

Marie Curie Individual Actions

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Session overview

- 10.00 Introduction to Individual Fellowship Schemes
- UKRO and the NCP
 - Policy background and description of actions
 - Financial issues
 - Submission and evaluation of proposals

10.45 Questions and Answers Session

11.00 *Coffee Break*

11.30 Case Study

11.45 Questions and Answers Session

- 12.00 Maximising your chances of success
- Hints and tips for proposal writing

12.30 Value of Marie Curie Actions to the UK

12.45 Questions and Answers Session

13.00 End



Arts and Humanities Research Council



Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council



Economic and Social Research Council



Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council




Medical Research Council



Natural Environment Research Council




Science and Technology Facilities Council


UKRO's Services 

'Core' subscriber* services	Open to non-subscribers
Query service	(Majority of) training courses and information events
Annual briefing visits (for UK subscribers)	Annual Conference
New UKRO Portal: Subscriber webpages + Latest news articles (email alerts) www.ukro.ac.uk	Marie Curie Actions UK National Contact Point
	European Research Council UK National Contact Point
Meeting room in Brussels	British Council <i>European RTD Insight</i> publication

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Marie Curie NCP - helpdesk 

- ▶ Web, email, telephone, visits
- ▶ Advice on applying for MC actions:
 - Eligibility
 - Application help
 - Results
 - Contractual issues
- ▶ Advice to those with MC contracts:
 - Social security and tax
 - Model agreements between host and fellow
 - Contractual issues



Framework Programme 7 and the 'People' specific programme

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Policy Background



- ▶ FP7 is designed to achieve the Lisbon and Barcelona objectives and to complement activities in Member States.
- ▶ Support to the European Research Area
- ▶ Budget of €50,521 million
- ▶ Complementarity with other EC programmes:
 - Competitiveness and Innovation
 - Education and Training
 - Structural Funds

Who is eligible for funding?



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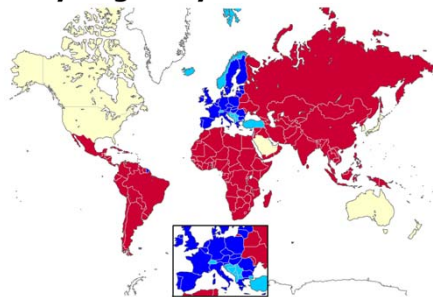
Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxemburg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, UK


Associated Countries (FP7)

Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina*, Croatia*, Faroe Islands*, FYR Macedonia*, Iceland*, Israel*, Liechtenstein*, Moldova (new)*, Montenegro*, Norway*, Serbia*, Switzerland and Turkey**

**except Euratom*

Country eligibility



FP7 Specific Programmes 


Co-operation – Collaborative Research

European Research Council

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Capacities – Research Capacity

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Marie Curie Actions 

Objectives and Policy Context:

- ▶ Make Europe more attractive to researchers
- ▶ Structuring effect on the European Research Area through trans-national and inter-sectoral mobility in order to create a European labour market for researchers
- ▶ Strengthen human potential by:
 - Encouraging people to become researchers
 - Encouraging researchers to carry out their research in Europe
- ▶ Trans-national and inter-sectoral mobility
- ▶ €4.7 Billion

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Objectives and Policy Context:

"The People Work programme 2012 has been designed to support the implementation of the Europe 2020 Flagship Initiatives 'Innovation Union', 'Youth on the Move' and 'An Agenda for New Skills and Jobs'."
(2012 People Work Programme)

Europe 2020:
http://ec.europa.eu/eu2020/index_en.htm

Innovation Union:
http://ec.europa.eu/research/innovation-union/index_en.cfm

Youth on the Move:
http://ec.europa.eu/education/news/news2540_en.htm

Principles

- ▶ Skills and competence development at all stages of researchers career
- ▶ Open to all research areas addressed under the Treaty plus possibility of targeted calls
- ▶ Strong participation from enterprises
- ▶ Reinforce international dimension
- ▶ Appropriate gender and work/life balance
- ▶ Good working environment, transparent recruitment and career development



