-commercial sector (including universities, research institutes, NGOs) and the private, commercial research sector (including SMEs, manufacturing and other industries), based on a common research project and aiming to increase skills exchange between the two sectors.

Who can apply?

A partnership is at least one organisation from each sector, and at least from two different EU Member States or associated countries. Participation of third countries is also foreseen.

Which research topics are supported?

Proposals from all areas of scientific and technological research of interest to the European Community are welcome.

How does it work?

Proposals are submitted, evaluated against a series of predetermined criteria by international peer review and selected for funding of 3-4 years.

What does the funding cover?

Support will be provided for:

- Exchange of know-how and experience through inter-sector two-ways secondments of research staff of the participants;
- Recruitment of experienced researchers from outside the partnership, for involvement in transfer of knowledge and/or training of researchers;
- Networking activities, organisation of workshops and conferences, involving the participants own research staff and external researchers.

How to apply?

Calls for proposals for this action are announced on the CORDIS website:

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INTERNATIONAL OUTGOING FELLOWSHIPS FOR CAREER DEVELOPMENT (IOF)



What are International Outgoing Fellowships for career development?

This action aims at offering European researchers the opportunity to be trained and to acquire new knowledge in a third country high-level research organisation, and subsequently return to an organisation in an EU Member State or associated country.

Who can apply?

Experienced researchers from an EU Member State or associated country in possession of a doctoral degree or with at least 4 years full-time equivalent research experience after obtaining the degree which allows them to embark on a doctorate (it is however expected that researchers will have more experience).

Which research topics are supported?

Proposals from all areas of scientific and technological research of interest to the European Community are welcome.

How does it work?

Proposals are submitted by the researcher in liaison with the return host organisation in an EU Member State or associated country and evaluated by external independent experts against a series of predetermined criteria. Financial support will be provided to the best proposals for a period of up to 3 years, including an initial outgoing phase (1-2 years) in a third country and a mandatory reintegration phase.

What does the funding cover?

Funding is provided for advanced training on the basis of a "personal career development plan" established by the researcher with her/his supervisor in the host organisation. It includes in particular a salary for the researcher and a contribution towards research-related costs.

How to apply?

Calls for proposals for this action are announced on the CORDIS website:

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INTERNATIONAL INCOMING FELLOWSHIPS (IIF)

What are International Incoming Fellowships?

This action aims at encouraging top class researchers from third countries to work on research projects in Europe, with a view to developing mutually beneficial research co-operation between Europe and third countries.

Who can apply?

Experienced researchers from third countries in possession of a doctoral degree or with at least 4 years full-time equivalent research experience after obtaining the degree which allows them to embark on a doctorate (it is however expected that researchers will have more experience).

Which research topics are supported?

Proposals from all areas of scientific and technological research of interest to the European Community are welcome.

How does it work?

Proposals are submitted by the researchers in liaison with the organisation that will host her/him in an EU Member State or associated country and evaluated by external independent experts against a series of predetermined criteria. Financial support will be provided to the best proposals for a period of 1 to 2 years, and eventually for an additional return phase of 1 year if the researcher originates from an international cooperation partner country.

What does the funding cover?

Funding includes in particular a salary for the researcher and a contribution towards research-related costs.

How to apply?

Calls for proposals for this action are announced on the CORDIS website:
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MARIE CURIE INTERNATIONAL REINTEGRATION GRANTS (IRG)



What are the Marie Curie International Reintegration Grants?

Marie Curie International Reintegration grants provide financial assistance to researchers who wish to return and find a job in Europe after they have worked in research in a third country for at least three years. The duration of the grants is between 2 and 4 years.

Who can apply?

Researchers from EU Member States or associated countries with at least 4 years full-time postgraduate research experience or a doctoral degree, who at the deadline of submission foreseen in the call for proposals have been active in research in a third country for at least 3 years. The researcher applies in liaison with a (re)integration host organisation located in an EU Member State or associated country.

Which research topics are supported?

Proposals from all areas of scientific and technological research of interest to the European Community are welcome.

How does it work?

Applications are evaluated twice a year. If the proposal is selected, the Commission signs a grant agreement with the (re)integration host. The (re)integration host will then sign an employment agreement with the researcher.

What does the funding cover?

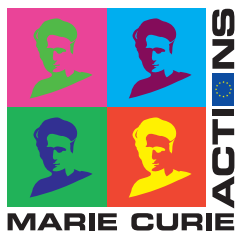
The grant is a flat-rate contribution (for 2008 set at €25 000/year) to the host organisation for expenses related to the integration of the researcher in the host institution.



