

EU Grants and Fellowships for Post-docs



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- Information about contents of programs, funding schemes and application procedures
- Analysis of your project idea – find the right funding scheme
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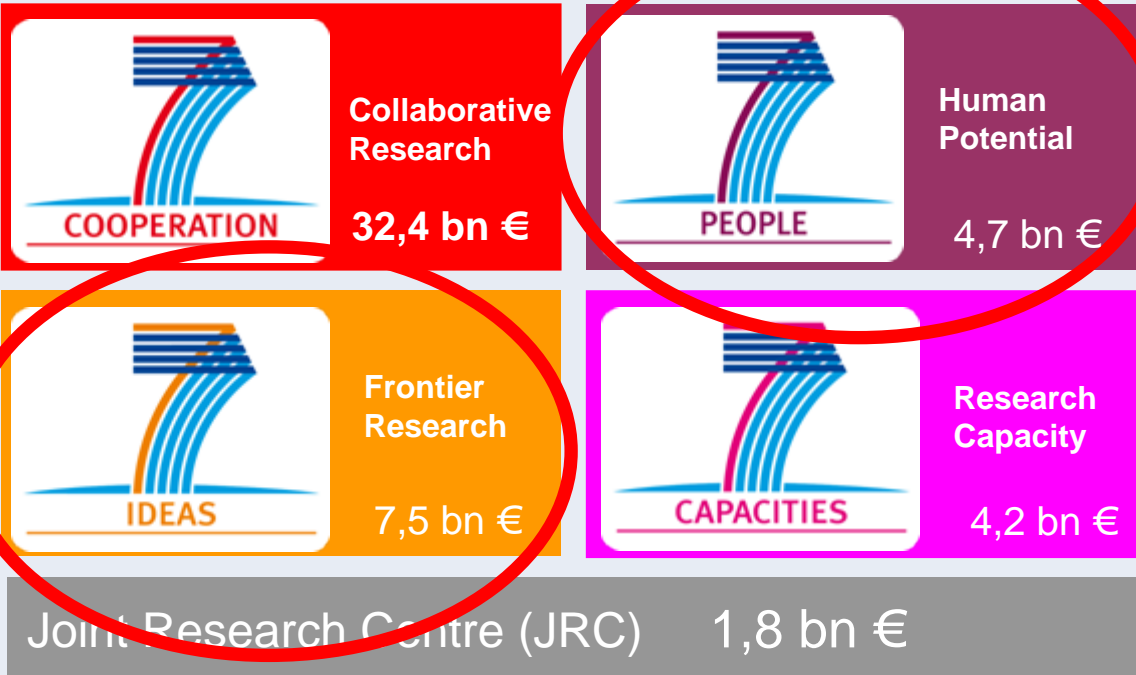
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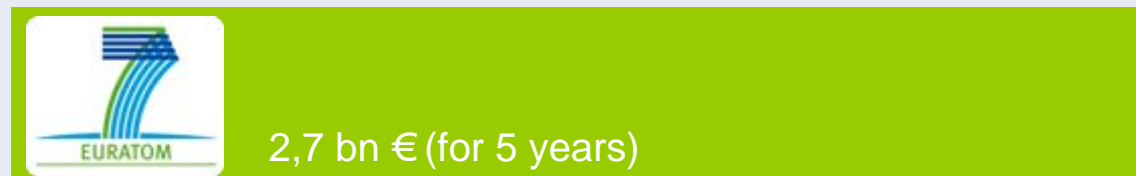


