

**Recipients:** Research programme directors, Heads of departments, fundraisers, potential supervisors for future Marie Skłodowska Curie fellows

## Marie Curie Master Classes, 10-12 May 2016

### Purpose

The purpose of the Master Classes is to attract European Fellowships to Arts through the Marie Skłodowska Curie programme in Horizon2020.

An important factor for success is the match between the project, the applicant and the host research environment. Master Classes will provide potential applicants and supervisors with the opportunity to meet and discuss the research project. At the same time it is an opportunity for candidates to experience and visit the research environment at Aarhus University and the city. Last but not least the applicants will be given help and guidance with their actual application.

Marie Curie actions are a career development programme, therefore it is vital for the success of an application that the match is well developed and explained between the applicants and the research environment and supervisor. To foster and develop this relationship supervisors/research environments are expected to spend a fair amount of time with the applicant during the masterclass days.

### Project and time schedule

#### *Relevant for applicants*

- The [initial MSCA-IF call](#) was published October 2015 (final call is expected in April 2016)
- Master classes will be held May 10-12, 2016
- The deadline for MSCA-IF will be 14 September 2016

#### *Relevant for Arts researchers and supervisors*

- **January – March 2016** the schools and departments take action to identify possible candidates via potential supervisors at the Faculty of Arts. This can be done via networks, conferences, projects and announcements. Candidates can be internationally based or currently at Aarhus University.
- **25. March 2016:** Deadline for suggestion of applicants to be sent to: [lho@au.dk](mailto:lho@au.dk). Suggestions must come from potential supervisors and include:

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Date: 27. January 2016

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- Short motivation/argument of the candidates potential for an MSCA-IF
- Contact information of the candidate
- CV of the candidate

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- **May 10-12, 2016:** Supervisors should be available to participate in part of the masterclass programme.

### **Tentative programme 10-12 May, 2016**

<b>Tuesday May 10</b>	
Morning + lunch	With supervisors and research group
13.00-13.10	Welcome and introduction by head of the steering committee
Afternoon	Workshop on the application with FSE
Evening	Joint Dinner with supervisors
<b>Wednesday May 11</b>	
Morning	Workshop on application continued with FSE
12.00-13.00	Lunch
12.00-14.30	International center: Joint with other participants on living and working in Denmark
14.30-17.00	Tour of university (and the city)
Evening (20.00)	Optional visit to AROS
<b>Thursday May 12</b> (possible visit to Emdrup for those relevant)	
Morning	Work with supervisor on application
End of official programme	

## Appendix:

### Marie Sklodowska Curie Actions in H2020

Marie Sklodowska Curie Actions, individual fellowships (MSCA-IF) are designed to strengthen the innovative and creative potential in researchers, who wish to develop and expand their individual competences through '*advanced training, international and intersectoral mobility*'.

There are two categories of MSCA-IF; Global Fellowships (GF) and European Fellowships (EF).

#### *Global Fellowships*

Global fellowships are not intended to be part of the pilotproject at AU as one of the prerequisites is a primary stay of at least one year in a country outside of Europe (followed by one year in Europe)

#### *European Fellowships*

European Fellowships are conducted in a European country. There is no given thematic frame and projects from all research areas can apply. Applications are directed toward one of the following 8 scientific panels:

CHE – chemistry

SOC - Social Sciences and Humanities

ECO - Economic Sciences

ENG - Information Science and Engineering

ENV - Environment and Geoscience

LIF - Life Sciences

MAT – Mathematics

PHYS – Physics

In addition it is possible to direct the application to one of the following three panels:

RI – Reintegration Panel; to re-integrate researchers into a European context

CAR – Career Integration Panel; to re-establish a research career

SE – Society and Enterprise Panel; to foster research collaboration between the academic world and industries.

Collectively the panels have a budget of 179,5 mill Euro in 2016 and 205 mill Euro in 2017.

