

Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF) is interested in attracting top-class **experienced researchers (ERs)**¹ of any nationality to work under the supervision of one of its professors between 12 and 36 months. The contract would be in the framework of a Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowship and, therefore, applicants are invited to cooperatively prepare a MSCA-IF application for one of the following EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation Horizon 2020 actions:

- Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowships European (MSCA-IF-2017-EF)
- Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowships Global Fellowships (MSCA-IF-GF)
- Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowships Career Restart panel (MSCA-IF-EF-CAR)
- Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowships Reintegration panel (MSCA-IF-EF-RI)

The deadline for these calls is the 14th September 2017 (5pm CET). Further information about these schemes can be found at <u>H2020-MSCA-IF-2017</u>.

UPF provides support **in preparing the application** and **invites candidates to visit the university;** meet the supervising professor; and attend an Info-day in 16th May, 2017.

MSCA IF are mainly intended for very promising postdoctoral researchers right after or few years after completion of their PhD. Their goal is to enhance the creative and innovative potential of ERs willing to diversify their individual competence in terms of skill acquisition through international and intersectoral mobility and advanced training. The ER and the supervisor will develop the project proposal jointly to the September 2017 call for proposals.

Who can apply for the Individual Fellowships?

- MSCA IFs are intended for promising researchers from anywhere in the world;
- Applicants must have a doctoral degree or at least four years full-time research experience by the call's deadline;
- International mobility: you shall not have lived in Spain more than 12 months during the 36 months before the call's deadline;
- The application must be submitted by the host organisation (UPF).
- All research areas can be funded.

Types of Individual Fellowships

There are two types of Individual Fellowships:

- 1. European Fellowships
 - Duration from 12 to 24 months;
 - Researchers either coming to Europe or moving within Europe.
 - Can help to restart research careers after a break such as parental leave.
 - Can help reintegrate researchers coming back to Europe.

¹ ER is a post-doctoral researcher or researcher with at least 4 years of equivalent research experience



- 2. Global Fellowships
 - 12 24 months of research outside Europe for researchers based in EU;
 - Mandatory 12 months return period to Europe.

Both fellowships can include a secondment period of up to 6 months (depending on the duration of the fellowship) in another organisation in Europe. EC strongly encourages secondments to new research environments.

What does the funding cover?

The MSCA IF grant provides an allowance to cover living, travel and family costs. The research costs and overhead of the host organisation(s) are also supported. Please check the <u>call information for</u> <u>more information</u>.

How does the ER apply and who can assist the ER in Universitat Pompeu Fabra?

The Research Service at UPF will assist the ER and the supervisor with the application after the ER has found a committed supervisor from UPF.

The ER and the supervisor will write and design the research plan. The Research Service provides advice in the administrative side of the application and gives writing tips.

Schedule

- 16th May: info-day; The event will be broadcast live in streaming (please register here)
- 21st July: deadline to send a first draft to the Research Service;
- 14 de September: deadline to submit.