

# Call for Participation

“Horizon Europe Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions Postdoctoral Fellowships:  
How to write a competitive proposal?”

## Description

The "European Reform University Alliance" (ERUA) consists of five young reform universities in Bulgaria, Denmark, France, Greece and Germany that have joined forces to form a European University Alliance. On behalf of ERUA, we would like to invite you to participate in a three-day workshop: “Horizon Europe Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions Postdoctoral Fellowships: How to write a competitive proposal?”

*Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions Postdoctoral Fellowships* (MSCA PFs) target postdocs (with no more than 8 years of experience after the completion of their PhD) who wish to carry out their research activities abroad, acquire new skills, develop their careers and improve employability by gaining experience in other countries, disciplines and non-academic sectors. These postdoctoral fellowships spread excellence in research and they are based on knowledge transfer between fellows and their host(s), with a strong emphasis on interdisciplinarity and intersectoral experience. MSCA PFs allow candidates to extend their international network as well as to enhance their professional reputation as a researcher. On the other hand, hosting an MSCA Postdoctoral Fellow allows established group leaders to work with the most brilliant postdocs in their field that bring additional expertise to the research group.

There are two types of MSCA PF:

- European Fellowships (EF):
  - o cover mobility within or to Europe (12-24 months)
  - o open to researchers of any nationality
- Global Fellowship (GF):
  - o cover mobility from Europe to outside Europe (12-24 months), followed by a mandatory return phase to Europe (12 months)
  - o open to researchers who are European nationals or long-term residents in Europe

Interested researchers submit an application together with a host organisation, which can be a university, research institution, or other organisation based in an EU Member State or Horizon Europe Associated Country.

During our workshop, we will focus on writing successful applications for MSCA PF. We will further encourage the exchange within the ERUA universities in finding potential host(s). At

the end of the workshop, attendees will be equipped with tools and know-how to prepare a competitive MSCA PF proposal submission. The workshop will take place at the University of Konstanz and is organized by the ERUA Research Support Group as one of several ERUA activities.

**Trainer: Juliane Sauer**

**Date and tentative time:**

- 23 January noon -5 PM
- 24 January 9 AM-4:30 PM
- 25 January 9 AM-1 PM

**Programme:**

**23 January:**

- WELCOME LUNCH
- INTRODUCTION & BASIC FACTS
- KEY ASPECTS OF THE PROPOSAL (PART B: EXCELLENCE CRITERION)
- CONCLUSION & END OF DAY
- SOCIAL EVENT IN THE EVENING

**24 January:**

- KEY ASPECTS OF THE PROPOSAL (PART B: IMPACT CRITERION)
- KEY ASPECTS OF THE PROPOSAL (PART B: IMPLEMENTATION CRITERION)
- LUNCH
- THE NEXT STEPS
- CONCLUSION & END OF DAY
- SOCIAL EVENT IN THE EVENING

**25 January:**

- PRESENTATIONS OF / Q&A WITH SUCCESSFUL MSCA POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS
- PRESENTATIONS OF / Q&A WITH MSCA EVALUATORS
- OPTIONAL: MEETING YOUR HOST
- LUNCH & DEPARTURE

A more detailed programme will be sent to the approved participants.

**Travel:**

If you are planning to travel by plane the recommended destination airport is Zürich in Switzerland (1.5 hours car drive (attention: road toll!) or 1.5 hours by train/bus to Konstanz). An alternative is Stuttgart airport (2.5 hours car drive or 3 hours by train/bus to Konstanz). Following this link, you find all travel options at a glance as well as a campus map: <https://www.uni-konstanz.de/en/university/about-the-university-of-konstanz/travel-and-campus-map/>

### Accommodation:

Different budget categories are available: <https://www.uni-konstanz.de/en/event-and-conference-management/event-and-conference-management/accommodation/>

### Getting around Konstanz:

By bus, ships, train, car, taxi, bike - with a ticket or a hired vehicle: <https://www.uni-konstanz.de/en/welcome-centre/life-in-konstanz/getting-around-konstanz>

## Application

### Eligible applications

The workshop will be organized onsite at Konstanz University, please contact your home ERUA-university about funding of flight tickets and accommodation:

- o Paris 8 University: [valeria.manzione02@univ-paris8.fr](mailto:valeria.manzione02@univ-paris8.fr)
- o Konstanz University: [erua@uni-konstanz.de](mailto:erua@uni-konstanz.de)
- o Roskilde University: [erua@ruc.dk](mailto:erua@ruc.dk)
- o New Bulgarian University: [eddie.marinov@gmail.com](mailto:eddie.marinov@gmail.com)
- o University of the Aegean: [erua-eui@aegean.gr](mailto:erua-eui@aegean.gr)

All participants from the ERUA partner universities are free of participation fee.

### How to apply?

In order to ensure optimal interaction and dialogue, we have limited the workshop to 25 participants (5 from each university), so we would kindly ask you to send a short CV and description of your research area (if available also the name of your potential host) and motivation for participating in the workshop (up to 1 page) no later than **1st November 2022** to [forschungssupport@uni-konstanz.de](mailto:forschungssupport@uni-konstanz.de) with the subject: MSCA PF.

## More information about us

The “European Reform University Alliance” is a part of European University Initiative, aiming to consolidate the most advanced HEIs in Europe. ERUA is formed by University Paris 8 – France, University of Konstanz – Germany, Roskilde University – Denmark, New Bulgarian University – Bulgaria and University of Aegean – Greece. As its mission states, “we offer students a rich and diverse environment with a shared pedagogical approach focused on project-based learning, societal challenges and critical thinking. We develop personalized learning pathways in a multilingual, multicultural environment.

We also offer the framework and structures to allow students from different backgrounds to become part of a shared European experience. We pursue excellence in research by promoting free thinking, a bottom-up approach and open science. We cover most disciplinary fields with a particularly strong profile in the Humanities, Social Sciences and Arts. This enables us to develop original

interdisciplinary approaches and new answers and solutions to contemporary problems and challenges.

Our educational programmes and research projects are geared towards societal impact. To achieve this we work in close collaboration with a wide range of actors. As a European University we combine local engagement and global vision.”

Two ERUA workshops have already taken place bringing together over 30 ECRs and providing them with the opportunity to work together on the topics of “Participating in and creating scientific networks” workshop for early-career researchers” (March 22-23rd 2022) and “Digitalization of research and Open science” (September 8-10th 2022). Another ERUA workshop is planned on the topic of “Intradisciplinary research - what kind of collaboration do you need and how do you build it?” in November 2022.

For more information about ERUA visit <https://erua-eui.eu/> and the University Konstanz visit <https://www.uni-konstanz.de/>