What are the MSCA – Postdoctoral Fellowships?
Postdoctoral Fellowships provide funding to individual researchers who wish to carry out a career boosting research project either in an academic or non-academic Host Institution (beneficiary), in a EU Member State or Associated Country. The goal of Postdoctoral Fellowships is to enhance the creative and innovative potential of experienced researchers who are pushed to diversify their personal expertise and skills by investing in advanced training as well as international and intersectoral mobility.

How to apply?
All relevant documents are available on the “Funding and Tenders Opportunities” Portal, which allows you to access the submission system, at this link. When writing the project, please carefully consider the following documents:

✔ MSCA Work Programme
✔ MSCA PF Guide for Applicants

Type of Fellowship

**European Fellowships (EF)** – are open to researchers of any nationality moving within Europe or coming in from other areas of the world. The Host Institution must be based in a EU Member State (MS) or Associated Country (AC). Duration of the fellowship: 12-24 months.

**Global Fellowships (GF)** – are open to researchers based in a MS or AC (EU/AC nationals or long-term residents) and foresees a mandatory outgoing phase to a Third Country (12-24 months) and a return phase (12 months) to a MS or AC.

What does the funding cover?
✔ An employment contract between the researcher and the Host Institution for the whole duration of the project (in Italy the “assegno di ricerca” according to Law 240/2010 is adopted); the salary is pre-determined by the European Commission (funding Agency);
✔ Mobility and family allowance;
✔ Costs for Research, training and networking activities, plus management and indirect costs and, if applicable, special needs costs, that are managed by the Host Institution.

Who can apply?
At the date of the call deadline candidates must be in possession of a doctoral degree and must have a maximum of 8 years of full-time equivalent experience in research, measured from the date of award of the doctoral degree. Years of experience outside research and career breaks will not count towards the amount of research experience. Specific provisions for maternity and paternity are foreseen.

For researchers who wish to reintegrate in a EU MS or AC, years of experience in research in Third Countries will not be considered in the above maximum of 8 years.

Candidates must also comply with the MSCA mobility rule: they must not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in the country of the beneficiary (for European Postdoctoral Fellowships), or the host organisation for the outgoing phase (for Global Postdoctoral Fellowships) for more than 12 months in the 36 months immediately before the call deadline.

When to apply?
The call for proposals HORIZON-MSCA-2021-PF-01-01 opens on June, 22nd 2021 and closes on October, 12th 2021.

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