MSCA PF 2023 Call

General aspects

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Timing of the call and budget

**HORIZON-MSCA-2023-PF-01**

- **12 April 2023**: Launch of the call for proposals
- **13 September 2023**: Deadline for applicants to submit proposals
- **13 February 2024**: Notification of applicants if their proposal has been selected
- **13 June 2024**: Grant agreement signature for successful projects
- **TBC**: Coordinator’s Day
- **June 2024 (TBC)**: Projects’ start

**Postdoctoral Fellowships 2023 CALL**

- **Opening**: 12 • 04 • 2023
- **Closing**: 13 • 09 • 2023

**Budget**: €260.47 million

**Potential Start dates**: June 2024 - Sept. 2025
MSCA: a global programme for research career development

- Intersectorial and interdisciplinary mobility
- Strong international dimension
- Excellence bottom-up
- Training soft skills professional development

- Impact for researchers
- Impact for institutions
- Impact for R&I system
MSCA: Relevant terminology

Open to all scientific fields

100% Unit Cost are covered unitarios

+ EURATOM Areas
BENEFICIARIES
Legal entities based in Member States or Associated Countries to Horizon Europe
Receive EU Funds to carry out the project activities (recruiting and supervising researchers, training ... etc.)

ASSOCIATED PARTNERS
Located anywhere in the world
Contribute to the action by hosting secondments in their premises, allowing for scientific/transferible skills training, etc.
Costs, if any, will be taken care by the beneficiary, in the framework of a bilateral agreement, but not charged to the EC
MSCA: Relevant terminology

ACADEMIC SECTOR

• Public or private higher education establishments awarding academic degrees
• Public or private non-profit research organisations
• International European Research Organisations [http://eiroforum.org/]

NON ACADEMIC SECTOR

Any other socio-economic actor not included in the academic sector: SME, companies, NGOs, hospitals, public administration, museums, town halls, etc ...

Participation of the non-academic sector is promoted via “placements” in Europe at the end of the project
MSCA PF 2023: Two implementation modes

**European Fellowships (EF)**
12 – 24 months in Europe

**Global Fellowships (GF)**
12-24 months outside of Europe + 12 months return phase in Europe

✓ The researcher can only apply for one mode
✓ Resubmission restriction: 70% score min. last year (same researcher, same institution)
ERA fellowships and EURATOM projects

**EURATOM**
- Participants (researcher and institution(s)) must be from MS or AC to EURATOM
- Topics specified in the Guide for Applicants
- Open to both modes (EF and GF)
- Indicate “YES” at submission stage
- Proposals evaluated in the corresponding scientific panel

**ERA FELLOWSHIPS**
- Funding of excellent projects not funding by MSCA
- Open to European Fellowships only
- Researchers from any nationality submitting a project with a Widening country
- Indicate “YES” at submission stage
- Researchers will not be MSCA fellows
**MSCA PF 2023: Novelties**

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MSCA PF 2023: How does it work?

**Beneficiary located in MS/AC**
- Receives funds, signs GA, recruits, supervises and trains fellows

**Sectors**
- Academia / Non Academia

**Researchers**
- Research who has the idea
- Supervisor at the institution

**Associated Partner**
- Outgoing Phase of a Global Secondments and Placements

Letters of Commitments compulsory for the Associated Partners of the outgoing pase of the Global Fellowships (GF)
MSCA PF 2023: Eligible researchers

Eligibility of the researcher

- Research Experience
- Nationality
- Mobility rule

All measured at call deadline: 13/09/2023
MSCA PF 2023: Having obtained the PhD and having not more than 8 years of research experience by 13/09/2023

Exceptions can apply

- Maternity leave: 18 months for each child born after the PhD Award date
- Paternity leave: exact duration per child born after the PhD Award date
- Long term sick leave
- Time spent not working in research
- Compulsory national service
- Research in a non-associated Third Country (TC), only for nationals or long term residents of MS/AC wishing to reintegrate in Europe: they must be based in the TC at the call deadline of have directly moved to Europe within the 12 month period immediately prior to the call deadline

How can you calculate this 8 years period?