EC Framework programme

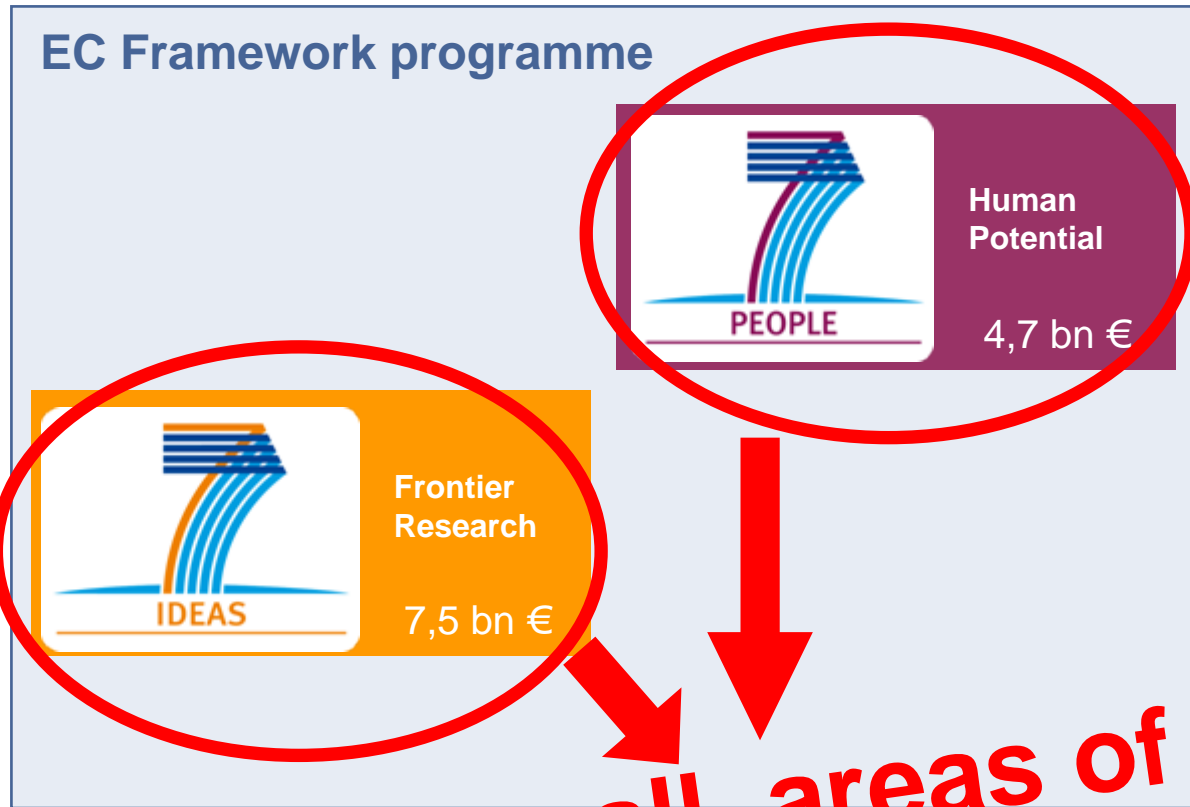


Total
53,3 bn €

EURATOM Framework programme



Grants and fellowships in FP7 Specific Programmes



**open to all areas of
research („bottom up“)**

Grants and Fellowships Specific Programme PEOPLE



Specific Programme PEOPLE = Marie Curie Actions





Overall strategic objective:
Make Europe more attractive for researchers.

„[The specific programme PEOPLE] aims to strengthen, quantitatively and qualitatively, the human potential in research and technology in Europe, by stimulating people to take up the profession of a researcher, encouraging European researchers to stay in Europe, and attracting to Europe the best researchers from the entire world.“

(PEOPLE work programme 2009, p. 3)



Early-stage researchers:

- are in the first four years (FTE) of their research careers (starting at the date of obtaining a degree which would formally entitle them to embark on a doctorate)

Experienced researchers:

