



Marie Curie Individual Actions General Information and Tips for a Successful Application

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„Finishing touch“ for your proposal
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Marie Curie Individual Fellowships

- **Intra-European Fellowships**
for Career Development (IEF):
Research stay within Europe
- **International Outgoing Fellowships**
for Career Development (IOF):
Research stay outside of Europe with return phase
- **International Incoming Fellowships (IIF):**
Research stay in Europe

Intra-European Fellowships for Career Development (IEF)

- Career development in order to reach a leading independent research position
- Widening scientific competences
- Acquisition of complementary skills
e.g. proposal preparation, patent applications,
project management, task coordination, technical
staff supervision

International Outgoing Fellowships for Career Development (IOF)

- Career development in order to reach a leading independent research position
- Establishing international networks/ co-operations
- Widening scientific competences
- Acquisition of complementary skills
e.g. proposal preparation, patent applications, project management, task coordination, technical staff supervision

International Incoming Fellowships (IIF)

- Knowledge transfer to Europe
- Experienced researchers coming from a third country
- Establishment of long-term collaborations between Europe and third countries

FP7 calls of proposals 2007-2013

		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
IEF	Budget (€ million)	72	75	95	95	110	120	134
	Evaluated/funded applications	1.672/ 423	1.738/ 463	2.398/ 575	2.832/ 504	3.302/ 600	3.708/ 614	
	Success rate	25%	27%	24%	18%	18%	17%	
IOF	Budget (€ million)	24	25	28	28	40	40	45
	Evaluated/funded applications	332/ 100	441/ 110	595/ 120	730/ 120	856/ 164	955/ 157	
	Success rate	30%	25%	20%	16%	19%	16%	
IIF	Budget (€ million)	24	25	28	28	40	40	45
	Evaluated/funded applications	532/ 131	661/ 140	1.044/ 154	1.160/ 137	1.290/ 204	1.447/ 193	
	Success rate	23%	21%	15%	12%	16%	13%	

IxF financing regime

Cost Category	Amount	Purpose
1 “Monthly living allowance” !	58.500 €/year* (< 10 years experience) 87.500 €/year* (> 10 years experience)	Basic salary for living expenses
2 “Monthly mobility allowance” !	700 €/month* “single” 1.000 €/month* “family”	Amount to cover the expenses related to mobility (moving, trips home) for researcher and family
3 “Contribution to training, research + transfer of knowledge”	800 €/month	Training (workshops, conferences), consumables, knowledge transfer
5 “Overheads”	700 €/month*	Rent, electricity, water

* Multiplied by the **country correction coefficient** (2013: D 94,8, UK 134,4, USA 101,3, ...)

! Salary costs = gross amounts of your **employer** (difference to gross amounts of employee!)

Application background

- **Deadline:** 14th August 2013 at 17:00 h
Brussels local time
- Information and documents can be found on the European Commission's "**Participant portal**"
 - Work Programme 2013
 - Guides for Applicants (Common, Specific, Ethics)
- "**Research Executive Agency**" (REA)
implements all Marie Curie actions
on behalf of the European Commission

Application procedure

- Proposals have to be electronically submitted using the “**Electronic Submission Service**” (access via “**Participant portal**”)
- **Proposal**
 - Part A: Administrative forms
 - Part B: Proposal text
- Nomination of 3 **referees** possible

Part B: Proposal text

Proposal text	max. 27 pages
B1 Scientific and Technological Quality e.g. research objectives, methodology, ...	max. 8 pages
B2 Training (IEF+ IOF) e.g. training objectives, scientific + soft skills training, ... Transfer of Knowledge (IIF) e.g. transfer of knowledge objectives, mutual benefit, ...	max. 2 pages
B3 Researcher e.g. experiences, independent thinking, ...	max. 7 pages
B4 Implementation e.g. infrastructures of host, management, ...	max. 6 pages
B5 Impact e.g. contribution to career development, ...	max. 4 pages
B6 Ethical Issues	unlimited

Proposal Writing Tips: Formalities

- Proposal in English
- Stick to the guidelines!
Structure and contents, page limits,
no annexes, font size, ...
- Readability: use figures (b/w), emphasise by formatting,
separate sections, use footnotes sparingly, ...
- Mark resubmissions as such
 - in the A1 form
 - in Part B (at the beginning): Briefly mention the main weaknesses of the previous version and the improvements made



Proposal Writing Tips: Contents -1-

- All parts of the proposal are important to be successful
- Be as precise and concrete as possible
- Project should be innovative, but realistic
- Goals, methodology, and work plan clear and consistent
- Inter- and multidisciplinary
- Be aware of risks and describe alternatives
- Stay in close contact with the host organisation

