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The European Union Seventh Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development

The “People” Programme

March 19th 2008 the European Commission launched a call for proposals under the FP7 Marie Curie Actions IOF Scheme – International Outgoing Fellowships and IIF Scheme – International Incoming Fellowships. The calls close on August 19th 2008.

IIF Scheme – International Incoming Fellowships

The International Incoming Fellowships (IIF) action is open to experienced researchers from third countries. It provides financial support to individual research projects presented by the incoming experienced researchers in liaison with a legal entity ('host organisation') in a Member State or an Associated country, as well as possibly a 'return host organisation' if the researcher's country or origin is an International Cooperation Partner Country.

The contracts will be concluded with the host organisations of the Member States or Associated countries for a total duration of between one and two years.

The possible return phase would have duration of one year. To be an experienced researcher, you must have at least four years of research experience or be in possession of a doctoral degree.

Eligible expenses for the activities carried out by the researchers:

- Monthly living allowance: €17,250 - €79,500 per year (depending on the category of researchers and what kind of employment contract/fellowship has been chosen within the national legislation);
- Monthly mobility allowance: € 500 - € 800 per month (depending on the family situation of the researcher);
- Travel allowances: € 250 - €2,500 per year (depending on the direct distance between the place of origin and the host institution of the researcher, up to 10,000 km);
- Fixed amount of € 500 per researcher-month for non-laboratory based research projects; € 800 per researcher-month for laboratory based search projects.

Contribution managed by the hosting organisation for expenses related to the integration of the researcher in the host institution is a fixed amount of €15000 per researcher/year during the period of reintegration up to a max. of 1 year. Eligible expenses for the activities carried out by the host organizations consists from maximum 3 % of the total Community contribution for the management activities (including audit certification) and 10 % of direct costs except for subcontractors as contribution to overheads.

Example:

A researcher from Russia (where he/she has always resided and worked) without children and not married, with a PhD and less than 10 years research experience going from Moscow to Montpellier (France) for a 2-year incoming phase and a 1 year reintegration phase with an Incoming International Fellowship under an employment contract. The project is lab based.

Expenses for the activities carried out by the researcher (*Annex 3 of Work Programme “People”*):

Incoming Phase (in France)

- Living allowance: € 53,000 x 2 years = € 106,000
- Mobility allowance: € 500 x 24 months = € 12,000

Correction factor for France = 104.4%

*(Total Living allowance + Total Mobility allowance) * Correction factor for France = € 118,000 x 104.4 % = € 123,192*

- Travel costs: 1,500 € x 2 years = € 3,000 (based on the fact that Moscow is 3308 km away from Montpellier, which translates into an annual travel allowance of 1,500 €)

Community Contribution for the researcher (gross): € 126,192

Contribution to the participation expenses of eligible researchers (managed by the host institutions)

Research costs (lab based): € 800 x 24 = € 19,200

Community Contribution for the activities carried out by the researcher: € 145,392

Expenses for the activities carried out by the host organisation for the benefit of the researcher are added to this amount.

The total Community Contribution is the basis for the calculation of the management costs, whereas to calculate the overheads the total direct costs need to be known.

- Direct costs = Expenses for the activities carried out by the researcher
- Overheads = 10% direct costs
- Total Community Contribution = direct costs + overheads + management costs
- Management costs = 3% Total Community Contribution

The initial step is to calculate the overheads:

The direct costs are: **€ 145,392**. Since the overheads are maximum 10% of the direct costs:

Overheads: € 14,539

Total Community Contribution = direct costs + overheads + management costs

In this example:

Total Comm. Contr. = **€ 145,392 + € 14,539 + 3% Total Comm. Contr.**

Hence:

Total Comm. Contr. = **€ 159,931 / (1-0.03) = € 164,877**

Total Maximum Community Contribution: € 164,877

The management costs are maximum 3% of the total Community contribution, hence:

Management Costs: € 4,946

In summary:

Contribution Budget (€)	Budget (€)
Contribution for the benefit of the Researcher	145 392
Overheads	14 539
Management costs	4 946
TOTAL Community contribution	164 877

In the case of a possible return phase, the EC contribution is a fixed amount of € 15,000 for the total duration of the reintegration phase (from 6 to 12 months).

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IOF Call Information Notice

The International Outgoing Fellowships for Career Development (IOF) action provides financial support for advanced training and trans-national mobility, for a period of up to 3 years, for individual projects presented by experienced researchers from Member States or Associated countries in liaison with a host organisation from another Member State or Associated country.