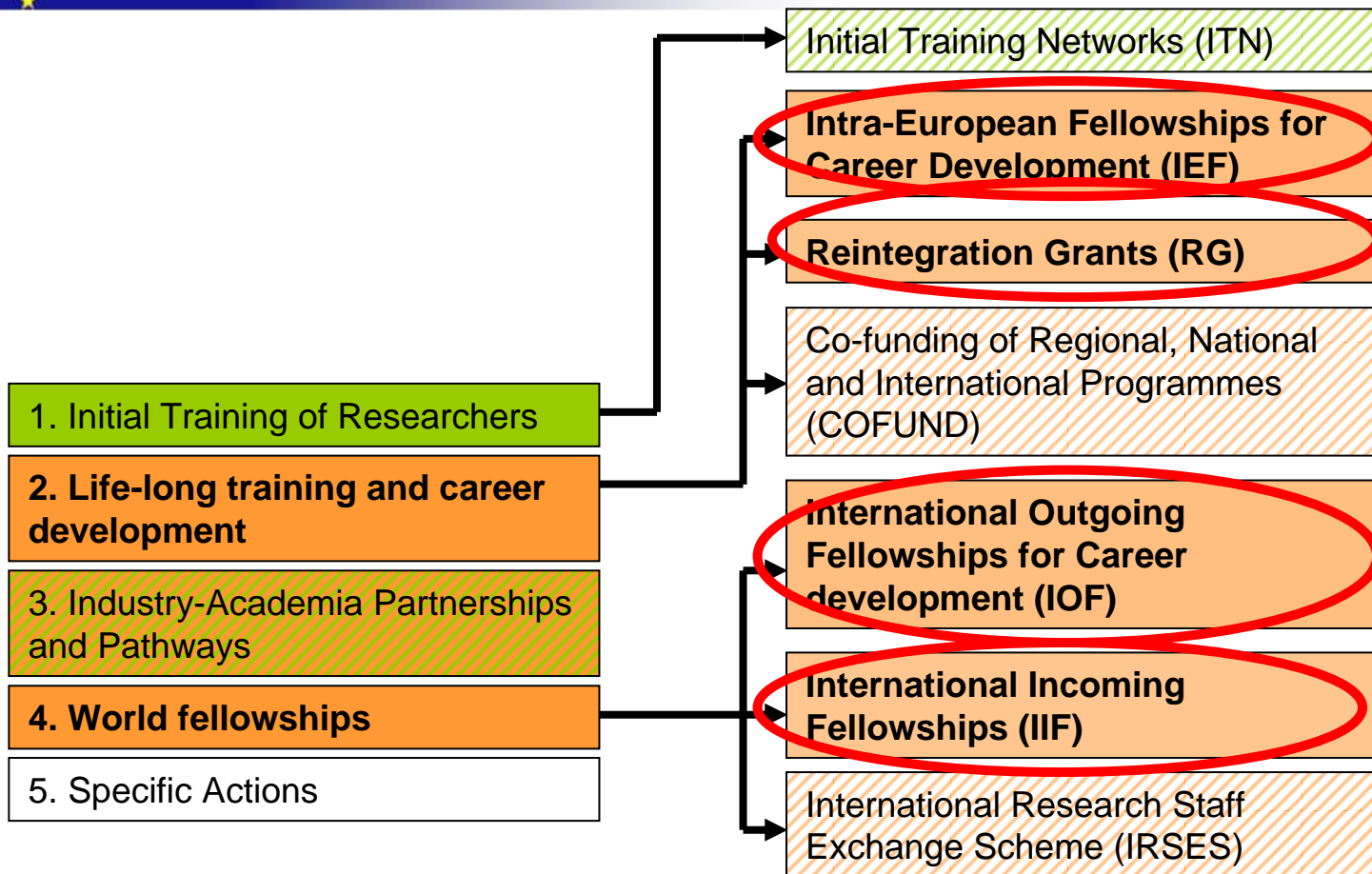
- are in possession of a doctoral degree, independently of the time taken to acquire it

OR

- have at least four years (FTE) research experience



„At the time of the relevant deadline for submission of proposals, [...] researchers **must not have resided or carried out their main activity** (work , studies, etc) **in the country of their host organisation for more than 12 months** such as EMBL in Heidelberg **immediately prior to the reference date**. Short stays, such as holidays, are not taken into account. As far as international **European interest organisations** or international organisations are concerned, this rule does not apply to the hosting of eligible researchers, however the appointed researcher must not have spent more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately prior to the reference deadline for submission of proposals [...], in the same appointing organisation.“



= proposal submitted by one or several organisations („host-driven actions“)



= proposal submitted by an individual researcher in conjunction with the host organisation („researcher-driven actions“)

Individual grants and fellowships



What is my research experience (according to FP7 definition)?

I'm in the first four years of research experience

„Early-stage researcher“

I'm holding a PhD or I have at least four years of research experience

„Experienced researcher“

I'm from a MS* or AS**

I'm from a third country***

I have carried out research in a third country for at least 3 years

I'm currently benefiting or I have recently benefited from a Marie Curie Action in FP6 or FP7

I'm currently working in a MS/AS and I would like to work in a third country

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International Reintegration Grant (IRG)
2-4 years

European Reintegration Grant (ERG)
2-3 years

International Outgoing Fellowship (IOF)
1-2 years+1 year reintegration phase in MS/AS

Intra-European Fellowship (IEF)
1-2 years

International Incoming Fellowships (IIF)
1-2 years+ 1 year reintegration phase if ICPC****

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*EU Member State

**Associated countries to FP7 (Croatia, FYR Macedonia, Iceland, Israel, Liechtenstein, Norway, Serbia, Switzerland, Turkey, Albania and Montenegro)

***countries which are neither EU Member States nor Associated countries

**** International Cooperation Partner Countries (cf. PEOPLE work programme, Annex 1)



- Objective: new research competences and contact network acquired in a third country help advance the research career in Europe towards professional maturity and independence
- 1-2 years research stay in third country and mandatory reintegration phase in MS or AS of 1 year
- Individual applies together with the host institution (return host)
- the research project should be coherent for the total duration of the fellowship (outgoing and reintegration phase)

