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# Marie Skłodowska-Curie Post Fellowships 2024



**“ YOU CANNOT  
HOPE  
TO BUILD  
A BETTER WORLD  
WITHOUT  
IMPROVING  
THE INDIVIDUALS. ”**



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## *FROM AN EU PERSPECTIVE*

### **The Objective of Postdoctoral Fellowships is to:**

- support researchers' careers and foster excellence in research
- target PhD researchers wishing to conduct research activities abroad, acquire new skills and develop their careers
- aid researchers gain experience: other disciplines + non-academic sectors

### **The European Postdoctoral Fellowships:**

- is open to researchers moving within Europe or coming to Europe
- must take place in an EU Member State or H.E. Europe Associated Country
- is open to researchers of any nationality
- has a project duration between 1-2 years and is 100% funded

### **Placement of up to 6 months:**

- additional support to conduct a placement in the non-academic sector
- based in an EU Member State or Horizon Europe Associated Country
- takes place at the end of the fellowship



## ***FROM A HOST INSTITUTION PERSPECTIVE***

- Institutions benefit from the presence and activities of post fellows (PF). Most importantly, their work supports the overall intellectual strength of the institution.
- Successful PFs help plan and carry out the institution's research programs, build alliances and intellectual bridges to other institutions, raise the reputation of laboratories and departments, mentor graduate students, and increase the inflow of grant support.
- PFs perform duties, such as researching, teaching, organizing conferences, planning seminars, and hosting academic workshops.
- The PF contributes significantly to your organisation and can work on different types of projects.



## ***FROM A POST FELLOW PERSPECTIVE***

- Individuals planning to work in academia, government, or industry can take advantage of postdoctoral training as an opportunity to refine technical skills, develop independence, and focus on research interests. During postdoc research, individuals receive access to excellent facilities and expert mentors to assist them in performing research studies that generate high-quality publications.
- The primary aim of a postdoctoral position in academia is to develop research and academic experience, simultaneously obtaining management skills that prepare PFs for the working world
- Institutions provide PFs with supportive infrastructure and working conditions, appropriate institutional recognition and standing, and mechanisms for advancing their careers and finding subsequent positions.

**The EU provides support to the recruited researcher, over a 2-year period, in the form of:**

- a living allowance (€107K)
- a mobility allowance (€14K)
- if applicable, family, long-term leave and special needs allowances

**Funding is also provided to the host institution for 2 years, for:**

- research, training and networking activities (€24K)
- management and indirect costs (€15K)



Opening date: **10<sup>th</sup> April, 2024**

Closing date: **11<sup>th</sup> September, 2024**

Link to call can be found on the Funding & Tenders Portal:

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-msca-2024-pf-01-01?keywords=msca%20pf&programmePart=>





***Link to expressions of interest:***

<https://www.um.edu.mt/rssd/researchfunding/expressionsofinterest/>

***Awarded proposal:***

<https://www.um.edu.mt/newspoint/news/2023/05/marie-skodowska-curie-post-doctoral>





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## The Research Support Services Directorate:

1. Guides academics and post fellows in writing successful proposals (*strategy on approach*)
2. Assists in sourcing potential PF candidates
3. Assists in sourcing potential host institutions
4. Is rich in resources on proposal writing (style, presentation, tips)
5. In 2023, processed 408 proposals concerning various funding initiatives, of which 72 opted out prior to closing date





