

Activity 2: Life-Long Training and Career Development

CALL TITLE: MARIE CURIE INTRA-EUROPEAN FELLOWSHIPS FOR CAREER DEVELOPMENT (IEF)

- **Call identifier:** *FP7-PEOPLE-2013-IEF*
- **Date of publication:** 14 March 2013
- **Deadline:** 14 August 2013 at 17.00.00, Brussels local time
- **Indicative budget:** *EUR 134 million* of the 2013 budget. The final budget awarded to this call, following the evaluation of projects, may however vary up to 10% of the total value of this call.
- **Topics called:**

ACTION	Funding Schemes
<i>Marie Curie Intra-European Fellowships for Career Development</i>	<i>Support for training and career development of researchers</i>

- **Eligibility conditions:**
 - The general eligibility criteria are set out in Annex 2 to this work programme, and in the guide for applicants. Please note that the completeness criterion also includes that part B of the proposal shall be readable, accessible and printable.
- **Additional eligibility criteria**
 - **Eligible researchers:** The action addresses *experienced researchers* who are at a stage of their career when they can benefit from a life-long training and career development measure. This includes researchers with a more senior profile in terms of experience as well as those who wish to resume their research career after a break. Researchers shall be *experienced researchers* at the relevant deadline for submission of proposals.
 - **Rules of mobility and nationality applicable to eligible researchers:** Applicants can be of any nationality. They shall demonstrate mobility from a Member State or an associated country to another Member State or associated country, and shall comply with the rule for mobility at the deadline for submission of proposals. As an exception, for the 'career restart' panel, researchers will be eligible if they have not resided or carried out their main activity in the country of their host organisation for more than 3 years in the 5 years immediately prior to the relevant deadline for submission of proposals. The benefit of the proposed mobility will be assessed during evaluation in terms of benefit for the ERA.
 - The application is made jointly by a researcher and a host organisation. Applicant host organisations shall be active in research and located in a Member State or in an associated country.
 - Projects shall be for a period of 12 to 24 months (full-time equivalent).
 - For further details concerning these conditions you shall refer to the core text of the work programme.

- **Evaluation procedure:**
 - The evaluation criteria (including weights and thresholds) and sub-criteria together with the eligibility, selection and award criteria, for the different funding actions are set out in Annex 2 to this work programme.
 - Proposal page limits: Applicants shall ensure that proposals conform to the page limits and layout given in the Guide for Applicants, and in the proposal part B template available through the electronic Submission Services of the Commission. The experts will be instructed to disregard any pages exceeding these limits.
 - The minimum font size allowed is 11 points. The page size is A4, and all margins (top, bottom, left and right) should be at least 15 mm (not including any footers or headers).
 - A single-stage submission and evaluation procedure will be used.
 - Proposals will not be evaluated anonymously.
 - Proposals may be evaluated remotely.
 - The procedure for prioritising proposals with equal scores is described in Annex 2 of this work programme.
 - Proposals are allocated to one of the nine panels: the eight Marie Curie evaluation panels¹, and one multi-disciplinary 'career restart' panel. For each panel a ranked list is established. The distribution of the indicative budget of the call over the panels will be proportional to the number of eligible proposals received in each panel. If the budget allocated to a panel exceeds the requirements of all proposals positively evaluated² in that panel, the excess budget will be reallocated to the other panels based on the distribution as above. Equally, if the allocated funding to a panel is insufficient to fund the highest ranked proposal in that panel, the necessary budget will be transferred from the other panels based on the distribution as above, in order to ensure that the highest ranked proposal can be funded.
- **Indicative evaluation and contractual timetable:**
 - Evaluation results are estimated to be available within 4 months after the relevant deadline for submission.
 - Grant agreement signature: expected from within 6 months after the relevant deadline for submission.
- **Forms of grants and maximum reimbursement rates:** The forms of grants and maximum reimbursement rates which will be offered are specified in Annex 3 to this work programme.
- **Dissemination:** beneficiaries are encouraged to make their best efforts to ensure free access to peer-reviewed articles resulting from projects via an institutional or subject-based repository.

¹ The Marie Curie evaluation 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).

² Measured as proposals having passed all relevant evaluation thresholds.