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- Objective: career development through competence diversification to reach and/or to reinforce a position of professional maturity/independence or to resume a research career after a break
- 1-2 years research stay in another MS or AS
- Individual applies together with the host institution
- the research project should help to significantly advance the career and should not represent a temporary solution

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- Objective: encourage researchers who have been working in third countries to work in research projects in Europe, with the view to sharing knowledge and developing mutually beneficial research cooperations
- Individual applies together with the host institution
- possible return phase for researchers from ICPC countries: support for the application of the acquired knowledge in the country of origin



1. Monthly living allowance * country correction coefficient
2. Monthly mobility allowance * country correction coefficient
3. Travel allowance
4. Career exploratory allowance
5. Contribution to the participation expenses of eligible researchers
6. (Management activities + overheads) * country correction coefficient



Intra-European Fellowship (IEF),
International Incoming Fellowship (IIF),
International Outgoing Fellowship (IOF)

Calls are published yearly

Publication of next call: 18 March 2009

Deadline: **18 August 2009, 17:00:00 Brussels time**

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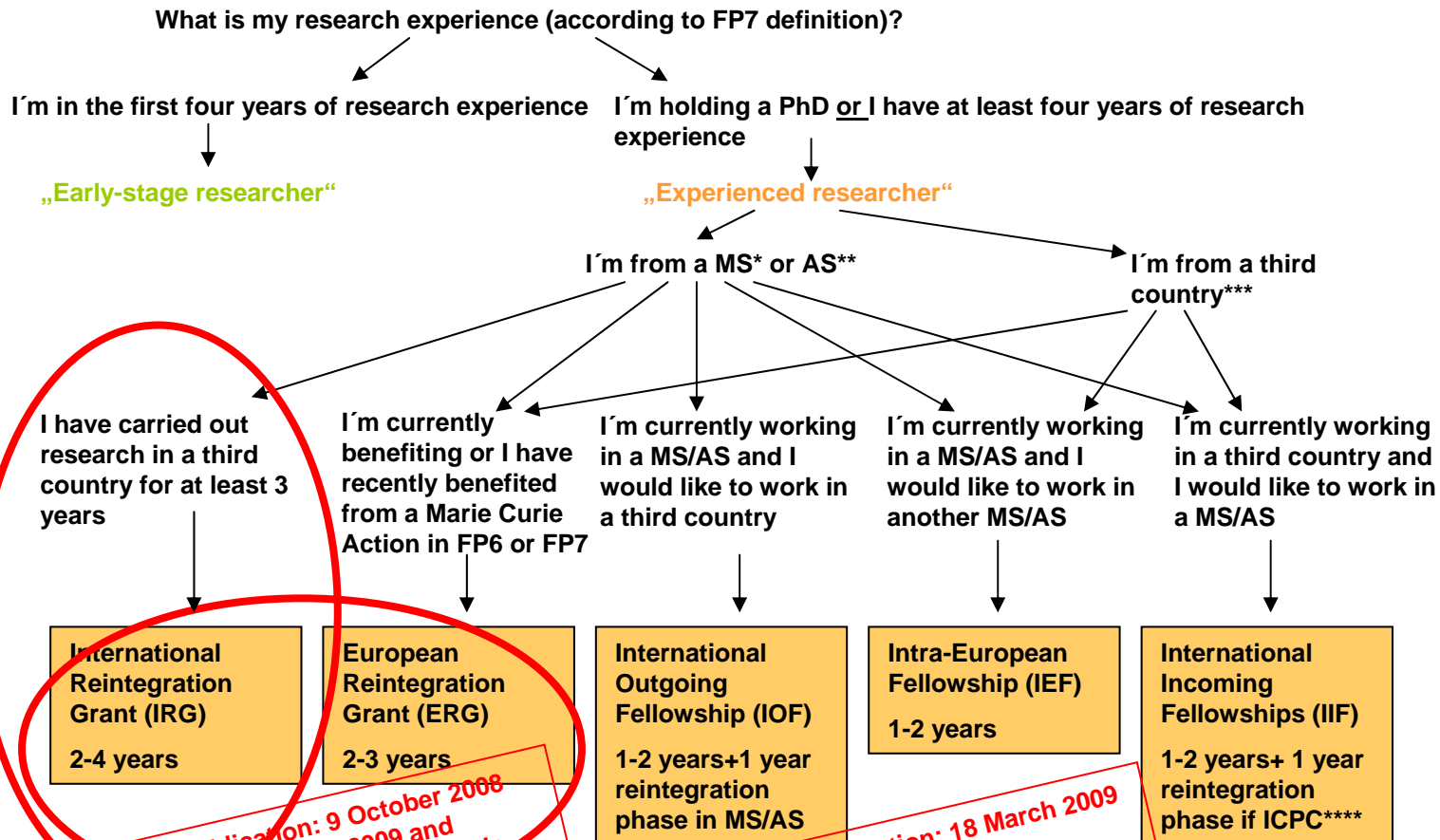
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- Objective: (re)integration into a research career after a trans-national mobility experience; long-term employment in research
- duration of initial Marie Curie Action*: at least 18 months
- apply at the earliest 1 year before and not later than 6 months after the end of the initial Marie Curie Action; project must start at the latest 12 months after the end of the initial fellowship
- funding: fixed-amount contribution to the employment and/or research costs of 15.000 EUR/year