Overview of Marie Curie Actions



Host Actions	Individual Actions
Initial Training Networks	Intra- European Fellowships
Industry Academia Partnerships and Pathways	International Incoming Fellowships
International Research Staff Exchange Scheme	International Outgoing Fellowships
	Career Integration Grants

Also funded: Researchers' Night, COFUND

Overview of calls



Action	Call Identifier	Budget (EUR million)	Opens	Deadline
Initial Training Networks (ITN)	FP7-PEOPLE-2013-ITN	470.72	10 July 2012	22 November 2012
COFUND	FP7-PEOPLE-2013-COFUND	115	10 July 2012	5 December 2012
Researchers' Night	FP7-PEOPLE-2013-NIGHT	4	2 October 2012	8 January 2013
Industry-Academia Partnerships and Pathways (IAPP)	FP7-PEOPLE-2013-IAPP	81	2 October 2012	16 January 2013
International Research Staff Exchange Scheme (IRSES)	FP7-PEOPLE-2013-IRSES	30	10 July 2012	17 January 2013
Career Integration Grants (CIG)	FP7-PEOPLE-2013-CIG	40	18 October 2012	7 March 2013 18 September 2013
Intra-European Fellowships (IEF)	FP7-PEOPLE-2013-IEF	134	14 March 2013	14 August 2013
International Incoming Fellowships (IIF)	FP7-PEOPLE-2013-IIF	44.5	14 March 2013	14 August 2013
International Outgoing Fellowships (IOF)	FP7-PEOPLE-2013-IOF	44.5	14 March 2013	14 August 2013

Central to all Marie Curie projects



The RESEARCHER, their training and mobility

In order to assess eligibility (for project or fellowship), it is essential that you consider the following:

- The minimum or maximum amount of research experience stipulated for the action
- The transnational mobility requirements for the action



Definition of researchers



Experienced Researchers	i) in possession of a PhD or i) at least 4 years experience (FTE)
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Transnational Mobility Requirements



- ▶ Must not have been resident in host country for more than 12 months in the last 3 years immediately before application deadline
- ▶ Mobility rule now applies to all individual fellowships – no option to remain in same country under CIG scheme unless you meet this requirement
- ▶ Nationality criteria remains only in IOF scheme, in which applicants must *either* be nationals of a MS/AC or have been residing/carrying out main activity in MS/AC for 5 years before deadline

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Individual Fellowships

- ▶ Aimed at 'Experienced Researchers'
- ▶ Skills diversification and knowledge sharing
- ▶ Three categories:
 - Intra-European Fellowship (IEF)
 - International Incoming Fellowship (IIF)
 - International Outgoing Fellowship (IOF)
- ▶ **Deadline: 14 August 2013**

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Intra-European Fellowship

- ▶ Researchers based in a Member State or Associated Country
- ▶ Must have spent less than 12 months in the last three years in the country where the fellowship is undertaken
- ▶ 12 – 24 months in a Member State or Associated Country
- ▶ Resuming a career in research
- ▶ Individual applies with host
- ▶ Attaining or strengthening professional independence
- ▶ Skills diversification



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Intra-European Fellowship

- ▶ 'Career-Restart option'
- ▶ Aimed at encouraging researchers to return to research after career break
- ▶ Dedicated multidisciplinary career restart panel
- ▶ Choose scientific panel and tick 'yes' box in A3 form ('Are you applying for this grant in order to resume a career after a break?')
- ▶ New eligibility rule:

"Researchers must not have resided or carried out their main activity in the country of their host organisation for more than 3 years in the 5 years immediately prior to the relevant deadline for submission of proposals. In addition, they must not have been active in research for at least 12 months immediately prior to the deadline for submission of proposals."

