



# MSCA POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS

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# MSCA PF CALL 2024

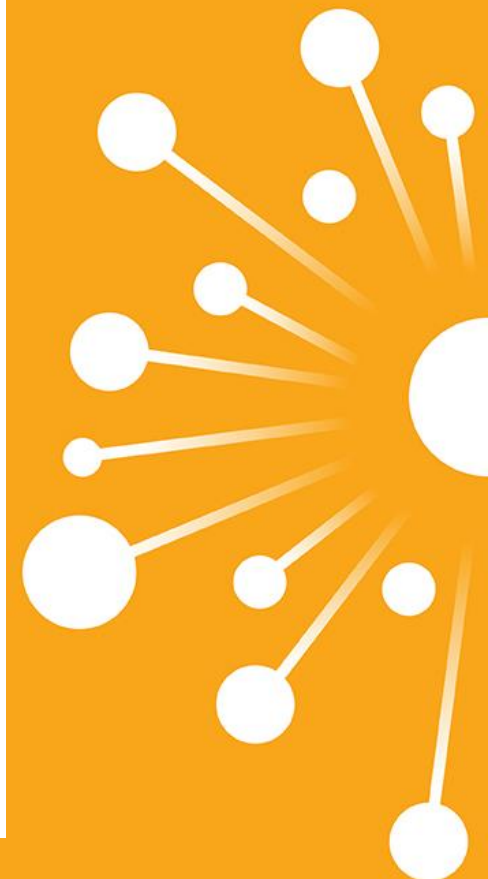


- OPENING: 23.4.2024
- CLOSING: **11.9.2024!**
- Budget: 41,18 mio EUR



# PF 2024 call Planning

Call Opening:	<b>23 April 2024</b>
Call Deadline:	<b>11 September 2024</b>
Evaluation period:	<b>October 2024– January 2025</b>
Launch grant preparation:	<b>February 2025</b>
Starting dates:	<b>March/ April 2025 - September 2026</b>



# MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships 2024

## HORIZON-MSCA-2024-PF-01-01

**Topic** Call for proposal

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**General information**

**Programme**  
 Horizon Europe Framework Programme (HORIZON) [€ Budget overview](#)

**Call**  
 MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships 2024 (HORIZON-MSCA-2024-PF-01)

<b>Type of action</b> HORIZON-TMA-MSCA-PF-EF HORIZON TMA MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships - European Fellowships	<b>Type of MGA</b> HORIZON Unit Grant [HORIZON-AG-UN]	<a href="#">Forthcoming</a>
HORIZON-TMA-MSCA-PF-GF HORIZON TMA MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships - Global Fellowships	HORIZON Unit Grant [HORIZON-AG-UN]	<a href="#">Forthcoming</a>

**Deadline model**  
 single-stage

**Planned opening date**  
 23 April 2024

**Deadline date**  
 11 September 2024 17:00:00 Brussels time

**Topic description**

ExpectedOutcome:  
 Project results are expected to contribute to the following outcomes:  
  
 For supported postdoctoral fellows...