*eligible Marie Curie Actions: **FP6**: RTN, EST, ToK, EIF; **FP7**: ITN, IEF, IAPP

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- Objective: encourage European researchers to reintegrate into a research career in Europe (including home country), reinforce cooperation with third countries
- Individual applies together with the host institution
- funding: fixed-amount contribution to the employment and/or research costs of 25.000 EUR/year



European Reintegration Grant (ERG)
International Reintegration Grant (IRG)

Calls are published yearly

Closure dates: **2 April 2009, 17:00:00 Brussels time**
+ 8 October 2009, 17:00:00 Brussels time

B1 SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL QUALITY (maximum 8 pages)

Scientific and technological Quality, including any interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary aspects of the proposal

Outline the research objectives against the background of the state of the art, and the results hoped for. Give a clear description of the state-of-the-art of the research topic. Describe the scientific, technological or socio-economic reasons for carrying out further research in the field covered by the project. If relevant, provide information on interdisciplinary / multidisciplinary and/or inter-sectorial aspects of the proposal.

Research methodology

For each objective explain the methodological approach that will be employed in the project and justify it in relation to the overall project objectives. When any novel methods or techniques are proposed, explain their advantages and disadvantages.

Originality and innovative nature of the project, and relationship to the 'state of the art' of research in the field

Explain the contribution that the project is expected to make to advance the state-of-the-art within the project field. Describe any novel concepts, approaches or methods that will be employed.

Timeliness and relevance of the project

Describe the appropriateness of the research proposed against the state of the art and outline the benefit that will be gained from undertaking the project at Community level and how the fellowship will contribute to enhance EU scientific excellence and reintegrate the researcher.

Host scientific expertise in the field

The host institution must explain its level of experience on the research topic proposed and document its track record of work, including all international collaborations. Information provided should include participation in projects, publications, patents and any other relevant results. Similar information should be provided for the *scientist in charge* of the supervision of the project. Where relevant, show that any gender issues associated to the proposal have been adequately taken into account.

Quality of the group/supervisors

The host institution must demonstrate its track record of previous training achievements especially at an advanced level within the field of research.

B2 TRAINING (maximum 2 pages)

Clarity and quality of the research training objectives for the researcher

Explain in detail which will be the training objectives of the proposal and how these can be beneficial for the development of an independent research career.

Relevance and quality of additional scientific training as well as of complementary skills offered

How will the training provided contribute to adding different/complementary scientific competencies to the career of the fellow. Outline complementary training and skills expected during the execution of the project (such as research management, presentation skills, ethics, etc.).

Host expertise in training *experienced researchers* in the field and capacity to provide mentoring/tutoring

Give a short outline of the host's expertise in mentoring/tutoring researchers

B3 RESEARCHER (maximum 7 pages which includes a CV and a list of main achievements)

Research experience

The applicant must present a comprehensive description of his/her research experience.

A scientific/professional CV must be provided and should mention explicitly:

- academic achievements
- list of other professional activities
- any other relevant information

Research results

Outline the major achievements of the researcher. These may also include results in the form of funded projects, publications, patents, reports, invited participation in conferences etc., taking into account the level of experience. To help the expert evaluators better understand the level of skills and experience it is advisable to write a short description (250 words) of maximum three of the major accomplishments mentioning the purpose, results, skills acquired, derived applications etc.

Independent thinking and leadership qualities

Describe the activities that reflect initiative, independent thinking, project management skills and leadership since these are qualities that will be taken into account in the evaluation. Outline the potential for future development of the applicant.

Match between the fellow's profile and project

Show that the applicant's skills and experience are suitable for the project proposed.

Potential for reaching a position of professional maturity

Describe which measures are foreseen to help the researcher to reach professional maturity.