International Outgoing Fellowship



- ▶ Member State or Associated Country Nationals only
 - PLUS non-nationals in MS/AC for more than 5 years at deadline
- ▶ 24 – 36 months in total of which 12 – 24 months in third country followed by mandatory re-integration phase in European host institutions
- ▶ Individual applies with host
- ▶ Acquiring new knowledge in the third country – bringing it back to the MS/AC
- ▶ Contract is between European host institution and Commission for duration of fellowship
- ▶ Mandatory return phase of 1 year

International Incoming Fellowship



- ▶ Researchers based in third countries
- ▶ 12 – 24 months incoming phase in MS/AC
- ▶ Possible 1 year reintegration grant for nationals from International Co-operation Partner Countries
- ▶ Individual applies with host
- ▶ Contract between European host institution and Commission for incoming phase, and between third country host and Commission for reintegration / return
- ▶ Knowledge-sharing
- ▶ Mutually-beneficial research co-operation

Career Integration Grants



- ▶ Supports integration into research career in Europe
- ▶ To provide those taking up stable post with own research budget
- ▶ Should enable transfer of knowledge & building of links with country from which researcher has moved
- ▶ No requirement to have benefited from MCA previously
- ▶ Must comply with mobility rule
- ▶ Support a research project of 2- 4 years
- ▶ Contributes to the research costs
- ▶ Researcher applies with host institution
- ▶ Host commits to researcher for at least duration of project
- ▶ €25,000 per year flat rate funding

Financial Issues

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Community Contribution for Individual Fellowships

Category 1: monthly living allowance paid to researcher

Category 2: monthly mobility allowance paid to researcher – covers previous travel allowances & career exploratory allowance

Category 3: contribution to the training expenses of eligible researchers & research/transfer of knowledge programme expenses – managed by host organisation

Category 4: Management activities – N/A

Category 5: contribution to overheads

Category 6: Other - IIF only; flat rate for one year of €15,000 if returning to ICPC country



Paid to fellows

Category 1: Living allowance (inclusive of all compulsory deductions)

Experience	Stipend (€/yr)	Employment contract (€/yr)
Experienced researchers (4 – 10 years)	29,250	58,500
Experienced researchers (> 10 yrs experience)	43,750	87,500

Correction factor applied for cost of living (UK Coefficient = 134.4%)

Category 2: Mobility allowance

Without family: €700 per month
With family: €1,000 per month

Correction factor applied for cost of living

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Career Integration Grants

Fixed amount €25,000 per researcher per year

“to contribute to the research costs of the researcher at the career integration host”

Can cover:

- part of the salary of the research (or other staff working on the project);
- equipment, consumables or travel;
- and overheads or management costs.

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Submission and Evaluation

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Proposal Submission

- ▶ All submissions done online
Contact the Commission if there are compelling reasons for why you are unable to submit online
- ▶ Participant Portal Submission Service (PPSS)
- ▶ Meet the deadline!

Proposal Submission - FAQ



Proposal co-ordinator vs. Scientist in charge

Co-ordinator: researcher who will undertake the fellowship.

Co-ordinates and submits application

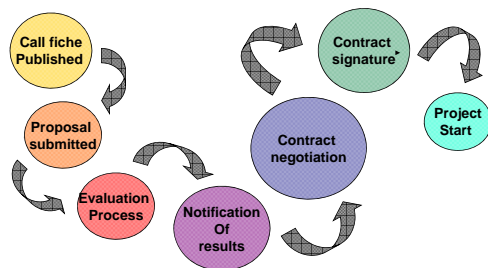
Scientist in charge: researcher at host organisation supervising the fellowship. Named on A2 form. Becomes Commission's main contact point once proposal is submitted

Note – cannot be the same person!

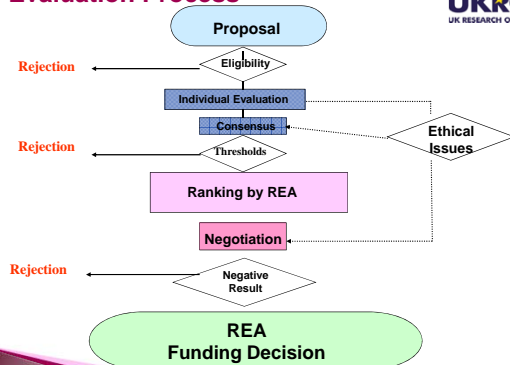
Referees

- Are they compulsory?
- Who should they be?
- From host institution?
- Deadline?
- PPSS Process - Register early!

