

Marie S Curie Individual Fellowships

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...Brexit...

- UK will begin exit on 31st Jan. From that point until end of 2020 we will remain (essentially) a member state
- Then...

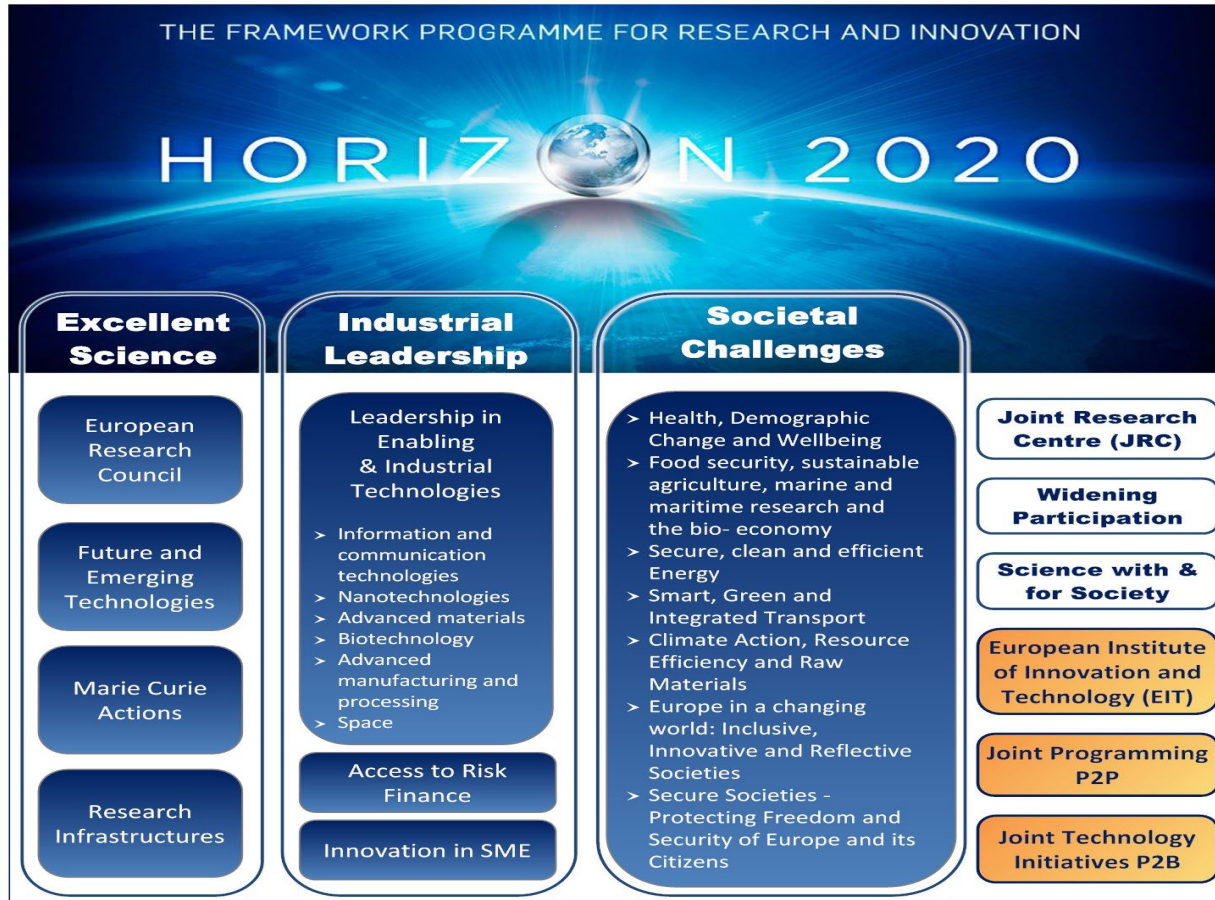


- I have another brief presentation to add detail...

What we'll cover...

- Structure of Horizon2020, briefly...
- IF's and what they are all about
- Application nuts and bolts
- Where does everything live
- Time for questions throughout ... please ask away.

