Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowships

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowships are an excellent opportunity for researchers of any age, nationality or discipline to obtain and transfer new knowledge and to work on research in a European context or outside Europe.

Key Dates:

Call Opens: May 18th, 2021

Call Deadline: September 15th, 2020

Dublin City University is an ideal Host Institution for Marie Skłodowska-Curie individual fellowships. With an outstanding track record in research and innovation and a variety of areas of expertise, we support excellent research and provide a welcoming environment for all researchers. Our Research Support Office offers professional assistance with proposal preparation. In 2015 DCU was awarded the ‘HR Excellence’ accreditation by the European Commission in recognition of DCU’s commitment to providing a research environment that supports the career development of its researchers. DCU has endorsed the European Charter for Researchers and Code of Conduct for Researchers, and the principles embodied in the charter will be reflected in the training provided at DCU. Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellows at DCU will be given the opportunity to participate in its Research Career Framework which provides continuous professional development within the research career path. A major aim of the framework is to ensure researchers can meet the demands of their roles and be in a position to maximise opportunities within the University and develop a wider career path. In addition, DCU’s comprehensive Research Development Programme supports the continuous professional development of researchers.

Types of Fellowships and Eligibility of Researchers

Support is foreseen for individual, trans-national fellowships awarded to the best and most promising researchers for employment in EU Member States or Associated Countries. There are 2 types of fellowships:

• European Postdoctoral Fellowships are open to researchers of any nationality and are held in DCU and are open to researchers either coming to Europe or moving within Europe for a period of 12 to 24 months.

• Global Postdoctoral Fellowships are open to EU nationals or long-term residents. This action enhances the international dimension of European researchers’ career by financing research project to be carried out in two different countries. This action is based on a secondment to a non-associated third country (from 12 to 24 months) and a mandatory 12 month return period to DCU.

Eligible Researchers
• The researcher must hold a PhD degree or should have successfully defended doctoral thesis at the, at the deadline for the submission of proposals, be in possession of a doctoral degree or have at least four years of full-time equivalent research experience.

• The researcher may be of any nationality.

• The researcher must comply with the following mobility rule: the researcher must not have resided or carried out the main activity (work, studies, etc.) in the country of the host organisation for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately prior to the deadline for submission of proposals. Compulsory national service and/or short stays such as holidays are not taken into account.

• The researcher cannot be more than 8 years post PhD at the call deadline.

Areas of Research & Training

The Institute of Education at Dublin City University is looking to host an experienced researcher via funding through Marie Sklodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellowships. In order to secure funding, the experienced researcher must develop a proposal with the host for the September 15 2021 deadline. The DCU Institute of Education is the newest faculty of Dublin City University and is based in DCU St Patrick’s Campus, Drumcondra. The Institute brings together students of education across all sectors from early childhood, to primary and post-primary, and further and higher education. As well as providing a range of undergraduate programmes in education, the Institute offers a rich menu of taught and research-based postgraduate programmes, at doctoral, masters, diploma and certificate levels. As a centre of expertise and excellence in teacher education and education more generally, the Institute hosts a range of research centres in key areas of priority and has an ambitious and growing programme of research. It further aims to strengthen the participation and voice of stakeholders, and those who have been marginalised, in matters regarding education research. Research within the Institute has a particular focus on engagement in high-quality research that improves pedagogic practices and enhances learners' experiences in formal, informal and/or non-formal learning contexts, and that informs policy-making and civil society within and beyond Ireland. With internationally-recognised experts in education policy, inclusive and special education, curriculum and pedagogy, assessment, literacy, evaluation and teacher education, the Institute provides a dynamic learning and working environment.

Project ideas and researcher opportunities

Research Field: The Institute of Education is keen to host excellent postdoctoral researchers to work with our research teams in the areas of education from early years to further and higher education and/or the foundation disciplines including philosophy, sociology and psychology. We welcome expressions of interest from excellent candidates with international profiles interested in developing persuasive proposals with Institute of Education researchers for a MSCA-Postdoctoral Fellowship.
For further information on researchers and their areas of expertise in the Institute of Education please see: https://www.dcu.ie/instituteofeducation/research-interests-and-expertise

Our research centres can be viewed at: https://www.dcu.ie/instituteofeducation/research-centres-and-groups

Career Development is an essential part of the fellowship and the Career Development Plan must be shaped by the Experienced Researcher and the supervisor prior to the start of the fellowship. While developing your scientific skills with hands-on activities Dublin City University offers a variety of transferable skills training through our Researcher Development Programme.

Financial Aspects

The financial support for Marie Skłodowska-Curie IFs covers living allowance, mobility and family allowance, research costs and training on a flat-rate basis.

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*A country correction coefficient applies to the living allowance (116.6% for Ireland).

Note: The living allowance is a gross EU contribution to the salary costs of the researcher. Consequently, the net salary results from deducting all compulsory (employer/employee) social security contributions as well as direct taxes (e.g. income tax) from the gross amounts. In line with current Irish government policy, DCU will automatically enrol all employees into its pension scheme.

Further information

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