

# UNIVERSITY OF CADIZ



The poster features a central graphic of Marie Skłodowska Curie's profile in white and yellow, set against a dark blue background with a dotted yellow circle. The text is arranged in a clean, modern layout with various colored accents (blue, yellow, white) and decorative elements like stars and rounded rectangles.

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**Marie Skłodowska Curie Action**

Postdoctoral Fellowship

**INFO-SESSION 25th April, 12:00 h**  
**University of Cadiz**

## Objectives of this event

- General aspects Call MSCA PF 2024
- Call timing and budget
- Rules for participation and eligibility aspects
- Financial aspects
- Templates and evaluation criteria
- Why apply for UCA's positions

# European Projects - Horizon Europe

€95,5 billion (2021-2027)

## HORIZON EUROPE

## EURATOM

### SPECIFIC PROGRAMME: EUROPEAN DEFENCE FUND

*Exclusive focus on defence research & development*

Research actions

Development actions

### SPECIFIC PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTING HORIZON EUROPE & EIT\*

*Exclusive focus on civil applications*



**Pillar I  
EXCELLENT SCIENCE**

European Research Council

Marie Skłodowska-Curie

Research Infrastructures



**Pillar II  
GLOBAL CHALLENGES &  
EUROPEAN INDUSTRIAL  
COMPETITIVENESS**

Clusters

- Health
- Culture, Creativity & Inclusive Society
- Civil Security for Society
- Digital, Industry & Space
- Climate, Energy & Mobility
- Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture & Environment

Joint Research Centre



**Pillar III  
INNOVATIVE EUROPE**

European Innovation Council

European innovation ecosystems

European Institute of Innovation & Technology\*

### WIDENING PARTICIPATION AND STRENGTHENING THE EUROPEAN RESEARCH AREA

Widening participation & spreading excellence

Reforming & Enhancing the European R&I system

Fusion

Fission

Joint Research Center

\* The European Institute of Innovation & Technology (EIT) is not part of the Specific Programme

## MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships 2024

Indicative Budget: EUR 417.18 million (European Fellowship: EUR 354.60 million/ Global Fellowship: EUR 62.58 million)

### Objective

“Enhance the creative and innovative potential of researchers holding a PhD and who wish to acquire new skills through advanced training, international, interdisciplinary and inter-sectoral mobility.”

# MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships 2024

MSCA: a global programme for research career development



# MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships 2024 - Relevant terminology

Programme open to all thematic areas

<b>CHE</b> Chemistry	<b>SOC</b> Social Sciences and Humanities	<b>ECO</b> Economic sciences	<b>ENG</b> Information Science and Engineering
<b>ENV</b> Environmental and Geosciences	<b>LIF</b> Life Sciences	<b>MAT</b> Mathematics	<b>PHY</b> Physics

+ EURATOM areas

100% funding based on unit costs

Contributions for recruited researchers Per person-month			Institutional unit contributions Per person-month	
Living allowance	Mobility allowance	Family allowance * Long-term leave allowance * Special needs allowance *	Research, training and networking contribution	Management and indirect contribution

# MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships 2024

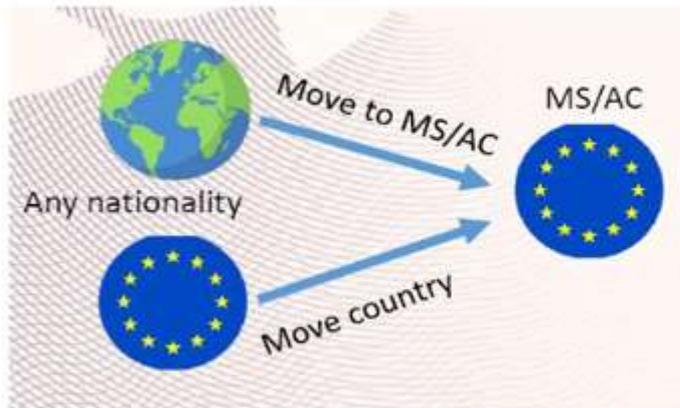
## Indicative timeline

- ❑ 23 April 2024: Launch of the call for proposals
- ❑ 11 September 2024: Deadline for submitting proposals
- ❑ February 2025: Notification of call results to applicants
- ❑ April 2025: Grant agreement signature for successful projects
- ❑ April 2025: First EU-funded projects start
- ❑ Flexible starting date: within 16-18 months after the GA signature

# MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships 2024

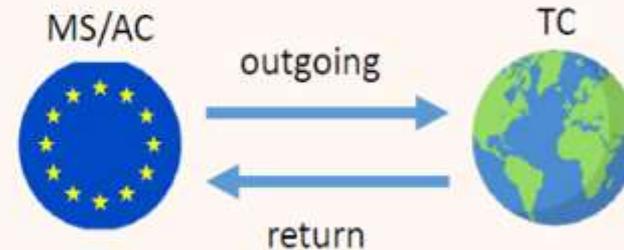
## Two implementation modes

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



**Global Fellowships (GF)**

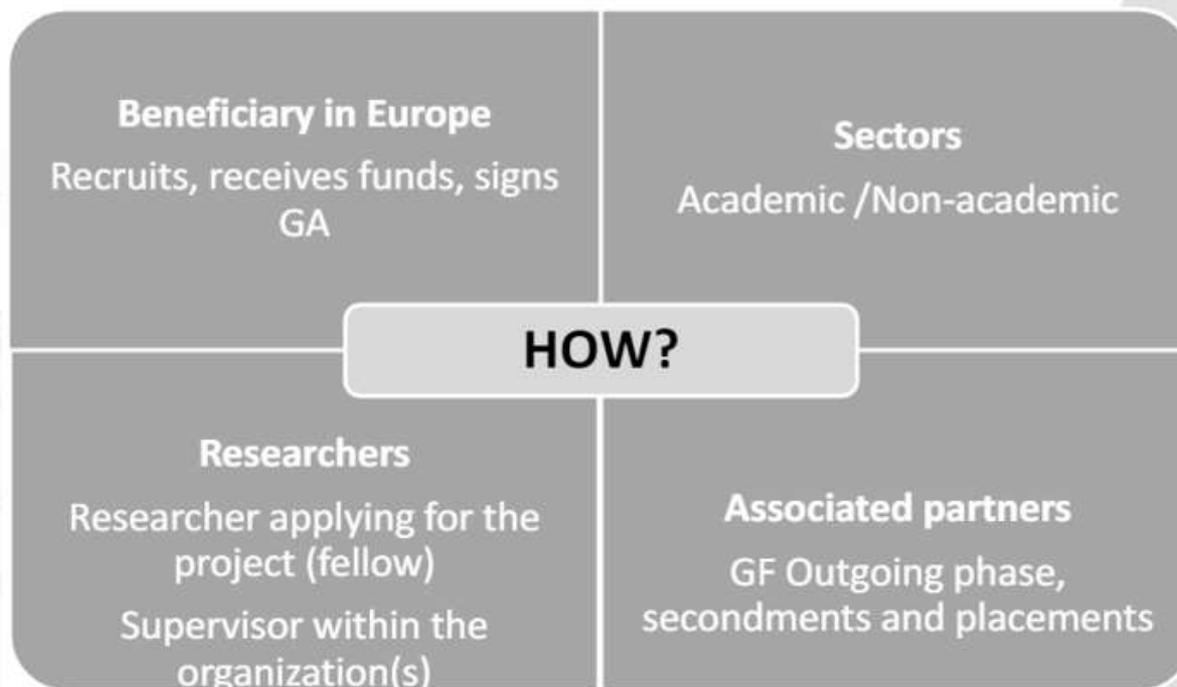
12-24 months outside of Europe +  
12 months return phase in Europe



- ✓ The researcher can only apply for one mode
- ✓ Resubmission restriction: 70% score min. last year (same researcher, same institution)
- ✓ *Additional non-academic placement (not mandatory) + 6 months in Europe*

# MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships 2024

## How does it work?



**ONLY Letters of Commitments are compulsory for the Associated Partners of the outgoing phase of the Global Fellowships (GF)**

# MSCA PF 2024: What do researchers need to keep in mind for applying?



Researcher  
eligibility criteria



Research experience

Nationality

Mobility rule

**All criteria should be met at the time of call deadline:  
11/09/2024**

## MSCA PF 2024: PhD degree and maximum 8 years of research fulltime experience as of 11/09/2024

### Exceptions for the 8-year FTE:

- Maternal leave: 18 months per child born since the obtaining the PhD degree
- Paternal leave: Exact duration per child born since the obtaining the PhD degree
- Long-term sick leave
- Career breaks
- Time not devoted to research
- National service
- Nationals and long-term residents of MS & AC in a TC or having returned to Europe along the last 12 months before the call deadline, can discount their research experience in TCs when applying to EUROPEAN FELLOWSHIPS

### [Guidelines on the calculation of 8-years research experience](#)

## MSCA PF 2024: European Fellowships (EF)

- Project implemented in Europe
- Open to all nationalities
- Mobility rule: Max. 12 months of the last 36 months in the European country of the Beneficiary as of 11/09/2024
- Researcher with PhD degree and max. 8 years of research as of 11/09/2024
- Duration from 12 to 24 months
- Secondments can take place in any part of the world (max. 1/3 of the project)
- Possibility of 6-month extension for a non-academic placement in Europe



## MSCA PF 2024: Global Fellowships (GF)

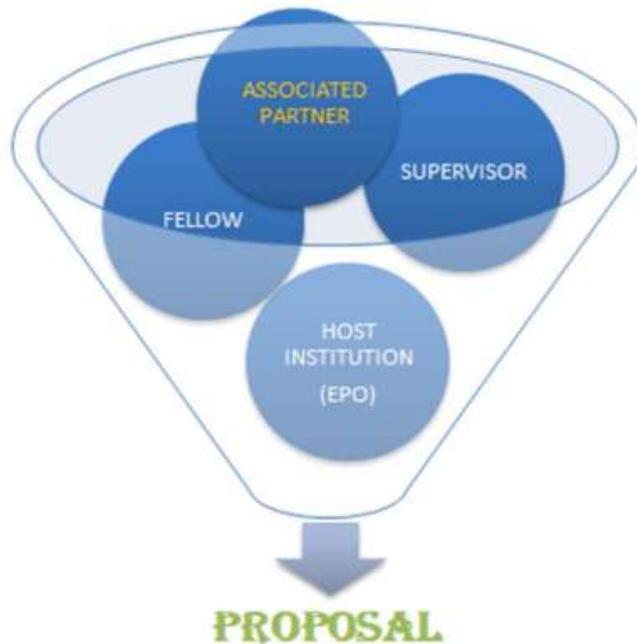
### Global Fellowships



**Letters of  
commitment for  
Associated Partners in  
the Third Country**

- Outgoing phase outside Europe (Third Country, 12-24 months – Associated Partner) and return phase in Europe, in the beneficiary (12 months)
- Researchers from MS or AC, and long-term residents (+5 years)
- Researcher with PhD degree and max. 8 years of research FTE as of 11/09/2024
- Mobility rule: Max. 12 months of the last 36 months in the country of the outgoing phase as of 11/09/2024
- Duration from 24 to 36 months
- Secondments can take place in any part of the world (only during outgoing phase and max. 1/3 of the duration of the outgoing phase)
- Possibility of 6-month extension for a nonacademic placement in Europe

# How do the projects work?



## Much more than a research project

- Develop research capacity (related to the scientific project, leading to stronger research skills and advances in the research field)
- Develop transferable skills and employability
- Exchange of knowledge between researcher (fellow), supervisors and participating organizations

## A common approach

- The best proposals are always collaborative between the candidate researcher, the organization presenting the proposal, and the assigned supervisor
- All parties should collaborate to establish expectations and reach
- Keep in mind the needs of the project and of the researcher applying