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# AGENDA

Excellence Science Pillar

Work Programme 2023-2025

About Postdoctoral Fellowship

Proposal Structure

- Excellence
- Impact
- Implementation

General Tips

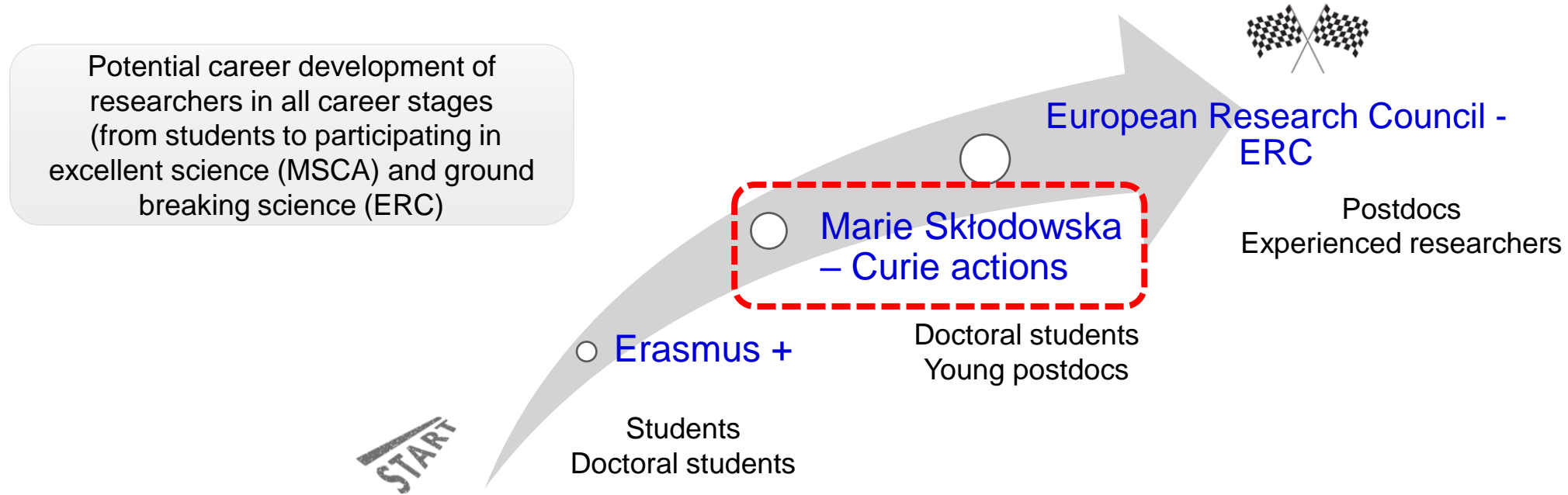
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# The MSCA under Horizon Europe



**Excellent Science (Pillar 1):** reinforcing and extending the excellence of the EU's science base



## EU's reference programme for **doctoral and postdoctoral training**, contributing to:

- ✓ A highly skilled research-based human capital able to detect and tackle upcoming challenges, communicate scientific evidence to policy-makers and the public, and work across disciplines
- ✓ Develop excellent doctoral programmes enhancing the global attractiveness and visibility of institutions involved in them
- ✓ Provide researchers with skills needed in the labour market, to innovate and to convert knowledge and ideas into products and services for economic and social benefit
- ✓ Promote the EU's global attractiveness for talents





The Excellent Science pillar aims to increase the EU's global scientific competitiveness by reinforcing and extending the excellence of the Union's science base.

## European Research Council

- Frontier research by the best researchers and their teams

## Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

- Equipping researchers with new knowledge and skills through mobility and training

## Research Infrastructures

- Integrated and interconnected world-class research infrastructures



# MSCA: a world reference for research and training

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Impact on  
R&I



Impact on  
Researchers /  
Research staff



Impact on  
organisations



Excellence  
Bottom-up  
research



Training  
Transferable Skills  
Career  
development



Strong  
International  
dimension



Inter-sectoral  
interdisciplinary

**Attractive and inclusive opportunities for researchers/research staff of any nationality at every stage of their careers**

INTERNATIONAL mobility rule  
...” must not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in the country of the recruiting beneficiary for more than 12 months in the 36 months immediately before referent date.”

INTERSECTORAL mobility  
via secondments, non-academic placement and industrial doctorates

INTERDISCIPLINARY projects  
8 evaluation panels  
(LIFE, CHE, PHY, MAT, ENG, ECO, SOC, ENV)

### Academic sector

- ✓ Public or private higher education organisation
- ✓ Public or private non-profit research organisation
- ✓ International European Research Organisations

### Non-academic sector

Any socio-economic actor not included in the academic sector

Aim is to develop **transferable skills** (e.g. innovation, entrepreneurship) leading to improved **employability and career prospects within and outside academia**