Potential to acquire new knowledge

Describe the researcher's ability to acquire new knowledge and skills.

B4 IMPLEMENTATION (maximum 6 pages)

Quality of infrastructures/facilities and international collaborations of host

The host institution needs to specify the available infrastructures and whether these can respond to the needs set by the execution of the project. The host institution should further demonstrate its participation in international collaborations

Practical arrangements for the implementation and management of the project

The applicant and the host institution must be able to provide information on how the implementation and management of the fellowship will be achieved. The experts will be examining the practical arrangements that can have an impact on the feasibility and credibility of the project.

Feasibility and credibility of the project, including work plan

Provide a work plan that includes the goals that can help assess the progress of the project. Where appropriate, describe the approach to be taken regarding the intellectual property that may arise from the research project.

Practical and administrative arrangements and support for the hosting of the fellow

Describe what practical arrangements are in place to host a researcher coming from another country. What support will be given to him/her to settle into their new host country (in terms of



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- criteria depend on the funding scheme and are linked to its objectives

- scores: 0 (fails) – 5 (excellent)

IEF criteria and their weightings + thresholds:

- **S & T quality**: weighting: 25%, threshold: 3

- **Training**: weighting: 15%, threshold: 3

- **Researcher**: weighting: 25%, threshold: 4

- **Implementation**: weighting: 15%

- **Impact**: weighting: 20%



Evaluation Summary Report (IEF)

EVALUATION SUMMARY REPORT			
Proposal Nr :		Acronym :	
Scientist in Charge Name :			
Instrument :	FP7-PEOPLE-IEF-2008	Scientific Panel:	
Title :			
Overall score (Threshold : 70)			83.2
Has the proposal passed all numerical thresholds?			Yes
			Mark (out of 5)
1. Scientific quality of the project (Weight 25/ Threshold 3)			4.3
Strong points:			
Weak points:			
2. Training activities (Weight 15 / Threshold 3)			3.9
3. Quality of the researcher (Weight 25 / Threshold 4)			



Publication of call: 19 March 2008

Deadline: 19 August 2008

Evaluation of proposals: 6-24 October 2008

Evaluation summary report (ESR) sent to proposal coordinators („initial information letter“): end of November 2008

⇒ check <http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm>

Invitation letter to successful coordinators: around 19 December

Contract negotiations („NEF“): January 2009

Earliest start of projects: 1 March 2009



CORDIS: FP7: Find a Call - Mozilla Firefox

http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.PeopleDetailsCallPage&call_id=118

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FP7 Calls Cooperation Ideas People Capacities Euratom

PEOPLE Calls: FP7-PEOPLE-IEF-2008

This Call has closed

Marie Curie Intra-European Fellowships for Career Development (IEF)

Identifier: FP7-PEOPLE-IEF-2008
Publication Date: 19 March 2008
Budget: € 75 000 000
Deadline: 19 August 2008 at 17:00:00 (Brussels local time)
OJ Reference: OJ C074 of 20 March 2008
Specific Programme(s): People
Theme: PEOPLE
Additional Information:

- In the "Additional Documents" section, please see Flash information on the **Evaluation Results**

Information Package Key documents required for the preparation of your proposal.

Electronic Proposal Submission Service (EPSS) Instructions on the submission of your proposal through the EPSS

Additional Documents Useful documents on the call and on FP7 in general.

Choose which documents you would like to download or receive by e-mail.

You can select all documents in the Additional Documents at the top of this section. All documents are available in English. Some documents are also available in other languages.

- ☐ Contract Negotiation Progress 2008: Priority List (Results A)
- ☐ Contract Negotiation Progress 2008: Reserve List (Results B)
- ☐ Preliminary Results - (8/12/2008)
- ☐ Evaluation results - (28/11/2008)

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mid-February 2009: gives you information about your place on the reserve list