Proposal Writing Tips: Contents -2-

- Adjust the training to your individual needs
- Supervision of students and early-stage researchers welcome
- Publications in international journals, first authorship, experience in teaching and project work a plus
- Clearly describe your independence and potential
- Prepare a clear work plan: work packages, time schedule, milestones, deliveries (⇒ Gantt-Chart)
- Describe the infrastructure available at the host institution, its international collaborations and experience in training

Evaluation

- Peer review: at least three independent experts per proposal
- Assessment against the defined evaluation criteria (B1-B5)
- ⇒ **“Evaluation Summary Report”** (ESR) with strengths and weaknesses of the proposal in bullet points
- Evaluation scores will be given for each of the five criteria B1 to B5 (and not for the sub-criteria)
- Scores between 0 and 5 with resolution of one decimal place (0 fails the criterion, 1 poor, 2 fair, 3 good, 4 very good, 5 excellent)

Calculation the overall score

IxF: Evaluation criteria, score, threshold, weighting

	Score	Threshold	Weighting
B1	0-5	3	25
B2	0-5	3	15
B3	0-5	4	25
B4	0-5	Not applicable	15
B5	0-5	3.5	20

Overall threshold: 70

Best overall score: 100

In 2012 required score for funding

2012	CAR	CHE	ECO	ENG	ENV	LIF	MAT	PHY	SOC
IEF	90,3	90,5	85,5	89,0	90,0	90,1	88,8	89,1	91,7
IOF	-	91,4	90,5	89,8	90,7	91,3	93,0	90,2	91,7
IIF	-	91,0	90,0	89,5	90,1	91,1	89,6	88,4	93,1

Example 1

	Score	Threshold	Weighting	Result
B1	4,4	3	25	110
B2	4,7	3	20	94
B3	5	4	15	75
B4	4,8	na	20	96
B5	4,5	3,5	20	90
Sum			100	465
Overall score (= weighted average: total result/5)				93

Example 2

	Score	Threshold	Weighting	Result
B1	3,8	3	25	95
B2	4,3	3	20	86
B3	3,8	4	15	fail
B4	4,8	na	20	96
B5	4,2	3,5	20	84
Sum			100	361
Overall score (= weighted average: total result/5)				72,2

Example 3

	Score	Threshold	Weighting	Result
B1	4,1	3	25	102,5
B2	4,0	3	20	80
B3	4,3	4	15	64,5
B4	4,4	na	20	88
B5	4,2	3,5	20	84
Sum			100	419
Overall score (= weighted average: total result/5)				83,8

Towards funding

- Ranking for each panel ordered by overall score
- Results of the evaluation will be made available on the call page shortly after the ESRs are sent to coordinators
- Invitation to successful coordinators to launch grant agreement negotiations with the REA
- “Grant agreement” (core text plus annexes): written contract between the EU and the host organisation about the funding conditions

Timetable

30 September – 25 October 2013	Evaluation of proposals
End of November 2013	Evaluation Summary Reports sent to proposal coordinators
December 2013	Letter to successful coordinators
December 2013	Preliminary Evaluation Results List on call page of the Participant Portal: A: funding, B: reserve list, C: no funding because of budgetary reasons, D: failing one or more thresholds
From December 2013	Letter to unsuccessful applicants
From February 2014	Signature of first grant agreements
In spring 2014	Possible invitation to applicants of the B-list

Individual Marie Skłodowska Curie Fellowships (IF) in HORIZON 2020

Informal information!

- **European Fellowships (EF)** – *former IEF + IIF*
 - 12 to 24 months research stay in Europe
 - experienced researchers of any nationality
- **Global Fellowships (GF)** – *former IOF*
 - 12 to 24 months research stay outside of Europe with return phase (12 months)
 - nationals or long-term residents (> 3 years in Europe) of member states and associated countries
- **Reintegration Fellowships (RF)** – *replacement of CIG + RG*
 - 12 to 24 months reintegration in Europe after a stay in a third country
 - experienced researchers of any nationality

Individual Marie S. Curie Fellowships

Eligibility criteria

Informal information!

- Bottom-up approach
 - ⇒ no pre-defined topics
- Experienced researchers
 - doctoral degree or
 - more than 4 years of full-time research experience after graduation
 - ⇒ at the time of the relevant deadline
- Mobility rule
 - ⇒ not more than 12 months in the last 3 years in the host country

Expected Deadline

- December 2013 – 10th April 2014

Further Information



- **Participant Portal**
Point for electronic administration of EU-funded research and innovation projects
<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal>
- **European Commission's Marie Curie pages**
What are the Marie Curie actions? Which actions are suited to me? How to apply? When to apply? Where is my application? How to manage my project? Help? Your questions answered
<http://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/>
- **EURAXESS Germany – Researchers in Motion**
Information and assistance to mobile researchers
www.euraxess.de

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