

The Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowships

Are you a postdoctoral researcher thinking about your next career move? The Marie Skłodowska-Curie (MSCA) Individual Fellowships may be just right for you. These fellowships fund researchers looking to enhance their career development and prospects by working abroad. KU Leuven – being one of the leading European universities - allows you to work in a first class research environment while benefitting from an attractive remuneration package.

The Individual Fellowships in a nutshell

Who can apply?

- ❖ Individual Fellowships are intended for promising researchers from anywhere in the world.
- ❖ Only experienced researchers can apply. This means you will have your doctoral degree or at least four years' full-time research experience by the time of the call deadline.
- ❖ Mobility across borders is a must.

What can be funded? All research areas can be funded.

Types of Individual Fellowships

There are two types of Individual Fellowships:

European Fellowships

- ❖ Held in a EU Member State or an associated country.
- ❖ Last from one to two years.
- ❖ Open to researchers either coming to Europe or moving within Europe.
- ❖ Can help to restart research careers after a break such as parental leave.
- ❖ Can also help reintegrate researchers coming back to Europe.

Global Fellowships

- ❖ Fund research stays (one to two years) outside Europe for researchers based in in a EU Member State or an associated country.
- ❖ There is a mandatory one year return period to Europe.

Both types can also include a secondment period of up to 3 or 6 months in another organisation in Europe, where this can boost the impact of the fellowship.

What does the funding cover? The grant provides an allowance to cover your living, travel and family costs. The research costs and overhead of the host organisation(s) are also supported.



Preparing your application



How do I apply and who can assist me?

- ❖ All relevant information can be found in the Participant Portal.
- ❖ The KU Leuven EU team (eu-info@kuleuven.be) will assist you with your application. Contact us at your earliest convenience.
- ❖ Advice and information can also be found through the National Contact Points and Horizon 2020 Helpdesk.

OVERVIEW SUPPORT AND TIMELINE

Eligibility checks and finding a supervisor

The KU Leuven EU team can assist you with verifying your eligibility and finding a supervisor affiliated with KU Leuven. Contact us at your earliest convenience (eu-info@kuleuven.be).



Travel allowance application (deadline 14 April 2016).

Applicants living outside of Belgium can apply for a [travel allowance](#) to attend the Master class.

Master class (23-24 June 2016)

The Master class is intended to get to know KU Leuven and your future supervisor and research group, and in addition includes an in depth proposal writing clinic. Registration will open shortly.

Draft proposal writing (June-July)

Applicants register themselves and their proposal in the online [Participant Portal](#) using the validated PIC of KU Leuven (999991334). Applicants write their proposal with input and support from their supervisor and the EU team.

Feedback on the proposal (August)

Applicants should send their draft proposal (80% ready) to the EU team for feedback.

Final deadline (14 September 2016)

About KU Leuven

Aiming for excellent research

- ❖ KU Leuven is a research-intensive university that carries out both fundamental and applied research in [all academic disciplines](#), with an inter- and multidisciplinary focus.
- ❖ KU Leuven continuously strives for international excellence. KU Leuven is ranked the 13th EU university in the [Times Higher Education World University Ranking](#) and is amongst the [most successful participants to the competitive European framework programme for research and innovation \(FP7\)](#), ranked the 6th EU university.
- ❖ KU Leuven is a breeding ground and attractive destination for the world's best researchers, including [Starting and Consolidator ERC Grantees](#) and [Marie Curie fellows](#). About 40% of our researchers come from abroad.
- ❖ KU Leuven carries out its activities at various campuses, research parks and hospital facilities, working together with partners at home and abroad. [Leuven Research and Development](#) drives innovation by ensuring the valorization of research results.

Supporting young talents

Marie Curie postdoctoral fellows can benefit from:

- ❖ Working with top-scientists, using the most advanced scientific approaches and facilities.
- ❖ [University services and staff](#) supporting (international) scholars.
- ❖ A wide range of skills training designed to meet the specific needs of postdocs.
- ❖ [Career coaching and guidance](#).
- ❖ An attractive remuneration package. For more information, contact eu-info@kuleuven.be.

KU Leuven as well as regional and international funding agencies offer [other fellowships](#) for postdoctoral researchers.

Living in Leuven

- ❖ [Leuven](#) is a vibrant historical city located in the heart of Europe. Brussels, the multicultural capital of Europe, is only 20 minutes by train, whereas Amsterdam (2 hours), London (2 hours) and Paris (1,5 hours) are all within reach.
- ❖ [Belgium](#) is a small trilingual country famous for its beer and chocolate.
- ❖ '[Living in Leuven](#)' offers more detailed information for international scholars.