gives you information if your proposal is rated A,B,C,D or E

gives you information if your proposal is above/below the threshold

IEF - Reserve list on CORDIS



LIF	7	236643	PROINDI	Reserve List
LIF	8	237579	MARGUS	Reserve List
LIF	9	237706	NOVELAB	Reserve List
LIF	10	237148	ORG-RYE	Reserve List
LIF	11	235055	Healthom	Reserve List
LIF	12	236028	PIVirNano	Reserve List
LIF	13	236035	PRESP	Reserve List
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LIF	15	237326	Neuromitosis	Reserve List
LIF	16	235448	AvrBib2 perception	Reserve List
LIF	17	235859	NABAIDS	Reserve List
LIF	18	235428	Signaquorum	Reserve List
LIF	19	236601	RRP6FUN	Withdrawn
LIF	20	236046	COEVOLGENDUPPHOTSIGN	Reserve List
LIF	21	236615	LagOmic	Reserve List
LIF	22	234937	Epigenetic profiling	Reserve List
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LIF	24	236698	INTEGRA-BIO	Reserve List
LIF	25	236251	LEafGROWthStress	Reserve List
LIF	26	235784	PANDImage	Reserve List
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LIF	28	236545	ASPASYDIV	Reserve List
LIF	29	237394	AFPs Studies	Reserve List
LIF	30	235113	ABC	Reserve List
LIF	31	237153	GspGHIJK	Reserve List
LIF	32	237771	DGMASP	Reserve List
LIF	33	237366	CRAF REGULATION	Reserve List
LIF	34	236603	watchBIGBROTHER	Reserve List
LIF	35	236247	HANAdaptation	Reserve List
LIF	36	237659	VEGFregulation	Reserve List
LIF	37	237659	CaroConversion	Reserve List
LIF	38	236801	Sterility Rescue	Reserve List
LIF	39	237693	Amphibian Bd	Reserve List
LIF	40	235203	SalmoFilm	Reserve List
LIF	41	237825	Superresolved mGluRs	Reserve List
LIF	42	235524	GENETOOLS	Reserve List
LIF	43	237135	EMFLA	Reserve List
LIF	44	235438	PRL1-NTC	Reserve List
LIF	45	236775	REATIP	Reserve List
LIF	46	236693	Blastocystis MLST	Reserve List
MAT	1	237074	SPIRALWAVE09	Reserve List
MAT	2	235593	N:GAGEMenT	Reserve List
MAT	3	237509	Interface	Reserve List
MAT	4	236112	GAUDAS	Reserve List
MAT	5	235659	POT FRAME	Reserve List
MAT	6	236851	ModDefs	Reserve List
MAT	7	235500	MSAPS	Reserve List
PHY	1	236716	OPTIQUOS	Reserve List
PHY	2	236073	SUSY SUGRA GEOMETRY	Reserve List
PHY	3	236454	ClusterMagnetism	Reserve List
PHY	4	235024	HologramsSky	Reserve List
PHY	5	237839	BSM in Stars	Reserve List
PHY	6	235671	BioFuS	Reserve List
PHY	7	235467	PHASES	Reserve List
PHY	8	237337	ELPHCOR	Reserve List
PHY	9	234980	QUANTUM LIMIT-BI	Reserve List
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- The Specific Programme IDEAS is implemented by the **European Research Council (ERC)**
- European Research Council (ERC) is the first pan-European funding agency for Frontier Research

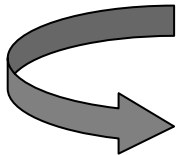
Frontier Research: a new understanding of basic research. Frontier research avoids distinctions between „basic“ and „applied“ research, between „science“ and „technology“ and between traditional disciplinary boundaries. Projects are „high-risk high-gain“



“Retain – Repatriate – Recruit”

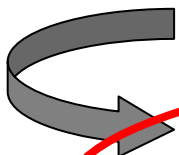


- increase competition, recognition and international visibility for excellent individual scientists and scholars in Europe



ERC Advanced Investigator Grant: attract and reward established independent research leaders

- improve career opportunities and independence, especially for young researchers



ERC Starting Independent Researcher Grant: attract and retain the next generation of independent research leaders



- support of “Individual teams” (Principal Investigator her/his research team)
- all fields of research are eligible
- scientific excellence as the sole criterion for selection
- PI applies together with host institution
- host institution commits to conditions of independence for PI
- research project must be carried out in EU member state or Associated country
- “portability” of grants
- Grant covers 100% of total eligible costs + <20% for indirect costs



- **funding** of up to 2.000.000 EUR for a **duration** of up to 5 years
- calls are published once a year
- next call: to be published in summer 2009, with **deadlines in autumn 2009**
- current **reapplication rule**: “No PI who has submitted an eligible proposal to a Starting Grant call may apply to the next Starting Grant call, **unless her/his proposal was evaluated above the quality threshold during the 2nd step** but not funded due to insufficient available budget”



- researchers of **any age, any nationality**, residing in any country of the world at the time of application
- researcher must be at the stage at which s/he is **starting or consolidating** her/his own **independent research team/programme**
- PI must have been awarded his/her first PhD (or equivalent doctoral degree) **at least 3 and less than 8 years prior to the publication date of the call for proposals** (extensions possible for eligible career breaks)



- you must have already shown the **potential for research independence** and **evidence of scientific maturity**: at least one important publication without the participation of your PhD supervisor
- you must be able to demonstrate a **promising track-record of early achievements** (appropriate to your research field and career stage): **significant publications (as main author)** in major international peer-reviewed multidisciplinary scientific journals, or in the leading international peer-reviewed journals in your respective field, **invited presentations** in well-established international conferences, **granted patents, awards, prizes** etc.



