



Focus on Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA)

2014-2020 budget: 6.162 billion euro.



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The *Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions* are **European grants** offered to **researchers at all career stages** and encourage **transnational, intersectoral and interdisciplinary mobility**.

The expected impact of the MSCA in Horizon 2020 includes the support of ca. 65,000 researchers, including 25,000 PhD candidates, ca. 200,000 scientific publications in high impact peer-reviewed journals, and ca. 1,500 patent applications.



Figure 1: The global reach of the MSCA programme.

Figure 2: Overview of the different funding schemes under the Marie Skłodowska Curie actions

The different funding schemes within the MSCA are shown in Figure 2:

Innovative Training Networks	ITN	Support for doctoral and early-stage training Training Networks, Industrial Doctorates, Joint Doctorates
Individual Fellowships	IF	Support for experienced researchers undertaking international and inter-sector mobility: European Fellowships and Global Fellowships Dedicated support for career restart and reintegration
Research and Innovation Staff Exchange	RISE	International and inter-sector cooperation through the exchange of staff
Co-funding of programmes	COFUND	Co-funding of regional, national and international programmes: - doctoral programmes - fellowship programmes

Organisations from any sector and country can participate in MSCA projects. However, Brazilian organisations are not eligible for direct funding.

Brazilian researchers are eligible to funding.



MSCA - What's in it for Brazilian researchers?

1. Innovative Training Networks (ITN) is the main European doctoral training programme, putting a special emphasis on non-academic sector participation and the innovation dimension.

Brazilian research institutions: This action is meant primarily for organisations such as universities, research centres or companies, that propose a research training network. Brazilian organizations can join the consortia to submit a proposal.

Brazilian researchers: can apply to the PhD positions created by these networks, including Industrial Doctorate and Joint Doctorate. They are advertised on the [Euraxess Job portal](#).

Calls are annual and advertised on the [Horizon 2020 Participant Portal](#).

2. Individual Fellowships (IF) are for experienced researchers to undertake their own research project at a host organisation in another country, thus gaining new skills through advanced training and possibly, intersectoral mobility.

Researchers based in Brazil can apply for a European fellowship, choosing to apply either for a re-integration grant, a scientific grant or a society & enterprise grant in the non-academic sector.

Researchers based in Europe can apply for a global fellowship to carry out research in a third country such as Brazil and return to Europe. They can also apply to a European fellowship for mobility within the [EU or associated countries](#).

Calls are annual and advertised on the [Horizon 2020 Participant Portal](#).

3. Research and Innovation Staff Exchange (RISE) enables international and intersectoral collaboration, based on short-term staff exchanges between organisations worldwide. The RISE programme is the successor programme of the previous IRSES programme.

Brazilian research institutions can join a consortia as partner, but can't receive direct funding from the European Commission for the secondment of their researchers.

Calls are annual and advertised on the [Horizon 2020 Participant Portal](#).

4. Co-Funding of regional, national and international programmes (COFUND) calls are open to European research (funding) institutions, Brazilian organisations can be partner organisations in a proposal. COFUND supports many high-quality fellowships or doctoral programme positions, which include transnational mobility.

Brazilian researchers can apply directly to COFUND positions advertised on the [EURAXESS job portal](#).



Useful links

Marie Curie Alumni Association – MCAA

<https://www.mariecuriealumni.eu>

MCAA [Facebook](#) page

MCAA sign-up page for MSC fellows to join the association

<https://www.mariecuriealumni.eu/user/register>

Membership of the MCAA is free of charge, and open to any past or present Marie Curie researcher;

Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions (MSCA) – European Commission's website providing all relevant information regarding the Marie Skłodowska-Curie programmes, fellowships, calls and applications

http://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/about-msca/actions/index_en.htm

Click [here](#) to read our Interview with Snezana Krstic, Chair of the Marie Curie Alumni Association (http://bit.ly/interview_MCAA).



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