Outline of the Process



Evaluation Process



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Your project is mainly defined in

...PART B of the proposal forms
(Part A is administrative info)

- ▶ PART B addresses the evaluation criteria
 - ...which vary according to MCA
 - ...and have different weightings and thresholds
- ▶ General structure of Part B for individual fellowships is:
 - Cover Page, Table of Contents
 - S & T Quality
 - Training/Transfer of Knowledge
 - Researcher
 - Implementation
 - Impact

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Your Proposal

Part A (completed online via the PPSS system)

- A1 – Information on the Proposal
- A2 – Information on the Host organisation
- A3 – Information on the Researcher
- A4 – Funding Request

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Your Proposal

Part B (maximum length is 27 pages, excluding table of contents, ethics issues section and start and end pages)

- B1 – Research and technological quality (maximum 8 pages)
- B2 – Training / Transfer of Knowledge (maximum 2 pages)
- B3 – Researcher (maximum 7 pages)
- B4 – Implementation (maximum 6 pages)
- B5 – Impact (maximum 4 pages)
- B6 – Ethics issues (no page limit)

Evaluation of proposals



- ▶ Evaluation by competent experts in the field
- ▶ Need to address all of the issues to maximise scores
- ▶ Total score is 100%
- ▶ Overall threshold (70% or 3.5/5)
- ▶ Some criteria have a threshold
- ▶ Each area is weighted
- ▶ S&T quality has a 25% weighting
- ▶ You must focus on the objectives of the activity to be successful

European Charter and Code



- ▶ European Charter for Researchers **addresses:**
 - Roles and responsibilities
 - Entitlements
 - of researchers and their employers or funding organisations.
- ▶ Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers **aims to:**
 - improve recruitment and make selection procedures fairer and more transparent
 - proposes different means of judging merit



"In endorsing the principles, we, the signatories, hereby adopt the principles of the European Charter for Researchers And Code of Practice for the Recruitment of Researchers"




UK Concordat - <http://www.researchconcordat.ac.uk>

- ▶ If principles of the revised Concordat are adopted by an institution then they have also adopted the principles of the Charter and Code
- ▶ However, it is an institutional decision to become a signatory to the Charter and Code





Any questions?




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**Maximising Your Chances of Success
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What does the Commission want?



A project that matches “*their*” objectives

Individual Fellowships – Part B



S & T Quality	25%	3/5
Training & knowledge transfer	15%	3/5 <i>No thresholds for IIF</i>
Researcher	25%	4/5
Implementation	15%	<i>No threshold</i>
Impact	20%	3.5/5

Overall threshold 70%

MCA – S&T Quality



Sub-criteria	3/5	25%
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Scientific/technological quality, including any interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary aspects of the proposalAppropriateness of research methodology and approachOriginality & innovative nature of project, and relationship to ‘state of the art’ of research in the fieldTimeliness and relevance of projectHost scientific expertise in the fieldQuality of the group / scientist in charge		

S&T Quality – Assessor Comments



Positive Feedback

- ▶ Research is timely with number of innovations beyond 'state of the art'
- ▶ Research methodology is detailed and clearly explained

Negative Feedback

- ▶ The techniques to be used are well known in the field so not very innovative
- ▶ Research methodology not given in full detail

MCA – Training – IEF/IOF



Sub-criteria	3/5	15%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarity and quality of the research training objectives for the researcher • Relevance & quality of the additional scientific training & complementary skills offered, with special attention to exposure to the industry sector, where appropriate • Measures taken by the host for providing quantitative and qualitative mentoring and tutoring 		