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A – Information on the proposal, the PI (including her/his track record), the host, the budget

B – The Research proposal

Part B	Sections		Max. pages
Part B1	Section 1a	The Principal Investigator	2
		Curriculum Vitae	2
		Early achievements track record	2
	Section 1b	Extended Synopsis	5
Part B2	Section 2	Scientific Proposal	15 + Ethical issues
	Section 3	Research Environment	2

Always use the latest version of work programme and Guide for Applicants which are available once the call is published!!!

Supporting documentation: supporting statement from the host institution, PhD certificate, if applicable: documentary evidence to extend the „time window“

General information

Calls in FP7 on CORDIS

<http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm>

German portal to FP7

www.forschungsrahmenprogramm.de

Koordinierungsstelle EG der Wissenschaftsorganisationen (KoWi)

www.kowi.de

EU-office of Federal Ministry of Education and Research

www.eubuero.de

Webseite Research of European Commission

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/index.cfm>

Mobility in Europe

Portal to Marie Curie Actions

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/>

EURAXESS-Portal

<http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess/>

EURAXESS Germany

http://www.eracareers-germany.de/portal/netzwerk_der_forscherberater.html

German National Contact Point Mobility

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European Research Council

Website of ERC

<http://erc.europa.eu/>

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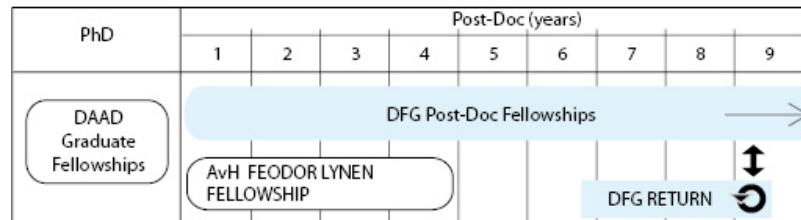
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Other funding opportunities

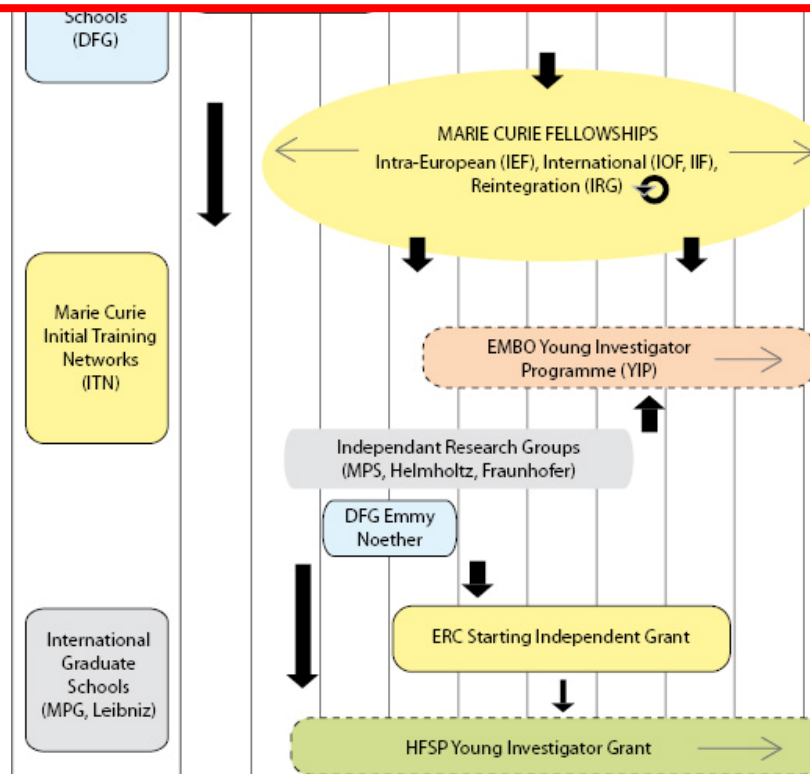
International funding opportunities for young researchers at a glance



More funding opportunities for young scientists and post-docs:

<http://eu.tuebingen.mpg.de/young-scientists/funding-programmes>

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...are just a few among many other funding sources!!

Thank you for your attention!

...Questions??