- [REA Guidelines (MSCA-PF 2023)]
- [REA Self-assessment tool (MSCA-PF 2023)]
MSCA PF 2023: European Fellowships (EF)

- **Open to all nationalities**

- **Mobility rule:** not more than 12/36 months in the country of the beneficiary prior to 13/09/2023

- Researchers awarded a PhD and not more than **8 years** of research experience by 13/09/2023

- Exceptions apply

- Project to be carry out at a **beneficiary in Europe**

- Duration: 12-24 months

- **Secondments** can take place, anywhere in the world

- Possible 6 months extension to carry out a **non-academic placement** in Europe
MSCA PF EF 2023 Ejemplo

JESÚS ROJO
Investigador candidato PF EF
- Investigador español lleva viviendo/investigando en Colombia desde hace 3 años
- Obtuvo su título de Doctor en la República Checa en 2015 (oct)

CRISTINA GOMEZ
Supervisora
- Apoyará al candidato con la propuesta participante como supervisora, siendo la directora de un grupo de Investigación en el BCBL (Centro de Lenguaje y Cognición), entidad beneficiaria España

https://www.bcbl.eu/?lang=es
MSCA PF 2023: Global Fellowships

- **Initial** outgoing phase outside of Europe (to a Third Country for 12-24 months) and a **final** return phase in Europe (12 months) at the beneficiary
- Open to European researchers and long term residents in MS/AC
- Researchers awarded a PhD and not more than 8 years of research experience by 13/09/2023
- Exceptions apply
- **Mobility rule:** not more than 12/36 months in the country of the outgoing phase prior to 13/09/2023
- Duration: 24-36 months
- **Secondments** can take place, anywhere in the world
- Possible 6 months extension to carry out a non-academic placement in Europe

Associated Partner in the Third Country must include a letter of Commitment
JESÚS ROJO
Investigador candidato proyecto Global

- Investigador español
- Obtuvo su doctorado con la UC en España en 2015 (oct)
- Lleva 3 años residiendo en Colombia, donde está contratado trabajando en la Universidad Tecnológico de Bolívar
- Va a pedir un proyecto Global de duración 42 meses, con una entidad beneficiaria en España (BCBL), y una entidad asociada en Brasil (Universidade Brasília): 24 meses BR, 12 meses ES + 6 meses en empresa en ES.
An MSCA Postdoctoral proposal

**Much more than a research project**
- Improvement of research capacities
- Development of complementary skills
- Knowledge Exchange and transfer between researcher, supervisor and institution(s)

**A common approach is needed**
- The best projects are always built together by both parts (researcher and institution)
- Supervisor has an active role in the proposal
- Ensure all expectations are covered and well established
- Be well aware of the project and researcher needs
MSCA PF 2023: secondments and placements

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<th>NON-ACADEMIC PLACEMENT</th>
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<td>Aligned with the research objectives, will enhance the triple I dimension of the project, adding value and impacting in the results</td>
<td>This incentive aims at promoting career moves between sectors and organisations and thereby stimulate innovation and knowledge transfer while expanding career opportunities for researchers.</td>
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| When?           | • EF: Anytime during the project  
• GF: only possible during the outgoing phase (a possible 3 months can be initially spent at the beneficiary in Europe)  
• In both modes, secondments can be divided into several periods | Part of the proposal that takes place at the end of the standard EF/PF duration                                                        |
| Where?          | Anywhere in the world, in any sector                                                                                                         | In Europe, in the non-academic sector                                                  |
| Timing          | • EF: Up to 1/3 of the total standard duration  
• GF: Up to 1/3 of the outgoing phase duration                                                                 | Up to 6 months                                                                         |

✓ In both cases, the supervisor is key  
✓ Different from “short stays” or “field work”  
✓ Have to be described in Part B, **no letter of commitment is needed**
### MSCA PF 2023: projects funding

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<th>Researchers costs (person/month)</th>
<th>Institutional costs (P/M)</th>
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<td>Living allowance*</td>
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<td>UNIT COSTS</td>
<td>5.080</td>
<td>600</td>
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<td>PF – EF in Spain</td>
<td>4.638,04</td>
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<td>PF 24 months</td>
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<td>TOTAL PF 2 years</td>
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### RESEARCHER COSTS
- *CCC: country coefficient correction (91,3 ES)
- All deductions apply (employer and employee)
- Possible family situation during the project will be taken into account
- Long-term leave allowance requested if needed
- Disability allowance requested if needed

### INSTITUTIONAL COSTS
Research, training and networking costs: lab material, secondments costs, participation and organization of events, etc.
MSCA PF 2023: Proposal structure

Part A
Administrative

Part B
Technical

B1 (10 pages)

Sections
• Excellence
• Impact
• Implementation

B2
• CV of the researcher
• Institutional Info
• Ethical aspects
• Security screening
• Letter of commitment (if applicable)
MSCA PF 2023: General evaluation aspects

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<td>Implementación</td>
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### MSCA PF 2023 Evaluation Criteria