Structure of H2020



Pillar 1: Excellent Science - MSCA

Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions



ITN

Innovative Training
Networks



IF

Individual Fellowships



RISE

Research and
Innovation Staff
Exchange



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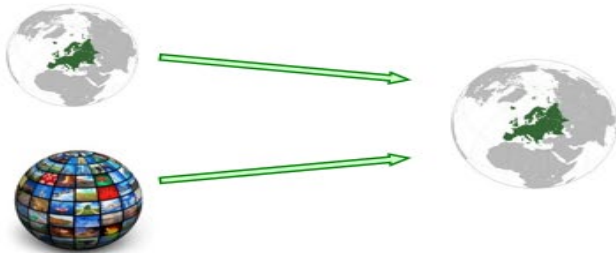


European Researchers'

NIGHT

IFs on offer

European Fellowships

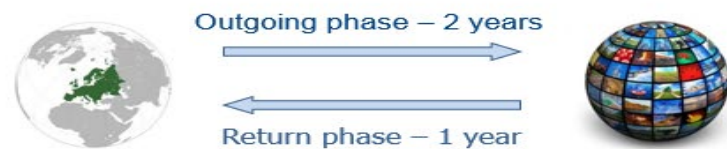


Society and Enterprise Panel

Reintegration Panel

Career Restart Panel

Global Fellowships



Standard Eligibility (for the European Fellowship, eligibility differs for other schemes)

- **Maximum duration 24 months**
- **Fellow must be in possession of a PhD or have 4 years research experience**
- **May be of any nationality**

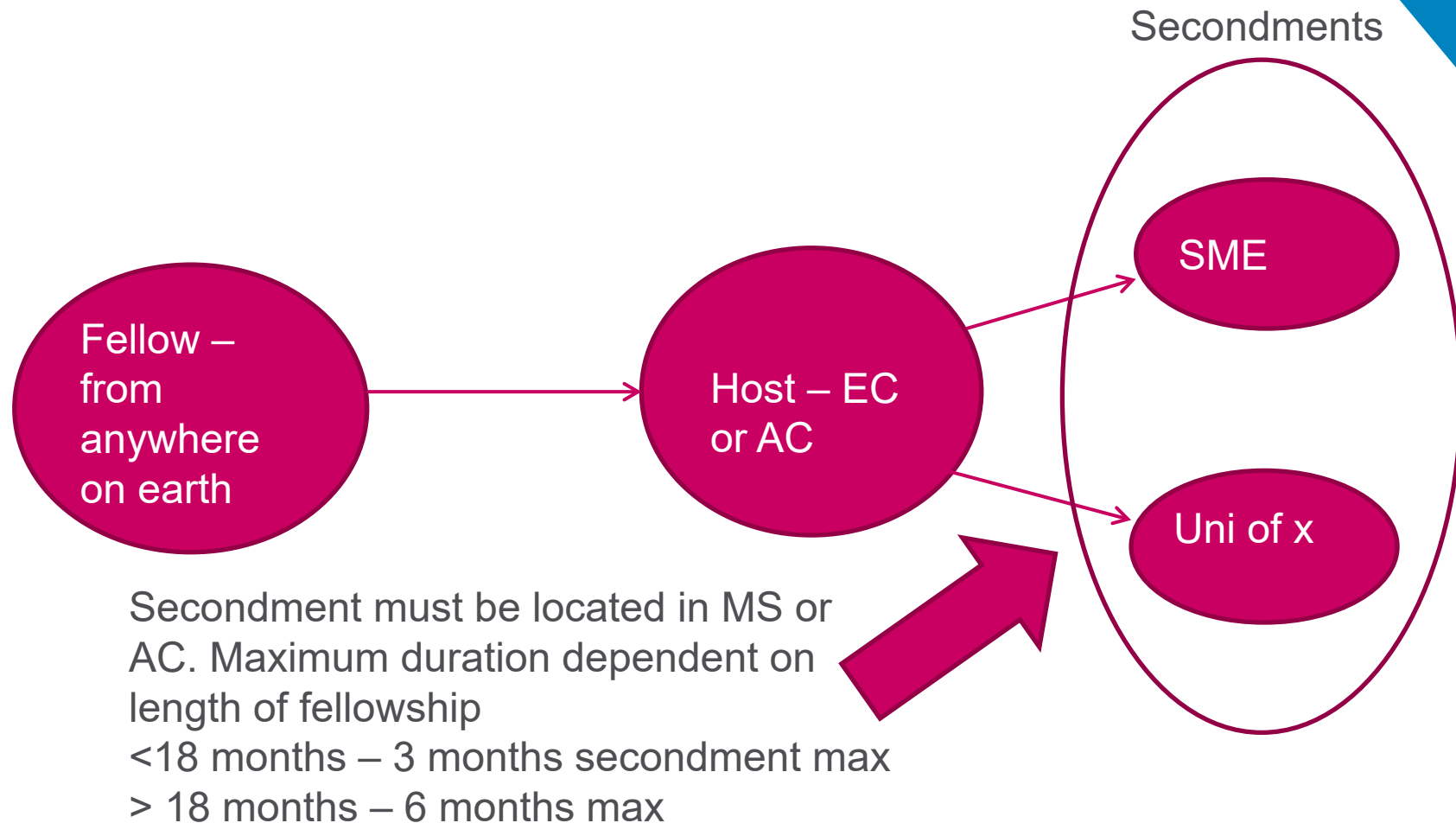
The good news....