How to apply?

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INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH STAFF EXCHANGE SCHEME (IRSES)

What is the International Research Staff Exchange Scheme

The International Research Staff Exchange Scheme action aims at strengthening research partnerships through short period staff exchanges and networking activities between European research organisations and “counterparts” from countries with which the Community has an S&T agreement or are in the process of negotiating one, and countries covered by the European Neighbourhood Policy.

Who can apply?

Research organisations which carry out research can participate in this action. A partnership is needed, which can consist of a minimum of at least two independent participants established in at least two different EU Member States or associated countries, and one or more organisation(s) located either in countries with which the EU has an S&T agreement or in countries covered by the European Neighbourhood Policy.

Which research topics are supported?

Proposals from organisations active in all areas of research and technological development addressed under the EC Treaty are eligible for funding.

How does it work?

A staff exchange programme can apply for Community support for a period of 24-48 months. The maximum duration of the individual staff exchanges will be 12 months.

What does the funding cover?

For EU Member State or associated country staff staying in an eligible third country, the Community will pay a subsistence allowance for the additional mobility costs of € 1800 per month (including travel costs). In justified cases funding can be provided to subsistence costs of staff exchange from selected eligible third countries.

How to apply?

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RESEARCHERS' NIGHT (NIGHT)



What are Researchers' Nights?

The Researchers' Nights consist of mass events aimed at bringing the researchers closer to the wider public. They traditionally take place on the fourth Friday of September and offer the public at large an opportunity to discover the world of researchers (their job, the instruments and premises of research, their "human face").

Who can apply?

Any legal entity established in EU Member States and associated countries.

What research topics are supported?

Proposals may be linked with any area of scientific and technological research of interest to the European Community.

What kind of activities are to be organised?

Any kind of activity allowing the public to discover the researchers and their job: hands-on experiments and visits to labs guided by researchers, demonstrations, "be scientist for a day" programmes, simulations, quizzes, competitions... An art competition is traditionally organised around the theme "researcher", addressed to different age categories (a photographic competition in 2008).

How does it work?

Proposals are submitted once a year at determined deadlines. They are evaluated by external independent experts and selected for funding against pre-determined criteria.

What does the funding cover?

Funding may cover any type of activity necessary for the implementation of the Researchers' night, from the preparatory awareness campaign before the event until the analysis of the event's impact after it, within the limits of the available budget.



How to apply?

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Overview of the Marie Curie Actions

Experience of Individual Researchers¹ Open for participation of¹

	Staff ⁴	Early-Stage Researchers ² (< 4 years)	Experienced Researchers ³ (≥ 4 years)	Third Country ⁵ Researchers	Third Country ⁴ Participants
Initial Training of Researchers					
Marie Curie Initial Training Networks (ITN)	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
Life-Long Training and Career Development					
Marie Curie Intra-European Fellowships for Career Development (IEF)	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗
Marie Curie European Reintegration Grants (ERG)	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗
Marie Curie Co-funding of Regional, National, and International Programmes (COFUND)	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗
Industry Academia Partnerships and Pathways					
Marie Curie Industry Academia Partnerships and Pathways (IAPP)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
International Dimension					
Marie Curie International Outgoing Fellowships (IOF)	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓
Marie Curie International Incoming Fellowships (IIF)	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓
Marie Curie International Reintegration Grants (IRG)	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗
International Research Staff Exchange Scheme (IRSES)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Specific Actions					
Marie Curie Researchers' Night	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	✓

✗ : can not be recruited/is not eligible for participation; ✓ : could be recruited/might be eligible for participation; N/A: not applicable; Conditions apply! Please check carefully the relevant workprogramme as well as the call-specific Guide for Applicants for detailed information as conditions may apply.

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² Early Stage Researcher: are defined as those who are, at the time of selection by the host institution, in the first four years (full-time equivalent) of their research careers. This is measured from the date when they obtained the degree which would formally entitle them to embark on a doctorate, either in the country in which the degree was obtained or in the country in which the research training is provided, irrespective of whether or not a doctorate is envisaged.

³ Experienced Researcher: must, at the time of the relevant deadline for submission or selection by the host organisation, depending on the action, either be in possession of a doctoral degree, irrespective of the time taken to acquire it, or have at least four years of full-time equivalent research experience, including the period of early stage research defined above.

⁴ Staff: denotes technical and managerial staff employed at the participants' institutions.

⁵ Third Countries are countries which are neither EU Member States nor countries associated to FP7 (Associated States).

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