## MSCA-IF

INDIVIDUAL FELLOWSHIPS		EUROPEAN			GLOBAL
		Standard EF	CAR	RI	GF
EXPERIENCED RESEARCHERS	Nationality	ANY	ANY	MS, AC or long-term residents	MS, AC or long-term residents
	Mobility	From ANY country to MS or AC	From ANY country to MS or AC	From TC to MS or AC	From ANY country to TC then to MS/AC
		< 12 months in the last 3 years	< 36 months in the last 5 years	< 36 months in the last 5 years	< 12 months in the last 3 years
Career break in research	-	≥ 12 months prior to call deadline	-	-	
PARTICIPANTS	Beneficiary	MS or AC	MS or AC	MS or AC	MS or AC
	Partner Organisation	MS or AC (optional secondments)	MS or AC (optional secondments)	MS or AC (optional secondments)	TC (outgoing phase) MS or AC (optional secondments)
DURATION (months)		12 - 24	12 - 24	12 - 24	12 to 24 + 12
SCIENTIFIC PANELS/AREAS		8 panels	8 areas	8 areas	8 panels
NUMBER OF RANKING LISTS		8	1	1	8

This table is from the 2015 call. No major changes are expected in the 2016 call. The SE panel is new from 2016 and therefore not included in the table above.

### Targetgroup – fellows

MSCA-IF has no regulations on nationality or age. An applicant must have at least 4 years of research experience or a PhD degree. Most applicants will have some postdoc experience following their PhD, but this is not mandatory.

### Expected outcome of MSCA-IF

The European Commission has the following expectation from the MSCA –IF programme (the following is copied from the work-programme 2016-17):

#### Expected Impact

At researcher level:

- Increased set of skills, both research-related and transferable ones, leading to improved employability and career prospects both in and outside academia
- Increase in higher impact R&I output, more knowledge and ideas converted into products and services
- Greater contribution to the knowledge-based economy and society

At organisation level:

- Enhanced cooperation and stronger networks
- Better transfer of knowledge between sectors and disciplines
- Boosting of R&I capacity among participating organisations

At system level:

- Increase in international, interdisciplinary and intersectoral mobility of researchers in Europe
- Strengthening of Europe's human capital base in R&I with more entrepreneurial and better trained researchers
- Better communication of R&I results to society
- Increase in Europe's attractiveness as a leading destination for R&I

- Better quality research and innovation contributing to Europe's competitiveness and growth

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### Evaluation process

All applicants, who meet the formal requirements, are assessed by at least 3 external experts. The evaluators will score each segment (Excellence, Impact, Implementation) in the applications from a scale of 0-5. The score is based on the criteria set in the call. A consensus meeting between the evaluators will determine the final score and following this a panel meeting will establish a ranking order of the applications which meet the standard of 70%.

Each panel will be allocated a part of the budget which correlates with the number of applications received. Fellowships are awarded from the top of the ranking-list until the budget has been used.

The Success rate for the SOC panel was 18,6% in 2014.

### Finances

MSCA-IF are funded directly by the European Commission. The following amounts are the funding from EU to the host institution. The OH for AU is 15.600 EURO (117.000 DKK) for a two year fellowship.

Cost		Monthly (Euro)	Annually (Euro)	Two-year period (Euro)
Researcher unit costs	Living allowance*	6.291, 50	75.498	150.995
	Mobility allowance	600	7.200	14.400
	Family allowance**	500	6.000	12.000
Institutional unit costs	Research, training and networking costs	800	9.600	19.200
	Management and indirect costs	650	7.800	15.600
<b>Total</b>		<b>8.841,50</b>	<b>106.098</b>	<b>212.195</b>

\* The standard I 4.650 Euro monthly but applying the country correction coefficient for Denmark the amount is 6.292 Euro monthly.

\* This is of course dependent on the applicant having a family. But this does not influence the institutional costs as this is a fixed monthly number.