- ▶ Aston won 6 fellowships from the 2019 call (40 in total from H2020)
- ▶ We help with all aspects of proposal development, admin, idea development, chasing, cajoling, pushing, nagging...
- ▶ We have template material, reviewers comments. + we can arrange for successful hosts and fellows to review your proposal...no promises
- ▶ ... we know what were doing...

Ideas for finding a fellow...

- ▶ Mine your network
- ▶ Don't ignore all cold calls
- ▶ When recruiting, invite the unsuccessful candidates to apply
- ▶ New appointments may be eligible
- ▶ Put an advert for fellows on your homepage
- ▶ Make friends at conferences... serendipity can work.
- ▶ Note – you can act as host for multiple fellows...

Individual Fellowships (IF) – Structure of a European Fellowship + secondments



Eligible Countries

EU Member States

- [Austria](#) (1995)
- [Belgium](#) (1952)
- [Bulgaria](#) (2007)
- [Croatia](#) (2013)
- [Cyprus](#) (2004)
- [Czech Republic](#) (2004)
- [Denmark](#) (1973)
- [Estonia](#) (2004)
- [Finland](#) (1995)
- [France](#) (1952)
- [Germany](#) (1952)
- [Greece](#) (1981)
- [Hungary](#) (2004)
- [Ireland](#) (1973)
- [Italy](#) (1952)
- [Latvia](#) (2004)
- [Lithuania](#) (2004)
- [Luxembourg](#) (1952)
- [Malta](#) (2004)
- [Netherlands](#) (1952)
- [Poland](#) (2004)
- [Portugal](#) (1986)
- [Romania](#) (2007)
- [Slovakia](#) (2004)
- [Slovenia](#) (2004)
- [Spain](#) (1986)
- [Sweden](#) (1995)
- [United Kingdom](#) (1973)

Associated Countries

- **Switzerland**
- Norway
- Iceland
- Liechtenstein
- Israel
- Norway
- Turkey
- The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Croatia
- Serbia
- Albania
- Bosnia & Herzegovina
- Faroe Islands
- Republic of Moldova

Third Countries

- The rest of the world.

European Fellowship host countries

IFs – Scientific Panel

The Scientific panels are:

- Chemistry (CHE),
 - Social Sciences and Humanities (SOC),
 - Economic Sciences (ECO),
 - Information Science and Engineering (ENG),
 - Environment and Geosciences (ENV),
 - Life Sciences (LIF),
 - Mathematics (MAT)
 - Physics (PHY).
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- Each panel has it's own ranking list + the Career Restart Panel and the Reintegration Panel have their own ranking lists

Funding Regime (for 2019, 2020 unlikely to change)

- ▶ Living allowance - €4,880 p/m – **Note - only one category.**
 - ▶ Mobility allowance - €600 p/m
 - ▶ Family allowance - €500 p/m
 - ▶ Research, training and networking - €800 p/m Paid to research account
 - ▶ Management - €650 The University will have this
- Paid as salary.
All subject to tax and NI

Typical Activities of an Individual Fellowship

Mobility is considered by the European Commission essential for the personal and career development of researchers. It allows the enhancement of collaboration, and the acquisition of new skills and knowledge which contribute to increased creativity, efficacy and performance, thereby contributing to career development and a successful, competitive knowledge-based society.

