



MSCA

*INDIVIDUAL
FELLOWSHIPS
2020*



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What are the Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions?

A European Union funded programme supporting researcher **training, mobility and career development**

Objectives

- Supporting researcher's career development
- Bottom-up approach – you choose the research topic
- Mobility (to and from Thailand)
- Enhanced business-academia collaboration and staff exchange
- Excellent employment and working conditions

What are the MSCA Individual Fellowships (IF)



- A personal fellowship to support a period of mobility
- For Experienced Researchers
 - Post-PhD or equivalent
 - No upper age or experience limit
- Fully-funded fellowships
 - Salary, travel, research costs etc.
- Academic or non-academic host

Mobility to / from ...

27 EU Members

Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria,
Croatia, Cyprus, Czech
Republic,
Denmark, Estonia, Germany,
Greece, Finland, France,
Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia,
Lithuania, Luxemburg, Malta,
Netherlands, Poland, Portugal,
Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia,
Spain, Sweden

16 Associated Countries

Iceland • Norway • Albania •
Bosnia and Herzegovina • the
former Yugoslav Republic of
Macedonia • Montenegro •
Serbia • Turkey • Israel •
Moldova • Switzerland • Faroe
Islands • Ukraine • Tunisia •
Georgia • Armenia

***United Kingdom**

Thailand belongs to the category of
« Third Countries » (TC)



Going to Europe: European Fellowships

Held in the **EU or associated countries**

Open to Thai researchers going **to Europe (1-2 years)**

European Fellowships can also include a **secondment period** of up to 3 or 6 months in another organisation in Europe

Coming to ASEAN: **Global Fellowships**

Fund secondments outside Europe for researchers based in the EU or associated countries.

Open to researchers working in Europe moving to rest of the world.

Universities and research institutions in Thailand can host an MSCA IF grantee from Europe for 1-2 years

More than just a research project – it's a career development fellowship

1. Scientific excellence

- Training through research (individual project)

2. Interdisciplinary skills

- Additional scientific skills (new techniques, instruments etc.)
- Transferable skills (e.g. communication, IPR, entrepreneurship etc.)
- Research and financial management of the fellowship
- Organising and taking part in events (including public engagement)
- Training in gender and ethics issues

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3. Inter-sectoral mobility

- Secondments possible to and from the non-academic sector: 3 – 6 months
 - Can spend up to 6 months (in total) working in another organisation (ideally in another sector) in Europe.
 - Opportunity to link with industry, NGO, public sector, national archive etc.

4. Networking

- Strengthening networking capabilities both for researchers and for organisations involved



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Funding Model

Categories of eligible costs	Costs of researcher PER MONTH (euros)			Institutional costs PER MONTH (euros)	
	Living allowance (a)	Mobility allowance (b)	Family allowance (c)	Research, training and networking costs (a)	Management and indirect costs (b)
Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowships					
IF (100%)	4 880	600	500	800	650

- MSCA Fellow's Salary = Living Allowance + Mobility Allowance (+ Family Allowance)
- Rates in table are inclusive of employers' costs (e.g. employer's PRSI, pension contribution)
- A country coefficient applies to the Living Allowance (e.g. 113.5 for Ireland, 68.3 for Romania)
- **Estimated Gross Salary (prior to employee's tax, social security and pension deductions)**
 - **€55,000 p.a. (no family allowance)**
 - **€60,000 p.a. (with family allowance)**

1 EUR = 42 THB



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How to apply

Prospective MSCA Fellow – going to Europe

1. Find a host organisation and a supervisor
2. Look for ads on [EURAXESS](#)
3. Ask your supervisor for recommendations
4. Write the application together
5. Submit application together

Prospective Fellows – coming to Thailand

1. Find an applicant
2. Search EURAXESS CV Database OR post on EURAXESS
3. Ask research collaborators for recommendations
4. Write the application together
5. Submit application together

Apply through the EU Funding and Tenders [Portal](#)

Proposal Structure

- 1 • Excellence
 - 2 • Impact
 - 3 • Implementation
 - 4 • Researcher's CV (5 pages max)
 - 5 • Capacities of the host(s) - Tables
 - 6 • Ethics issues
 - 7 • Letters of Commitment (GF only)
- 10 pages max

Evaluation Criteria

Criterion	Weighting	Priority (ex-aequo)
Excellence	50%	1
Impact	30%	2
Implementation	20%	3

Overall threshold of 70%
No individual thresholds

Excellence (50%) Priority 1	Impact (30%) Priority 2	Implementation (20%) Priority 3
<p>Quality, innovative aspects and credibility of the research (including inter/multidisciplinary aspects)</p>	<p>Enhancing research- and innovation-related human resources, skills, and working conditions to realise the potential of individuals and to provide new career perspectives</p>	<p>Overall coherence and effectiveness of the work plan, including appropriateness of the allocation of tasks and resources</p>
<p>Clarity and quality of transfer of knowledge/training for the development of researcher in light of the research objectives</p>		<p>Appropriateness of the management structures and procedures, including quality management and risk management</p>
<p>Quality of the supervision and the hosting arrangements</p>	<p>Effectiveness of the proposed measures for communication and results dissemination</p>	<p>Appropriateness of the institutional environment (infrastructure)</p>
<p>Capacity of the researcher to reach or re-enforce a position of professional maturity in research</p>		<p>Competences, experience and complementarity of the participating organisations and institutional commitment</p>

Hints for a successful proposal



- Look for a network or host institute and supervisor (you can only submit **one application per call**)
- **Design** your research project in time
- Consider **appropriate secondment options**
- Think about the proposal in the context of the **Evaluation Criteria**
- Proposal should **make the evaluators' "life" easier** (consistent, well-written, "built" around the award criteria)
- The evaluators may not all be world experts in exactly the area of your proposal – **avoid using very specific jargon and acronyms**

Hints for a successful proposal



- Provide the evaluators with **evidence for your claims**, but avoid external resources (links to websites etc.)
- Graphics and charts can be very helpful, but don't overdo it! Make sure they are **readable** in black & white.
- Explain the contribution that your project is expected to make. Your project should be **innovative** and original.
- Demonstrate the **expertise of the host institutions** as well as the **expertise of the supervisor/research staff** in the field of research you want to explore.
- Describe how this project will contribute to **development of the researchers career** and to network enhancement



MSCA IF 2020 Call

Call is Open Now!!

Deadline 9 September 2020

Apply through the [EU Funding and Tenders Portal](#)



Resources

[MSCA website](#)

[MSCA on Facebook](#)

[Horizon 2020 Funding and Tenders Portal](#)

[EURAXESS ASEAN](#)

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[Net4Mobility+ Project](#)

[Marie Curie Alumni Association Southeast Asia Chapter](#)

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