MSCA-2019 SCHEDULE

09:30 Brexit update - Renata Schaeffer
09:45 Introduction to MSCA-IF-2019 Call – Peter Martin
10:15 A Fellow’s Perspective – Dr João Pedro Alves Lopes from the Gurdon Institute
10:45 Tea Break
11:00 An Evaluator’s Perspective – Dr Katherine Boyle
11:30 A PI’s Perspective – Dr Sam Stranks from the Department of Physics
12:00 Q & A
12:30 Close
Horizon 2020 Structure

**Excellent Science (1)**
- ERC
- FET (Future and Emerging Technologies)
- MSC Actions
- Research Infrastructures

**Industrial Leadership (2)**
- Leadership in enabling and industrial technologies
- Access to Risk Finance
- Innovation in SMEs and Access to risk finance

**Societal Challenges (3)**
- Health and Wellbeing
- Food Security
- Transport
- Climate Action
- Energy
- Societies
- Security

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## Key Dates

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<td><strong>Opening of Call</strong></td>
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Evaluation Panels

- 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)
Individual Fellowships Structure

MSCA-IF

EF
  - Standard

GF
  - CAR
  - RI
  - SE
**Fellowship Types**

**European Fellowships**
- Based on researcher's mobility to, or within Europe including Associated Member states
- 12-24 months
- Divided into 8 scientific areas
  - Standard European Fellowships (EF-ST)
  - 3 multidisciplinary panels
  - Career Restart Panel (EF-CAR) (up to 36 months)
  - Reintegration Panel (EF-RI)
  - Society & Enterprise Panel (EF-SE)

**Global Fellowships**
- Based on an outgoing phase to a partner organisation in a Third Country followed by a mandatory return phase to the beneficiary located in a MS or AC
- Outgoing phase 12-24 months, return phase 12 months
- Divided into 8 scientific areas
MSCA-IF Key Features

- Open to all domains of research and innovation.
- Entirely bottom-up
- Participation of non-academic sector strongly encouraged (industry and SMEs)
- Individual grant for experienced researchers to support their mobility, research project and training
- Mobility is a key requirement
- Support to experienced researchers of any nationality or age
- Support for Return of Researchers to Europe (RI) and Career Restart for individuals with high potential who have been out of active research (CAR)
- Researcher, Supervisor and Beneficiary Host Institution work on the application
- Only one proposal per individual researcher may be submitted to this call.
Fellow Eligibility Criteria

Must be in possession of a doctoral degree or have at least four years of full-time equivalent research experience **at the date of the call deadline**

Full-Time Equivalent Research Experience is measured from the date when a researcher obtained the degree entitling them to embark on a doctorate, **even if a doctorate was never started or envisaged.**

Periods of inactivity in research (e.g. unemployment, periods of employment outside research, parental or long-term sick leave) do **not** count towards the time of research experience.

Standard EF: The researcher must move or have moved from any country to the MS or AC where the beneficiary is located

For Global Fellowships: the researcher must move or have moved from any country to the partner organisation located in the TC
European Fellowships

**MOBILITY**
- STANDARD: > 12 months in the last 3 years
- CAR: > 3 years in the last 5 years
- RI: Nationals of Long-term Residents of MS/AC

**NATIONALITY**
- STANDARD: Any Nationality
- CAR: Any Nationality
- RI: Nationals of Long-term Residents of MS/AC

**CAR**: For those who have not been active in research for at least 12 months with the 18 months immediately prior to the deadline for submission

**RI**: For those who want to (or recently have) relocated to MS/AC from outside
## Secondments in EF Projects

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- Optional but highly recommended as a tool for knowledge transfer and training opportunity
- Should be relevant, feasible, beneficial for the researcher, in line with the project objectives and planned in advance as an integral part of the proposal
- Must take place in MS/AC (but shorter visits to third Countries is eligible)
- Can be split into shorter periods
- Encouraged to take place in a different sector (non-academic/academic)
- Secondment is not the same as Short Visit, e.g. Field Work
Global Fellowships

MOBILITY
- > 12 months in the last 3 years
- Applies to Third Country

NATIONALITY
- Nationals or Long-term residents
- Continuous residence > 5 years in MS/AC

MS/AC → TC (Outgoing)
TC → MS/AC (Return)
## Secondments in GF Projects

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- Can take place during the return phase or at the very beginning at the beneficiary for a maximum of 3 months.