MCA – Transfer of Knowledge - IIF



Sub-criteria	No threshold for IIFs	15%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarity and quality of the transfer of knowledge objectives • Potential of transferring knowledge to European host and/or bringing knowledge to Europe 		

IOF/IEF - Training tips

- ▶ Generic training provision
- ▶ Individual training provision
- ▶ Give details of courses – how long, how many will be attended
- ▶ How will training be monitored throughout?
 - Meetings?
 - Any formal monitoring at Grad School level?
- ▶ How does the training match with the research?
- ▶ Role of Scientist in charge – experience in mentoring
- ▶ Role of larger research community

IIF - Transfer of Knowledge tips

- ▶ What knowledge will be transferred?
- ▶ What are the researcher's unique skills/knowledge
- ▶ How will knowledge be disseminated?
- ▶ Seminars?
- ▶ Supervision of PhD students?
- ▶ Teaching?
- ▶ Conferences?

Training/Knowledge transfer (1) – Assessor Comments

Positive feedback

- ▶ Contemplates training courses specifically designed for postdoctoral fellows
- ▶ Research training objectives are clearly identified, described, and planned
- ▶ Both participants will benefit from their mutual collaboration, not only through direct joint work, but also through the interaction with the whole research group
- ▶ Fellow has range of relevant knowledge and expertise to be brought to the project

Training/Knowledge transfer (2)

- Assessor Comments

Negative Feedback

- ▶ A research project with no training element

- ▶ The host asserts skills without presenting convincing evidence of competence

- ▶ The range of techniques described would clearly be valuable to the researcher, but the lack of detailed description does not inspire confidence in the quality of training available

- ▶ Objective are research objectives with out specifying the unique knowledge the fellow will bring

MCA – Researcher

Sub-criteria	4/5	25%
• Research experience		
• Results including patents/publications/teaching		
• Independent thinking & leadership qualities (<i>and capacity to transfer knowledge (IIF)</i>)		
• Match between the fellow's profile and research		
• IEF and IOF: <i>Potential for reaching a position of professional maturity</i>		
• IEF and IOF: <i>Potential to acquire new knowledge</i>		

IEF/IIF/IOF Tips - Researcher

- ▶ Work experience (in research)
- ▶ Industrial experience and expertise
- ▶ Transferable skills
- ▶ Prizes, Awards, Lectures etc
- ▶ Research potential
- ▶ Independent thinking and leadership qualities
- ▶ Match between fellow's profile and project
- ▶ Cross and multi-disciplinary experience

Give evidence of statements

- ▶ Referee assessment

Researcher – Assessor Comments



Positive Feedback

- ▶ Clear proof of independent thinking during PhD and the possibility to progress and develop
- ▶ Clear evidence of leadership qualities
- ▶ Potential to acquire new knowledge is high
- ▶ Good references and clear list of Prizes, Awards, Lectures, etc

Negative Feedback

- ▶ CV lacks data on record
- ▶ Continuation of previous research so exposure to new approaches is lacking
- ▶ References were similar and from one institution

MCA – Implementation



Sub-criteria	15%
<i>No threshold</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality of infrastructure / facilities & international collaborations of host • Practical arrangements for implementation & management of scientific projects • Feasibility & credibility of project, including work plan • Practical & administrative arrangements & support for the hosting of the fellow 	

IEF/IIF/IOF Tips - Implementation



- ▶ Does the host institution have the infrastructure/experience required for the project – and will the researcher have access to it?
 - Facilities
 - Collaborations
 - Experience of European projects at Scientist in Charge, Departmental, Institutional level
 - Personnel/research capacity/critical mass
- ▶ Have you thought about how the project will be implemented in practice?
 - Work plan
 - Timetables
 - Milestones
 - Objectives

IEF/IIF/IOF Tips - Implementation



- ▶ What support is the host providing for the fellow? (e.g. resources for helping the fellow settle in; access to language courses)
 - Personnel/research capacity/critical mass
 - HR/finance support
 - Pastoral care (help with accommodation, orientation, etc.)
 - Linguistic training