# **WORK PROGRAMME 2023-2025 MSCA**



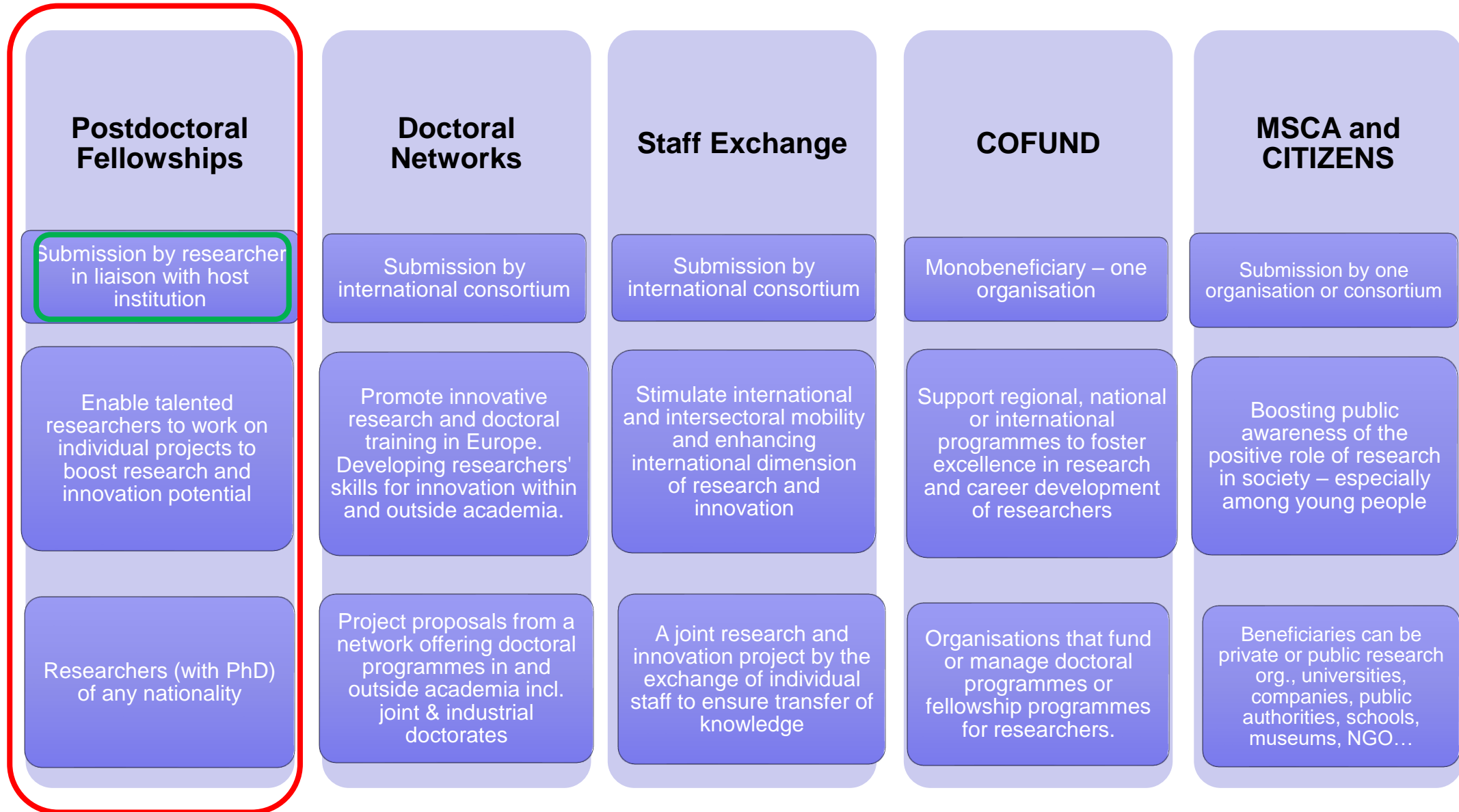
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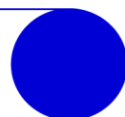
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**Horizon Europe**

**Work Programme 2023-2025**

*2. Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions*





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# About POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS



## researcher

- Project by an individual researcher
- max. 8 of research experience from date of award of the (first) doctoral degree
- Mobility rule: The researcher cannot have resided or carried out his/her main activity (work, studies, etc.) in the country of the beneficiary for more than 12 months in the last three years prior to the call deadline

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## host organisation

- located in EU member state or Horizon Europe associated country
- Public or private research organisation, university, research centre, international European interest organisation, international organisation, industry, SMEs (any sector)

## European fellowship

- Project realized at a host institution located in EU MS or AC
- Researcher of any nationality
- Duration: 12-24 months



## Global fellowship:

- Large part of the project realized at a non-European institution
- Researcher needs to be a national or long-term resident of a EU MS or AC
- Duration: 24-36 months
  - ✓ 12-24 months out of Europe
  - ✓ + 12 months mandatory reintegration phase in a EU MS or AC