# MSCA PF 2024: projects funding

MSCA European Fellowship	Researchers costs (person/month)			Institutional costs (P/M)	
	Living allowance*	Mobility Allowance	Family Allowance	Research, training and Networking Costs	Management and Indirect Costs
UNIT COSTS	5.990	710	660	1.000	650
PF – EF in Spain	5.726,44	710	660	1.000	650
PF 24 months	137.434,56	17.040	15.840	24.000	15.600
TOTAL PF 2 years	209.914,56				

## RESEARCHER COSTS

- \*CCC: country coefficient corrector **95,6 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.

# Proposal templates and evaluation criteria

# Forms and templates

## Part A Administrative

Application forms

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**Call:**  
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**Topic:**

**Type of Action:**  
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**Proposal number:**

**Proposal acronym:**

**Type of Model Grant Agreement:**

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3	Budget	<a href="#">Show</a>
4	Ethics and security	<a href="#">Show</a>
5	Other questions	<a href="#">Show</a>

## Part B Technical

B1 (10 pages)

Sections

- Excellence
- Impact
- Implementation

B2 (no page limit)

- Researcher CV
- Institutional tables
- Ethical aspects
- Security screening
- Letters of commitment (if applicable)

## MSCA PF 2024 Evaluation Criteria

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Weight</b>	<b>Priority (ex.aequo)</b>
Excellence	50%	1
Impact	30%	2
Implementation	20%	3

## MSCA PF 2024 Evaluation Criteria

EXCELLENCE	IMPACT	QUALITY AND EFFICIENCY OF THE IMPLEMENTATION
Quality and pertinence of <b>the project's research and innovation objectives</b> (and the extent to which they are ambitious, and go beyond the state of the art)	Credibility of the measures to <b>enhance the career perspectives and employability</b> of the researcher and contribution to his/her skills development	Quality and effectiveness of the work plan, assessment of risks and appropriateness of the effort assigned to work packages
<b>Soundness of the proposed methodology</b> (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)	Suitability and quality of the measures to maximise <b>expected outcomes and impacts</b> , as set out in the dissemination and exploitation plan, including communication activities	Quality and capacity of the host institutions and participating organisations, including hosting arrangements
Quality of the <b>supervision, training and of the two-way transfer of knowledge</b> between the researcher and the host	The magnitude and importance of the project's contribution to the <b>expected scientific, societal and economic impacts</b>	
Quality and appropriateness of the <b>researcher's professional experience, competences and skills</b>		
50%	30%	20%

# General aspects of the evaluation: Excellence

## An excellent research and innovation project



- Is it innovative, going beyond the state of the art?
- Scientific goals and global view of the project
- Interdisciplinary, intersectoral and diversity dimensions
- Methodology, detailed and following Open Science



[Open innovation, open science, open to the world](#)  
European Commission



[Understanding gender dimension for MSCA projects](#)  
EU Science and Innovation

## General aspects of the evaluation: Excellence

### Issues related to supervision, training and professional development

#### Supervision

- Experience and relevant data of supervisor
- Role in the Career Development Plan of the Fellow

#### Training

- In scientific/technical and transferable skills
- Secondments: intersectorality and interdisciplinary

#### Transfer of knowledge

- What does the fellow bring to the organization?, and vice versa?
- How are relationships enriched on the medium-long term?

# General aspects of the evaluation: Impact



## Professional development perspectives

- Prospective exercises on the medium-long term (different sectors)
- Gains in collaborations, networks, project management, fundraising, leadership capacity, etc.



