

Your MSCA Individual Fellowship at KU Leuven?

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 benefiting 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 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 to 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

KU Leuven offers a broad range of support to applicants. Please contact the KU Leuven EU team (eu-info@kuleuven.be) at your earliest convenience.

APPLICATION TIMELINE AND SUPPORT OFFERED BY KU LEUVEN

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. See www.kuleuven.be/eu/msca-if or contact us at your earliest convenience.

Travel allowance application (deadline early Spring)

Applicants living outside of Belgium can apply for a travel allowance to attend the Master class.

Master class (June)

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.

Draft proposal writing (March-August)

Applicants write their proposal with input and support from their supervisor and the EU team.

Feedback on the proposal (deadline mid-August)

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

Final application (deadline September)

KU Leuven as well as regional and international funding agencies also offer other fellowships for postdoctoral researchers. For more information see www.kuleuven.be/eu/msca-if.



Please consult www.kuleuven.be/eu/msca-if for more information about how to apply and support offered by KU Leuven, including exact dates and internal deadlines.



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 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.

KU Leuven continuously strives for international excellence. KU Leuven is ranked the 14th European university in the Times Higher Education World University Ranking (2018) and is amongst the most successful participants to the competitive European framework programme for research and innovation (Horizon 2020), being ranked the 6th EU university (2017). KU Leuven is ranked 1st in Reuters' "Europe's Most Innovative Universities" Ranking (2017).

KU Leuven is a breeding ground and attractive destination for the world's best researchers, including Starting and Consolidator ERC Grantees and hundreds of Marie Curie fellows. About 40% of our researchers come from abroad.

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.



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. 'Living in Leuven' offers more detailed information for international scholars.

www.kuleuven.be/english/living

