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The new call for proposals for Marie Curie International Incoming Fellowships (IIF) accessible to researchers 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 INCOMING FELLOWSHIPS (IIF)

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Topics called:

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

#### What are the Marie Curie International Incoming Fellowships (IIF)?

This action aims to reinforce the research excellence of the Member States and the associated countries (MS/AC) through knowledge sharing with incoming top-class researchers active in an other third country (**including Russia**) to work on research projects in Europe, with the view to developing mutually beneficial research co-operation between Europe and an other third country. It aims to encourage these researchers to plan their period of international mobility within the framework of a coherent professional project and thus enhances the possibility of

future collaborative research links with European researchers and organisations active in research in their future research career. If before the incoming phase the researcher was active in an International Cooperation Partner Country (**including Russia**), the possibility is provided to assist the researcher to return to this country, thus contributing to the establishment of sustainable cooperation between these countries and European organisations.

### **Who can apply?**

The project proposals are submitted by **experienced researchers of any nationality** (with at least 4 years full-time postgraduate research experience or a doctoral degree) who comply with the mobility rule in liaison with the host organisation which is represented by the scientist in charge. A proposal should be submitted by the experienced researcher provided that he/she has the approval of the host organisation.

Proposals for IIF involve formally a host organisation established in a MS/AC, and if applicable, a return host organisation from an ICPC for the return phase.

Many different types of *host organisation* can take part in IIF 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.

### **Which research topics are supported?**

As for the other Marie Curie Actions, IIF 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. In determining the project research topic, it is important to emphasise that it should be of strong interest for the European Research Area and help to create long term collaborations and mutually beneficial co-operation between Europe and the Other Third Country.

### **How does it work?**

The Grant Agreement will be concluded between the Research Executive Agency (REA) and the host organisation from MS/AC. For a possible return phase to an ICPC, a grant agreement will be issued for the duration of up to one year with the return host organisation, which will commit itself to ensure an effective return of the experienced researcher. The grant is to be used as a contribution to research costs relating to the researcher's project at the return host.

International Incoming Fellowships have duration of between 12 and 24 months and a possible return phase of 12 months (full time equivalent). The return phase will normally commence not later than 6 months after the termination of the incoming phase.

### **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**
- Contribution to overheads:
  - Flat rate of **€700 per researcher-month**
- Expenses related to **the return phase**: a contribution to the participation expenses for the integration of the experienced researcher (if applicable) If the experienced researcher has been active in the research field in one of the ICPCs, this action may include provisions to assist the fellow to return to this country. This refers to a contribution consisting of a flat rate of **€15,000 per researcher/year** (for a maximum of 1 year) to support the integration of the researcher in the ICPC. The contribution is managed by the organisation hosting the researcher in the ICPC.

### Inviting Referees' Assessments

The basis of the proposal evaluation is independent peer review by international experts. These experts are chosen by the REA. It is not possible to suggest or exclude experts. However, in order to aid these experts' evaluation of the part of the proposal which is about you as a researcher, it is possible (not obligatory) to invite up to three **referee assessments** from scientists who know you and can testify about your potential as a researcher. These assessments are submitted by the referees directly to the REA via the Electronic Proposal Submission System (EPSS). The procedure for doing so is explained in the Guide for Applicants (Common Part).

### How to apply?

The Participant Portal call page:

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

For International Incoming Fellowships (IIF), as for Intra-European Fellowships (IEF), International Outgoing Fellowships (IOF), and Career Integration Grants (CIG), an experienced researcher can act as the proposal coordinator **before the call deadline**, in particular in order to submit the proposal prepared in cooperation with the host institution. However after the call deadline the scientist in charge at the host organization will be the single contact point for Research Executive Agency (REA). Experienced researcher and the scientist in charge cannot be the same person.

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

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