- If taken at the beginning will be considered part of the outgoing phase (this will reduce the total time spent at the TC partner organisation).

- Cumulative duration of the secondments should not exceed 6 months.
MSCA Commission Contributions

Funding is based fully on unit costs, multiplied by requested person months.

The calculation is automated when the person months are entered into the application.

For Global Fellowships there will be two different country correction coefficients.

* A correction co-efficient applies to the living allowance. The UK co-efficient is **139.83%**

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Fellow’s Salary
Fellow will receive full employment contract

In case of GF, the employment contract will cover the outgoing phase in the TC and the Return Phase

The costs are GROSS amounts in Euros (includes employer and employee statutory deductions)

Family Status will be determined at the date on the call deadline and will not be revised during the lifetime of the project.
## Institutional Costs

### Research Training and Networking Costs
- Costs for training and networking activities that contribute directly to the researcher’s career development
- Costs for research expenses
- Visa-related and travel fees
- Costs arising from secondments

### Management and Indirect Costs
- General costs of the host institution connected to organising and managing the grant
- Institutional costs are managed by the host institution according to the internal policies
MSCA Special Needs Allowance

What?

- Additional MSCA special needs allowance is part of the MSCA Work Program 2018-2020
- Financial support for the additional costs entailed by recruited researchers with disabilities whose ‘long-term physical, mental, intellectual or sensory impairment, whose participation in MSCA entails extra expenses’

How?

- Allowance request can be made by the beneficiary at any time during the project implementation

Who?

- Open to all MSCA schemes and limited to a maximum of €60,000 per researcher

When?

- Next call deadline 7th November 2019
Society and Enterprise Panel

Introduced in 2016-2017

- Multidisciplinary panel under European Fellowships
- Open to organisations from the non-academic sector
- Research and innovation-related projects can be funded
- 8 Million Euros dedicated budget
- Relaxed Mobility Rule (as with CAR & RI) (>3 years in the last 5 years)
The Dreaded Portal
Proposal Submission: Summary

Register on the Funding and Tenders Portal and create an account

Get in touch with your department and the research support office at the Host Institution

Give access to relevant coordinator contact:
Renata Schaeffer
h2020@admin.cam.ac.uk

Submit early and save regularly - the latest version of your proposal will be accepted

Download Part B templates, and upload PDF documents

Complete Part A (Administrative Forms – online only)
Resubmissions

No restrictions on reapplications but applicants discouraged from making reference to previous evaluation results

Resubmissions = Same Supervisor, Same Beneficiary Host Institution and Same Researcher

Needs to be indicated in Part A of the proposal

Evaluators will receive a copy of the previous Evaluation Summary Report during the consensus phase

Evaluations of the 2019 proposal is independent from previous submissions
Proposal Writing

‘Digest’ the Guide for Applicants

Work with your supervisor / fellow, use the resources and support network around you

Address every aspect of the evaluation criteria and answer all issues even if it feels repetitive

If possible, get hold of a past successful proposal (Horizon 2020)
Think about the evaluator:
- Clear language
- Don’t assume pre-knowledge

Highlight industrial links, e.g. for secondment

Gender aspects, outreach activities
# Evaluation Criteria

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Indicative Timetable

Proposal Submission by 11th Sep 2019

Evaluation of Proposals (Oct - Dec 2019)

Outcome announced February 2020

Indicative Date for Signature of GA March – May 2020
Key Messages from Today

MSCA is not only a research project – training-through-research!

Put yourself in the shoes of the evaluators – *make their life easy*…

The Guide for Applicants/Evaluation criteria – *don’t let them out of your sight!*