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The new call for proposals for Marie Curie International Outgoing Fellowships (IOF) accessible to the research organisations from Other third countries (neither EU Member States nor FP7 Associated countries) including Russia was published on 13 March 2012 under FP7 People 2012 Work Programme.

#### MARIE CURIE INTERNATIONAL OUTGOING FELLOWSHIPS FOR CAREER DEVELOPMENT (IOF)

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Topics called:

ACTION	Funding Schemes
<i>Marie Curie International Outgoing Fellowships</i>	<i>Support for training and career development of researchers</i>

#### What are the Marie Curie International Outgoing Fellowships (IOF)?

This action aims to reinforce the international dimension of the career of European experienced researchers (with at least 4 years full-time postgraduate research experience or a doctoral degree) by giving them the opportunity to be trained and acquire new knowledge in a high-level organisation active in research, established in an Other Third Country (Outgoing phase). Subsequently, these researchers will return with the acquired knowledge and experience to an organisation in a Member State or Associated Country.

#### Which research topics are supported?

As for the other Marie Curie Actions, IOF follows a **bottom-up approach**. The research topic is chosen freely by the researcher in liaison with the host institution. **Research fields are chosen**

**freely** by the applicants and all domains of research and technological development addressed under the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union are eligible for funding.

### Who can apply?

*Experienced researchers* shall be considered eligible under this action **if they are nationals of a Member State or Associated Country**. However researchers from Other Third Countries who have been residing and carrying out their main activity in Member States or Associated Countries for at least the 5 years prior to the submission deadline are also eligible for this action.

Proposals for IOF involve formally a host organisation established in a MS/AC Country, and a partner organisation established in an Other Third Country.

Many different types of *host organisation* can take part in IOF such as:

- National Governmental or public organisations (e.g. universities, research centres etc);
- International Organisations;
- Commercial enterprises, including those of small and medium size (SMEs);
- Non-profit or charitable organisations (e.g. NGOs, trusts, etc.);
- International European Interest Organisations (e.g. CERN, EMBL, etc.);
- The Joint Research Centre of the European Commission.

### How does it work?

The project proposals are submitted by *experienced researchers* in liaison with a *host organisation* established in a MS/AC Country which is represented by the *scientist in charge*. The *experienced researcher* (future *fellow*) and the *scientist in charge* are two different persons.

Proposals will be classified into Evaluation Panels under eight major areas of research: Chemistry (CHE); Social and Human Sciences (SOC); Economic Sciences (ECO), Information Science and Engineering (ENG); Environmental and Geo-Sciences (ENV); Life Sciences (LIF); Mathematics (MAT); Physics (PHY).

The Grant Agreement will be concluded between the REA and the (return) host organisation of the Member State or Associated Country.

International Outgoing Fellowships have a duration of between 24 and 36 months (full time equivalent), with an initial outgoing phase of 12 to 24 months and a final mandatory reintegration phase of 12 months within the return host organisation.

The fellow will be in a situation of **secondment** in the partner organisation during the outgoing phase. A **Partnership agreement** has to be signed between the *host organisation* and the *partner organisation* for the purpose of the research training activities complying with the obligations stemming from the grant agreement.

### What does the funding cover?

- A monthly living allowance: a **yearly gross living allowance** for an experienced researcher (< 10 years experience) of **€58'500**; for an experienced researcher (>10 years experience) of **€87 500**;
- a monthly mobility allowance: This is a monthly payment of a flat rate contribution to cover expenses related to the mobility (relocation, family expenses, language courses, travel expenses etc.):
  - **€1000/month**: experienced researcher with family obligations;
  - **€700/month**: experienced researcher without family obligations;

- a contribution to research/transfer of knowledge expenses of eligible experienced researcher: This contribution is managed by the *host organisation* for expenses related to the participation of the *experienced researcher* in research and transfer of knowledge activities. In principle **all** costs related to the successful execution of the project by the *fellow* (e.g. *purchase of consumables, participation in conferences and fees for scientific journals, memberships in scientific associations etc.*), and which would normally not arise if the *fellow* was not hosted at the *host organisation*, are eligible. This contribution consists of a flat-rate amount:
  - **€800 per researcher-month;**
- a contribution to overheads:
  - Flat rate of **€700 per researcher-month.**

### Typical Activities of an IOF

The main activities of an IOF will be based on a training-through-research project prepared by the *experienced researcher* in liaison with the *host organisation*. The project aims to reach a realistic and well-defined objective in terms of career advancement, for example strengthening or attaining a leading independent position, and to develop and widen the competences of the *experienced researcher* significantly, in particular in terms of multi- or interdisciplinary expertise, inter-sectoral experience and complementary skills.

The **types of training** might include:

- **Training-through-research** under supervision, through an individual personalised project;
- **Hands-on training** for developing scientific skills (new techniques or instruments, etc.) and complementary skills (proposal preparation to request funding, patent applications, project management, tasks coordination, technical staff supervision, etc.);
- Inter-sectoral or interdisciplinary **knowledge transfer**;
- The capacity to **build collaborations**;
- Taking Active part in the **research and financial management** of the project;
- Developing **organisational skills** through organisation of training or dissemination events.

A **Personal Career Development Plan** will be established by the *experienced researcher* and the *scientist in charge* prior to the start of the project in order to aid in the provision of the research training programme and research objectives that best suits the needs of the *experienced researcher*.

### How to apply?

Proposals in this call must be submitted electronically using a special web-based service (*Electronic Proposal Submission Service, EPSS*) before a strictly enforced deadline.

The Participant Portal call page:

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/people?callIdentifier=FP7-PEOPLE-2012-IOF> contains the IOF Call Information Package, as well as a link to the EPSS.

For additional information, please see the IOF section of the Marie Curie Actions official website [http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/mariecurieactions/iof\\_en.html](http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/mariecurieactions/iof_en.html).

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