Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Individual Fellowship in a nutshell

The scheme allows 1-2 years of funding in particular for postdoctoral fellows of any age. It is based on an application made jointly by the researcher (Fellow) and the beneficiary (Host). Support is provided for individual, trans-national fellowships awarded to the best or most promising researchers of any nationality, for employment in EU Member States or Horizon 2020 Associated Countries. Funding is for a.o. salary cost and for the execution of research.

In order to be eligible, researchers (Fellow) must have a doctoral degree or at least four years’ full-time research experience by the time of the call deadline.

Fellowships take the form of European Fellowships or Global Fellowships:

- **European Fellowships** are held in EU Member States or Horizon 2020 Associated Countries and are open to researchers either coming to Europe from any country in the world or moving within Europe. It also promotes support to individuals to resume research in Europe after a career break, e.g. after parental leave or due to recent migration. Researchers seeking to work on research and innovation projects in an organisation from the non-academic sector will be supported as well.

- **Global Fellowships** are based on a secondment to a third country and a mandatory 12 month return period to a European host.

In both cases, the researcher must comply with the rules of mobility that will be explain in the workshop.

The European Commission expects to launch the next call in April 2018. The deadline for applying is **12 September 2018**.

This workshop is for you if...

- you are a supervisor/principal investigator and would like to attract postdoctoral researchers to your team. In this case you can invite the potential fellow, attend together and learn everything about how to write a good proposal;
- you are an eligible researcher from a country other than The Netherlands and would like to pursue your academic career at the RUG;
- You are an eligible researcher currently working at the RUG and want to pursue your academic career at the RUG (as long as you comply with the rules of mobility; In practice: if you have not been at the RUG for longer than one year at the time of the deadline of the call);
- you are an eligible researcher currently working at the RUG and want to pursue your academic career in a different institution outside The Netherlands.
- you are part of the research support staff at the RUG and want to know everything about the MSCA IF and the next call for proposals.

Program

During the **morning** of Tuesday 24th of April (9h-13h):

- An introduction to this funding scheme will be provided by Doris Neumann and Angelica Valente, from the European Commission (Research Executive Agency).
- Anna Goedhart, National Contact Point for Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions in the Netherlands (RVO), will focus on the practical side of the training: How to write an IF proposal.
- Also, Dr. Florian Lippert, Assistant Professor at the RUG, will give us some tips from his experience evaluating MSCA IF proposals and will tell us about the evaluation process.
In the afternoon, there is room for one-to-one consultations, so you will be able to book a time slot to ask us specific questions or discuss any doubts about this funding scheme. Maybe you even have a draft application that you want to discuss.

Contact details
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In your email let us know if you would like to have a one-to-one consultation in the afternoon of 24th of April so we can assign you a time slot. Also mention your faculty and if you would like to apply for yourself or if you are a future supervisor or if you are part of the support staff.

N.B: The workshop will take place in the city centre of Groningen. More details about the venue will come soon.

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