## Maximize results and effects

- Sharing results with final users, society, scientific community
- Dissemination and exploitation of results (if applicable)
- Communication channels – Target audience



## Expected Impacts

- Impact in the European Research Area (ERA)
- References to public policies
- KPIs

## General aspects of the evaluation: Implementation



- Identification and description of work packages (WP) and tasks (research and crosscutting)
- Follow-up mechanism (deliverables, milestones, Gantt Chart)
- Risk assessment and contingency plans
- Explain the capacities of the participating organizations (infrastructures, experience)

# General advice

## Project

- A PF project is not a research project, but a training in research project
- Do not be excessively ambitious, be realistic and propose viable actions for the time available
- Be precise: work on the structure of the proposal
- Show a **good match** between fellow, supervisor and beneficiary organization
- Follow the instructions of the template
- All sections are equally important
- Showing vs telling (when possible)



## CV of the fellow

- It does not need to be perfect. It should be competitive and the key is showing how through the project, it will be even more.
- Future employability is key

# Where to go for information

# [Funding and Tender Opportunities Portal](#)

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the EU Funding & Tenders Portal with links for Home, Funding, Procurement, Projects & results, News & events, Work as an expert, and Guidance & documents. Below the navigation bar, the breadcrumb trail reads: Home > Funding > Calls for proposals > MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships 2024. The main heading is "MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships 2024" with the call number "HORIZON-MSCA-2024-PF-01-01". A "Topic" tag indicates "Call for proposal". On the left, there is an "Internal navigation" sidebar with links for General information, Topic description, and Destination. The main content area is titled "General information" and lists the Programme as "Horizon Europe Framework Programme (HORIZON)" and the Call as "MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships 2024 (HORIZON-MSCA-2024-PF-01)". A "Budget overview" button is visible on the right.

The screenshot shows the top of the European Research Executive Agency (REA) website. It features the European Commission logo and the text "European Research Executive Agency". The navigation menu includes Home, Funding and grants, Working for REA, News, and Events. The breadcrumb trail indicates the path: European Commission > ... > Funding and grants > Horizon Europe: Marie Skłodowska-Curie Ac.

## Horizon Europe MSCA - How to apply

### [European Research Executive Agency](#)

### [HOME PAGE MSCA-NET](#)

- European project to support NCP
- Useful material to prepare calls

The screenshot shows the top of the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions website. It features the European Commission logo and the text "Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions" with the tagline "Developing talents, advancing research". The navigation menu includes Home, About MSCA, Actions, Funding, Jobs, Resources, and What's new.

### [MSCA European Commission](#)

# Our support to post-doc and supervisors

## Vice-Rectorate for Research and Transfer Transference and Research Area

- The promotion of research and the practical application of knowledge to social, cultural and economic development and the welfare of society.
- The proposal of policies and the design and execution of strategies and measures aimed at developing the scientific careers of teaching and research staff.
- The proposal and development of actions aimed at attracting, retaining and considering talent. The proposal of policies aimed at facilitating research and transfer activity, and the coordination of actions aimed at offering support to researchers.
- Coordination of PhD studies

## Vice Rectorate for Research and Transfer Transference and Research Area

### European and International R&D projects department



#### Main tasks

- Search of opportunities / calls for European and International projects
- Preparation of proposals
- Management and justification of projects

## MSCA-PF Timeline 2024

23 April

1-15th May

June

July-August

11 sept

Opening of  
MSCA-PF 2024

Deadline of  
MSCA-PF 2024

Internal announcement  
of the launch of  
MSCA-PF 2024 call

Collection of  
expressions of interest  
of UCA potential  
supervisors

Publication in  
Euraxess and  
MSCA  
matchmaking  
platform

Preparation of  
proposals

Support to  
post-doc and  
supervisors

Last revisions

## Our support to post-doc and supervisors in the submission of proposals

- Contact with interested Post-doc researchers to solve questions and help them in the process of preparation of proposals
- Organisation together with regional MSCA-PF services of on-site and virtual seminars, generals and more practical sessions
- Contact with NCPs to ask questions and obtain advices about the MSCA-PF call
- Revision of proposals by experts from regional and national public agencies
- Revision of proposals by UCA's european project managers, more focus on transversal sections (gender dimension, dissemination practices, structure of WPs,...) and B2
- Advisory in the submission process in the Funding and Tenders Portal