# PROPOSAL STRUCTURE



## **Horizon Europe Programme**

### **Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Postdoctoral Fellowships (HE MSCA PF)**

Application form (Part A)  
Project proposal – Technical description (Part B)

Version 4.0  
7 April 2023



## Funding & tender opportunities

Single Electronic Data Interchange Area (SEDIA)



SEARCH FUNDING & TENDERS

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

PROJECTS & RESULTS

WORK AS AN EXPERT

SUPPORT

### Part A (structured data)

The screenshot shows a proposal form with a table of contents overlay. The overlay lists the following sections: General information, Participants & contacts, Budget (marked with a 'new' badge), Ethics, and Call-specific questions. The background form includes fields for Horizon 2020, Call: MSCA-MSCA, Topic: MSCA-B, Type of action: MSCA, and Proposal title.

### Part B (description of action)



**10 page  
limit**



**Part A** – administrative forms  
are filled *on-line Funding&Tenders*

General Information about the Proposal including Abstract (max. 2 000 characters), Administrative data on participating organisations, Budget, Ethics issues table, Call specific questions



**Part B1** – the proposal (max 10 pages PDF uploaded)

#Excellence  
#Impact  
#Implementation, incl. Gantt Chart

- 10 pages total
- No section page limit
- excess pages will automatically be disregarded



**Part B2** – no page limit, PDF uploaded

#CV of the Researcher  
#Capacities of the Participating Organisations  
#Letter of Commitment of Partner Organisations → GF  
#Ethical aspects

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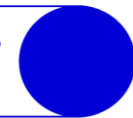


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**EXCELLENCE**

**POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS**



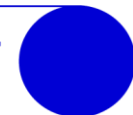
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Quality and pertinence of <b>the project's research and innovation objectives</b> (and the extent to which they are <b>ambitious</b> , and <b>go beyond the state of the art</b> )	Credibility of the measures to enhance the career perspectives and employability of the researcher and contribution to his/her skills development	Quality and effectiveness of the work plan, assessment of risks and appropriateness of the effort assigned to work packages
Soundness of the proposed <b>methodology</b> (including <b>interdisciplinary</b> approaches, consideration of the <b>gender</b> dimension and other diversity aspects if relevant for the research project, and the quality of <b>open science</b> practices)	Suitability and quality of the measures to maximise expected outcomes and impacts, as set out in the dissemination and exploitation plan, including communication activities	Quality and capacity of the host institutions and participating organisations, including hosting arrangements
Quality of the <b>supervision, training</b> and of the <b>two-way transfer of knowledge</b> between the researcher and the host	The magnitude and importance of the project's contribution to the expected scientific, societal and economic impacts	
Quality and appropriateness of the <b>researcher's professional experience, competences and skills</b>		
<b>50%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>20%</b>

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**IMPACT**

**POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS**



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# Impact section of your project - in a nutshell



- **impact on career**
  - enhancement of the career of the postdoctoral fellow
- **dissemination, exploitation and communication activities**
  - of the project and its results
- **impact on the wider scientific field, broader societal and economic implications**
  - how will our knowledge be advanced by this project
  - how can it be relevant to the diverse stakeholder communities, policy-making, industry etc.

## REMEMBER:

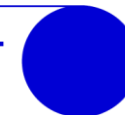
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**IMPLEMENTATION**

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# **SOME GENERAL TIPS**

## **POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS**



IDEA

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SUPERVISOR

Success in the MSCA call for proposals

TIME

SUPPORT

HOST

NCP

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- Start writing **early enough** - you will rewrite your proposal over and over
  - several months before the deadline
- Ensure cooperation with the **supervisor/host institution**
  - you will need a lot of information
- Make a **checklist** with all evaluation criteria
  - respond all of them dilligently
- Use the call-specific Standard application form - available in the Submission System
- Let others (non-experts as well) **read your proposal**
  - they must at least get a clue what your proposal is all about
  - test your proposal with different audiences – colleagues, collaborators, your future supervisor and perhaps some of his colleagues, project office at your host institute
- See if you can get a **proofreading help** from MSCA NCP





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**Najnovejše MSCA informacije:**

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