Training activities - The Fellow should write in the proposal a concrete plan of **training-through-research** at the host organisation's premises. The action should aim to reach a realistic and well-defined objective in terms of career advancement. The action should be created with the final outcome to **develop and significantly widen the competences of the Fellow, particularly in terms of multi/interdisciplinary expertise, inter-sectoral experience and transferable skills.**

Typical Activities of an Individual Fellowship

Secondments - During the implementation of the IF the Fellow may be seconded to another institution in Europe. Such secondments must significantly contribute to the impact of the fellowship and therefore in certain research fields would be expected to take place in the non-academic sector

A **Career Development Plan** must be described by the Experienced Researcher and the supervisor prior to the start of the fellowship. In addition to research objectives, this plan comprises the researcher's **training and career needs, including training on transferable skills, planning for publications and participation in conferences.**

Typical Activities of an Individual Fellowship

Typical training activities in IFs may include:

- **Primarily, training-through-research** under the direct supervision of the supervisor and other members of the scientific staff of the host organisation by the means of an individual personalised action;
- **Hands-on training** activities for developing scientific (new techniques, instruments etc.) and transferable skills (entrepreneurship, proposal preparation to request funding, patent applications, management of IPR, action

And...**Communication and Dissemination** and **Public Engagement**

Marie Curie Timings

▶ Opens – 8th April. Closes 9th September 2020

▶ Link to call –

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/msca-if-2020;freeTextSearchKeyword=IF;typeCodes=0,1;statusCodes=31094501;programCode=null;programDivisionCode=null;focusAreaCode=null;crossCuttingPriorityCode=null;callCode=Default;sortQuery=openingDate;orderBy=asc;onlyTenders=false;topicListKey=topicSearchTablePageState>

Evaluation and outcome timing

- ▶ Evaluation of proposals – Oct/Nov 2020
- ▶ Information on outcome - Jan/Feb 2021
- ▶ Indicative date for signing Grant Agreement (GA) – May 2021
- ▶ Once the GA is signed, fellows have up to 12 months to commence their project. This is the maximum, they can elect to start immediately.

Nuts and bolts

- ▶ How to apply – do it though me. I'll make your life easier.
 - Part A – Admin
 - Part B – Application form

Part A - Admin

- ▶ Earlier the better
- ▶ All fellows will need to open an application. They will need the Aston PIC – I can provide this.
- ▶ If Part A isn't done and dusted, you cannot submit.

Nuts and bolts

Part B

- ▶ Evaluation based on performance in 3 sections
 - ▶ Excellence – 50%
 - ▶ Impact – 30%
 - ▶ Implementation – 20%
- ▶ Consult the scheme specific Guide for Applicants (GfA) – https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/call_ptef/ef/2018-2020/h2020-call-ef-msca-if-2018-20_en.pdf

Part B

- ▶ 10 pages. 3 sections. **No work count limits for sections.**
 - ▶ 1, Excellence,
 - ▶ 2, Impact,
 - ▶ 3, Implementation

- ▶ However, there are an additional 4 sections.
 - ▶ CV of Fellow – **5 pages**
 - ▶ Capacities of Participating Organisations – **½ page**
 - ▶ Ethical Aspects – **Make sure this is sorted.**
 - ▶ Letters of Commitment - **for Global Fellowships**

Tips and Websites

Become an expert reviewer -

http://ec.europa.eu/research/horizon2020/index_en.cfm?pg=h2020experts

Register on UKRO website, receive regular quality information

<http://www.ukro.ac.uk/Pages/UKRO.aspx>

Front door to H2020, including News and Events -

<http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/>

Funded EC Projects - https://cordis.europa.eu/projects/home_en.html