## Our support to post-doc and supervisors in the management of the MSCA-PF projects

- First steps in the preparation of the Grant Agreement
- Collaboration with the HR department for the preparation of the contracts.
- Management of EC payments
- Support in day-to-day issues of the grant

## Expressions of interest 2024 published in EURAXESS [LINK](#)

Proposals	Panel
4	ENG
3	LIF
2	MAT
2	SOC
1	CHE

## MSCA-Postdoctoral Fellowships of UCA in Horizon Europe

Proposals	Funded	Panels	Success rate (%)
15	4	LIFE, ENG, ENV, SOC	26,6

# Why apply for UCA's positions?

Great location and weather



Excellent career opportunities in the labour market of Spain and abroad

Possibilities of consolidating the research career in our University after the MSCA-PF project



## University of Cadiz

The University of Cádiz (UCA, [www.uca.es](http://www.uca.es)) was founded in 1979 to promote education, research and knowledge transfer.

The UCA is a great University with:

- 16 centres and 4 university campuses
- 78 degree programmes
- 59 officially recognized master's degree programs
- 17 doctoral programmes
- Over 20.000 students
- Over 2.079 researchers
- Almost 200 research teams
- 100 teaching laboratories and 318 research laboratories



Research groups of the University of Cadiz by research área [LINK](#)

- Agrifood - 3
- Biology and Biotechnology - 2
- Social, Economic and Legal Sciences - 30
- Health Sciences and Techniques - 36
- Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics - 22
- Humanities - 49
- Natural Resources and Environment - 18
- Information and Communication Technologies 12
- Production Technologies - 23



## Our Research Institutes- [Link](#)

The Institutes of the University of Cadiz are presented, as well as the mixed and inter-university Institutes of the University of Cadiz, which are linked to the research potential of our Institution

### Our Research Institutes



#### Choose your Research Institute

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The Research Institutes of the University of Cadiz integrate the research excellence of our Institution as well as the specialized scientific infrastructure. The Research Institutes are focal points for attracting research talent to our University.

Institute for Research in Applied Linguistics



Institute of Electron Microscopy and Materials



Wine and Agrifood Research Institute



Marine Research Institute



Research Institute for Sustainable Social Development



Biomolecule Research Institute



Research Institute of Biomedical Sciences of Cadiz



# UCA LEADS THE INTERNATIONAL CAMPUS OF EXCELLENCE IN MARINE SCIENCE-CEIMAR



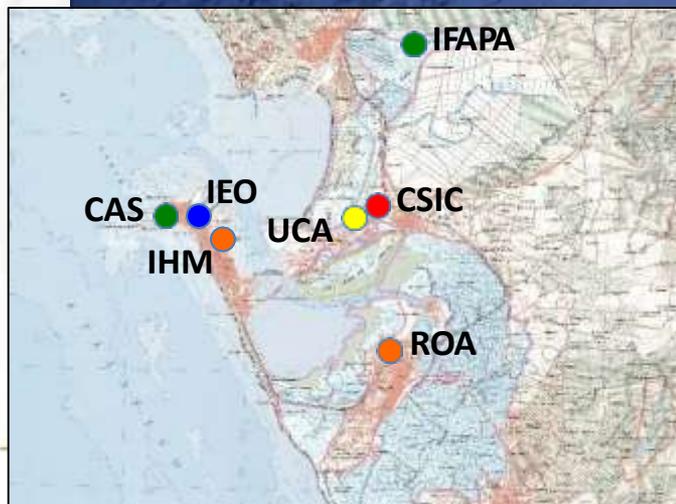
## CEIMAR AGGREGATION



**CEI-MAR**- a meeting and collaboration point between researchers and institutions. A campus that continually seeks excellence and the forefront of its activities, a specialized campus, a creative campus.

# UCA LEADS THE INTERNATIONAL CAMPUS OF EXCELLENCE IN MARINE SCIENCE-CEIMAR

**CEIMAR AGGREGATION: 14 institutions**



**CEIMAR** is the Spanish CEI with:

- More Universities (7)
- More countries (3)
- More promoting institutions (14)

# Thank you

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