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<td>Quality and pertinence of the project’s research and innovation objectives (and the extent to which they are ambitious, and go beyond the state of the art)</td>
<td>Credibility of the measures to enhance the career perspectives and employability of the researcher and contribution to his/her skills development</td>
<td>Quality and effectiveness of the work plan, assessment of risks and appropriateness of the effort assigned to work packages</td>
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<td><strong>Soundness of the proposed methodology</strong> (including interdisciplinary approaches, consideration of the gender dimension and other diversity aspects if relevant for the research project, and the quality of open science practices)</td>
<td>Suitability and quality of the measures to maximise expected outcomes and impacts, as set out in the dissemination and exploitation plan, including communication activities</td>
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<td>Quality of the supervision, training and of the two-way transfer of knowledge between the researcher and the host</td>
<td>The magnitude and importance of the project’s contribution to the expected scientific, societal and economic impacts</td>
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<td>Quality and appropriateness of the researcher’s professional experience, competences and skills</td>
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<th>50%</th>
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MSCA PF 2022 Call: some data

**7 044 proposals received**
- 6334 European Fellowships
- 710 Global Fellowships

Comparison to 2021 Call:

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<td>Difference</td>
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*As presented at PC meeting of 10 October 2022  
**PF-2022 New resubmission restriction rule introduced
MSCA PF 2022 Call: some data

### Proposals retained for funding - EF

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<td>ECO</td>
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<td>ENG</td>
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<td>ENV</td>
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<td>LIF</td>
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<td>MAT</td>
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<td>PHY</td>
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![Graph showing the number of proposals and success rates for different panels.](graph.png)
MSCA PF 2022 Call: some data

Proposals retained for funding - GF

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<td>21,95%</td>
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<td>21,18%</td>
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Submission per country - MS (vs PF 2021) *
MSCA PF 2022 Call: some data

Scientific Age of Researchers & Success Rate
MSCA PF 2022 Call: some data

Non-academic Placement (per type of action & panel)

410 proposals requested a non-academic placement (5.8% of total eligible proposals)

- 365 European Fellowships
- 45 Global Fellowships

![Graphs showing non-academic placements by type of action and panel]
MSCA PF 2022 Call: conclusions

- **Panel with the highest number of retained proposals**: SOC (24.5%)
- SOC and LIF panels - almost half of all funded proposals (45.8%), followed by ENG and CHE (~14%).
- **Differences across types of action**: 
  - For **EF**, SOC and LIF - similar numbers in terms of funded proposals (22.14%)
  - For **GF**, SOC - the biggest ranking list (42.2%), followed by LIF and ENG/ENV, (14.7% and 12.6%).
- Funded proposals including **NAPs**: 52 proposals (42 in EF, 10 in GF)
  - Success rates for funded proposals that include NAPs: **EF**: 18.8% & **GF**: 24.4%
- **Most successful host countries** (ratio of funded/submitted proposals): AT (24.6%), DK (24.6%), NL (24%), IL (21.4%), LV (20%)
- **Top 5 nationalities of researchers** for funded proposals: IT (185), ES (126), CN (116), IN (93), FR (71)
- **Top 5 countries for outgoing phase** of funded GF: US (85), CH (16), CA (11), AU (8), JP (4)
Y ahora...
Portal Funding and Tender Opportunities (FTOP)

- Portal where all EU calls are published
- Official documentation for MSCA Call

https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/home
Official documentation: EC and REA

Horizon Europe MSCA - How to apply

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What happens next

Research Executive Agency (REA)

MSCA European Commission
• Service provided by the European Commission with information of all funded projects
• Special emphasis on project results: publications, data, websites ... Have a look to consult the state of the art of certain fields
• **Find a project (keywords, programmes, thematic areas)**
• Find out what institutions are already participating in which areas ... [https://cordis.europa.eu/](https://cordis.europa.eu/)
Proyecto MSCA-NET

• European project that fosters the improvement of NCP skills and expertise in order to provide MSCA applicants with a better support

• Include informative sessions worldwide

• Publication of support guidelines

https://twitter.com/MSCANetwork
MSCA-Net: Expressssions of Interest and Matchmaking Platform

Available Openings - MSCA-NET

https://msca.b2match.io/
EURAXESS

Pan-european initiative that supports mobility and research career development

EURAXESS Hosting Offers
Convocatoria MSCA PF 2023- Proyectos Posdoctorales

Seminarios de difusión y apoyo a preparación propuestas

25/04/2023: sesión informativa nacional online sobre aspectos generales
09/05/2023: sesión informativa nacional online sobre envío y aspectos presupuestarios
22/05/2023: sesión informativa nacional online sobre aspectos prácticos
13/06/2023: café con tu NCP (sesión dirigida a personal de gestión y supervisión)

• Documentation
• Videos
• Compiling of support material
• Links to official documents
Nothing in life is to be feared, it is only to be understood. Now is the time to understand more, so that we may fear less.

¡Gracias por vuestra atención!

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