Implementation Assessor Comments



Positive Feedback

- ▶ The facilities of the host are appropriate for the research project
- ▶ The research activities, milestones, foreseen deliverables and schedule is very comprehensive, well described and appropriate

Negative Feedback

- ▶ Practical arrangements for management, administration, and support for hosting the fellow are not well described
- ▶ The amount of work and timeline may be too ambitious

MCA – Impact



Sub-criteria	3.5/5	20%
All Individual Fellowships		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential for creating long term collaborations and mutually beneficial co-operation with other countries (IEF) / between Europe and the other third country (IIF/IOF) • Contribution to European excellence and European Competitiveness regarding the expected research results (IEF) / through valuable transfer of knowledge (IIF/IOF) • Impact of the proposed outreach activities 		

Impact

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Sub-criteria	3.5/5	20%
IEF and IOF		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Impact of competencies acquired during the fellowship on the future career prospects of the researcher, in particular through exposure to transferable skills training (<i>IEF only: with special attention to exposure to the industrial sector, where appropriate</i>) Contribution to the career development, or re-establishment where relevant 		
IEF only		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Benefit of the mobility to the European Research Area 		

Impact tips

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- Impact on researcher's career and skills development
- Impact on host organisation
- Impact of research in terms of European priorities
- Impact of mobility

Impact tips

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- Give details of any lasting collaborations
- What are the societal, economic, academic impacts of the research?
- How does the project respond to European policy (Innovation Union, Youth on the Move)?
- IOF/IEF* - What new skills will researcher gain? How will it improve their career prospects? Will they have exposure to the commercial sector?
- What is the benefit of them working in a different country? Linguistic skills? Specialisation? Facilities?
- IIF* – How will the host/country/EU benefit from researcher's stay?
- Dissemination/public engagement plans?

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Impact tips - outreach

- ▶ Marie Curie Ambassador
- ▶ Workshop Day
- ▶ Summer-School
- ▶ Marie Curie Project Open Day
- ▶ Public talks, TV-Talks, podcasts and articles in newspapers
- ▶ e-Newsletters
- ▶ Multimedia releases

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Impact – Assessor Comments

Positive Feedback

- ▶ Contribution to European excellence and competitiveness is well presented
- ▶ Skill acquired during the project will greatly contribute to the fellow's career development

Negative Feedback

- ▶ Lack of career development plan for the applicant
- ▶ Lack of details means it is difficult to judge whether a independent position is achievable

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Statistics - Individual Fellowships


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Individual Fellowships – IEF/IOF/IIF




- ▶ Intra-European Fellowships (IEF) – Aug 2012
 - 3,708 proposals received
 - Success rate: 16.6%
 - UK success rate: 23.0%
 - UK host for 237 fellowships (out of 614 funded)
 - Approx. value to the UK € 46M
- ▶ International Outgoing Fellowships (IOF) – Aug 2012
 - 955 proposals received
 - Success rate: 16.4%
 - UK success rate: 29.5%
 - UK return host for 36 fellowships (out of 157 funded)
 - Approx. value to the UK € 9M
- ▶ International Incoming Fellowships (IIF) – Aug 2012
 - 1,447 proposals received
 - Success rate: 13.3%
 - UK success rate: 18.6%
 - UK host for 78 fellowships (out of 193 funded)
 - Approx. value to the UK € 16M

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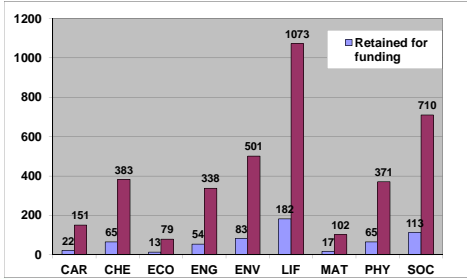
- ▶ Intra-European Fellowships (IEF) – Aug 2011
 - 3,302 proposals received
 - Success rate: 17.9%
 - UK success rate: 24.5%
- ▶ International Outgoing Fellowships (IOF) – Aug 2011
 - 856 proposals received
 - Success rate: 19.2%
 - UK success rate: 32.0%
- ▶ International Incoming Fellowships (IIF) – Aug 2011
 - 1,290 proposals received
 - Success rate: 15.8%
 - UK success rate: 20.6%