The project includes a coherent research programme for the total duration of the contract, of which an initial outgoing phase, of between 1 and 2 years, is to be spent in a distinct legal entity in a third country ('partner organisation') and a mandatory reintegration phase of 1 year within the contracting organisation ('return host organisation') in a Member State or Associated country. Researchers must be nationals of a Member State or Associated country other than the country of the premises of the host organisation where they will carry out the project.

To be an experienced researcher, you must have at least four years of research experience or be in possession of a doctoral degree.

Eligible expenses for the activities carried out by the researchers:

- Monthly living allowance: €17,250 - €79,500 per year (depending on the category of researchers and what kind of employment contract/fellowship has been chosen within the national legislation);
- Monthly mobility allowance: € 500 - € 800 per month (depending on the family situation of the researcher);
- Travel allowances: € 250 - €2,500 per year (depending on the direct distance between the place of origin and the host institution of the researcher, up to 10,000 km);
- Fixed amount of € 500 per researcher-month for non-laboratory based research projects; € 800 per researcher-month for laboratory based search projects.

Eligible expenses for the activities carried out by the host organizations consists from maximum 3 % of the total Community contribution for the management activities (including audit certification) and 10 % of direct costs except for subcontractors as contribution to overheads.

Example:

A researcher with 6 years experience and family charges, going from Lisbon (where s/he has always resided and worked) to Moscow (Russian Federation) for a 2-year outgoing phase and a 1 year re-integration phase in Lisbon with an Outgoing International Fellowship under an employment contract and with location of origin in Portugal. The project is lab based.

Expenses for the activities carried out by the researcher (*Annex 3 of the Work Programme "People"*):

Outgoing Phase (in Russia)

- Living allowance: € 53,000 x 2 years = € 106, 000
- Mobility allowance: € 800 x 24 months = € 19, 200

Correction factor for Russian Federation = 120,7 %

(Total Living allowance + Total Mobility allowance) x Correction factor for Russian Federation = € 125,200 x 120.7% = € 151,116

- Travel costs: 1,500 € x 2 years= € 3,000 (*based on the fact that Lisbon is 4,606 km away from Moscow*), which translates into an annual travel allowance of 1,500 €

Return Phase (in Portugal)

- Living allowance: € 53,000 x 1 year = € 53, 000
- Mobility allowance: *None (return to country of origin)*

Please note that if the researcher would return to a different Member State or Associated Country than his country of origin, he would be entitled to a mobility allowance for the return phase.

Correction factor for Portugal = 91,4%

(Total Living allowance + Total Mobility allowance) Correction factor for Portugal = € 53,000 x 91.4% = € 48,442*

- Travel costs: *None*

Please note that if the researcher would return to a different town than his town of origin, he would be entitled to a travel allowance for the return phase.

Note that these amounts represent the Community contributions to salary costs and as such include compulsory social security contributions and income tax, if relevant. The mobility and travel allowances must also be taken into account when calculating the total expenses.

Community Contribution for the researcher (gross): €202,558

Contribution to the participation expenses of eligible researchers (managed by the host institutions)

Research costs (lab based): € 800 x 36 = € 28, 800

Community Contribution for the activities carried out by the researcher: €231,358

Expenses for the activities carried out by the host organisation for the benefit of the researcher are added to this amount:

The total Community Contribution is the basis for the calculation of the management costs, whereas to calculate the overheads the total direct costs need to be known.

- Direct costs = Expenses for the activities carried out by the researcher
- Overheads = 10% direct costs
- Total Community Contribution = direct costs + overheads + management costs
- Management costs = 3% Total Community Contribution

The initial step is to calculate the overheads:

The direct costs are: **€231,358**. Since the overheads are maximum 10% of the direct costs:

Overheads: €21,136

Total Community Contribution = direct costs + overheads + management costs

In this example:

Total Comm. Contr. = **€231,358 + €21,136 + 3%Total Comm. Contr.**

Hence:

Total Comm. Contr. = **€254,494 / (1-0.03) = €262,365**

Total Maximum Community Contribution: €262,365

The management costs are maximum 3% of the total Community contribution, hence:

Management Costs: €7,871

In summary:

Contribution Budget (€)	Budget (€)
Contribution for the benefit of the Researcher	231,358
Overheads	23,136
Management costs	7,871
TOTAL Community contribution	262,365

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