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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 should comprise at least three participants (e.g. universities, research centres, companies, SMEs) proposing a coherent research training programme. However, in certain cases single or twinning host organisations may also be eligible.

### **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 two-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:

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## **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?**

Researchers from 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?**

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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 their training within a Marie Curie Action under the 6th or the 7th Framework programme. The duration of the grants is between 2 and 3 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 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 to the project costs, e.g. salary costs of the researcher or other staff employed for the project, travel cost, consumables, patent or publication costs etc. The grant amounts to €15000 per year during the period of reintegration.



### **How to apply?**

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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 and national programmes to open up and provide for transnational mobility, as well as to reinforce international programmes.

### **Who can apply?**

Public or private 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?**

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

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## **INDUSTRY-ACADEMIA PARTNERSHIPS AND PATHWAYS (IAPP)**

### **What are Marie Curie Industry-Academia Partnerships and Pathways?**

Partnerships between public and private research organisations, (including universities, SMEs, manufacturing industries), based on a common research project and aiming to increase skills exchange between the two sectors.

### **Who can apply?**

At least one organisation from each sector. At least two different Member States or Associated Countries of which one must be from the EU27.

### **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 the 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 a Member State or Associated Country.

### **Who can apply?**

Researchers from a 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 a MS or AS 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-operations between Europe and third countries.

### **Who can apply?**

Researchers from third countries in possession of a doctoral degree and 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 organisation that will host her/him in a 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 to the project costs and amounts to €25000 per year during the period of reintegration.

### **How to apply?**

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

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## RESEARCHERS' NIGHT (NIGHT)

### What are Researchers' nights?

The Researchers' nights are intended to mainly contribute to the bringing closer to one another large public and researchers. They take place on the fourth Friday of September and allow the large public to get directly in touch with research and researchers through activities such as hands-on experiments, "be scientists" for a day", scientific demonstrations and animations...in a festive and relaxed atmosphere.

### Who can apply?

Any legal person established in a Member State or Associated Country likely to mobilise the national/regional research community and able to organise events expected to mobilise a large audience gathering all population groups.

### 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 at determined deadlines and successively evaluated by external independent experts and selected for funding against a series of predetermined criteria. Selected proposals are financially supported for the duration of the project.

### What does the funding cover?

Within the limits of the available budget, the funding is likely to cover all the expenses linked to the organisation of the event, from the preparatory actions (awareness campaign) to the measures aimed at assessing the impact on the audience.



### How to apply?

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

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## **MARIE CURIE AWARDS (AWARDS)**

### **What is a Marie Curie Award?**

A Prize awarded to a researcher who has reached outstanding research results in any scientific field.

### **Who can apply?**

Individual researchers of all nationalities, who have benefited for at least 12 months from a Marie Curie fellowship or a similar mobility fellowship from the European Community, can apply themselves or be proposed by a third party.

### **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?**

Eligible proposals are evaluated by a panel of independent experts on criterion 1 "Researcher". The 10 to 15 best proposals are then reviewed on criterion 2 "Impact" by a Grand Jury, who proposes up to 5 Prize Holders to the Commission.

### **What is the profile of a Prize Holder?**

The Prize Holder is a scientist of any nationality who has achieved a degree of excellence that deserves public recognition.

### **How much funding is foreseen for the Award?**

Up to five Prizes of € 50.000 each will be awarded each year.

### **How can the Prize money be used?**

There are no restrictions on its usage.

### **What will be expected from the Prize Holder?**

The Prize Holder will be expected to participate in public events, which promote the European research careers, and contribute to a better understanding of science by the broad public.

### **How to apply?**

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

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