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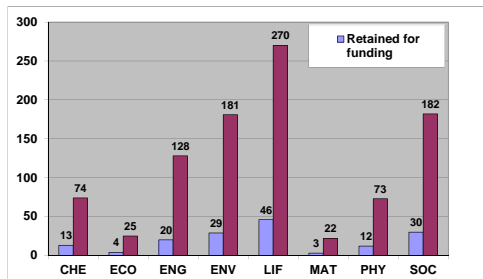


- ▶ Intra-European Fellowships (IEF) – Aug 2010
 - 2,832 proposals received
 - Success rate: 17.8%
 - UK success rate: 22.9%
- ▶ International Outgoing Fellowships (IOF) – Aug 2010
 - 730 proposals received
 - Success rate: 16.44%
 - UK success rate: 18.8%
- ▶ International Incoming Fellowships (IIF) – Aug 2010
 - 1,160 proposals received
 - Success rate: 11.8%
 - UK success rate: 16.5%

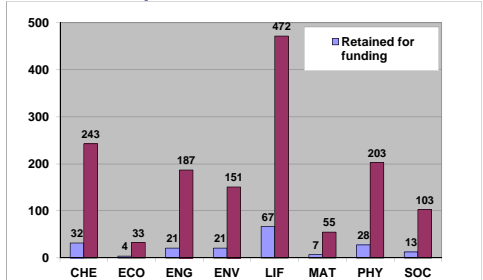
Marie Curie IEF 2012 results by research area panel



Marie Curie IOF 2012 results by research area panel



Marie Curie IIF 2012 results by research area panel



Maximising Your Chances of Success - Career Integration Grants

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Career Integration Grants- Part B

S & T Quality	30%	3/5
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Implementation	15%	No threshold
Impact	25%	No threshold


Overall threshold 70%

MCA – S&T Quality


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MCA – Researcher 

Sub-criteria	3/5	30%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research career potential • Research and technological quality of previous research • Independent thinking & leadership qualities • Match between fellow's profile and project 		

MCA – Implementation 

Sub-criteria	No threshold	15%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality of the host organisation, including adequacy of infrastructure and facilities • Feasibility & credibility of project, including work plan • Management: Practical arrangements for implementation & management of the research project 		

Impact 

Sub-criteria	No threshold	25%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribution to research excellence by attracting and retaining first class researchers • Potential and quality of researcher's long-term professional integration in Europe: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • expected impact on future career development of researcher • expected length of employment contract • attractiveness of remuneration package • Potential of transferring knowledge to the host organisation • Capacity to develop lasting co-operation / collaborations with other countries • Plans for dissemination / exploitation of results • Impact of proposed outreach activities 		

Career Integration Grants: Success rates



Call	Proposals submitted	Proposals funded	Success rate	UK success rate
March 2011	707	211	29.8%	32.7%
September 2011	747	208	27.8%	40.0%
March 2012	759	203	26.7%	44.6%
September 2012	899	203	22.6%	30.7%
March 2013	899			

Generic Hints & Tips



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Approaching your project proposal writing



- ▶ Work with your supervisor
- ▶ Keep the Guide for Applicants in front of you
- ▶ Treat the criteria as examination questions
- ▶ Think about the way you write
 - Brainstorm each section
 - Then focus on a section at a time
- ▶ Plan your proposal writing

Approaching your project proposal writing



- ▶ It will feel repetitive – addressing issues from different angles
- ▶ Stick to the page limit
- ▶ Think about your evaluators
 - Clearly address the main objectives
 - Use clear and concise language
 - Explain country specific jargon
 - Provide them with the evidence they need
- ▶ Find colleagues to read it through

Any questions?



Further Information



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