



Marie Sklodowska- Curie Actions Individual Fellowships- 2019



Individual Fellowships

MSCA IF 2019

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Research Operations

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

(European Institute of Technology) EIT

Spreading Excellence and Widening participation

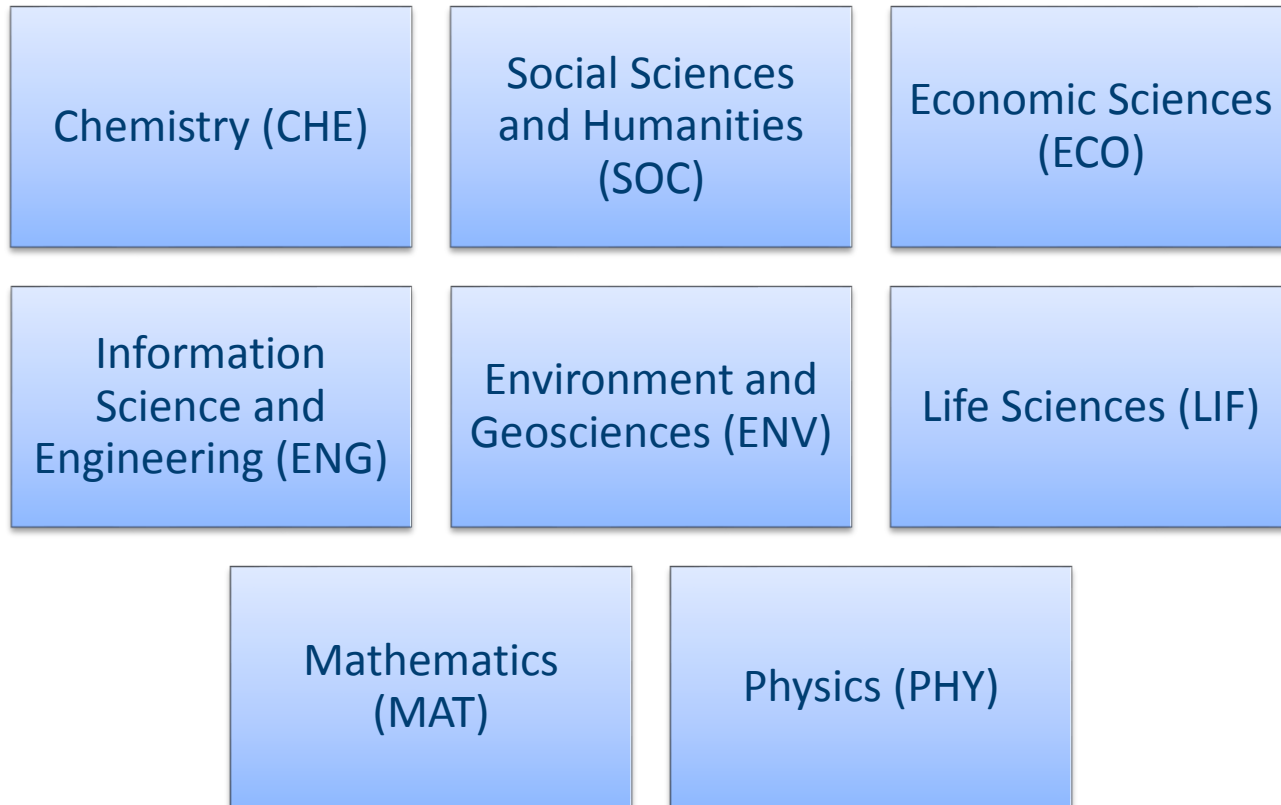
Science with and for Society

Joint Research Centre (JRC)

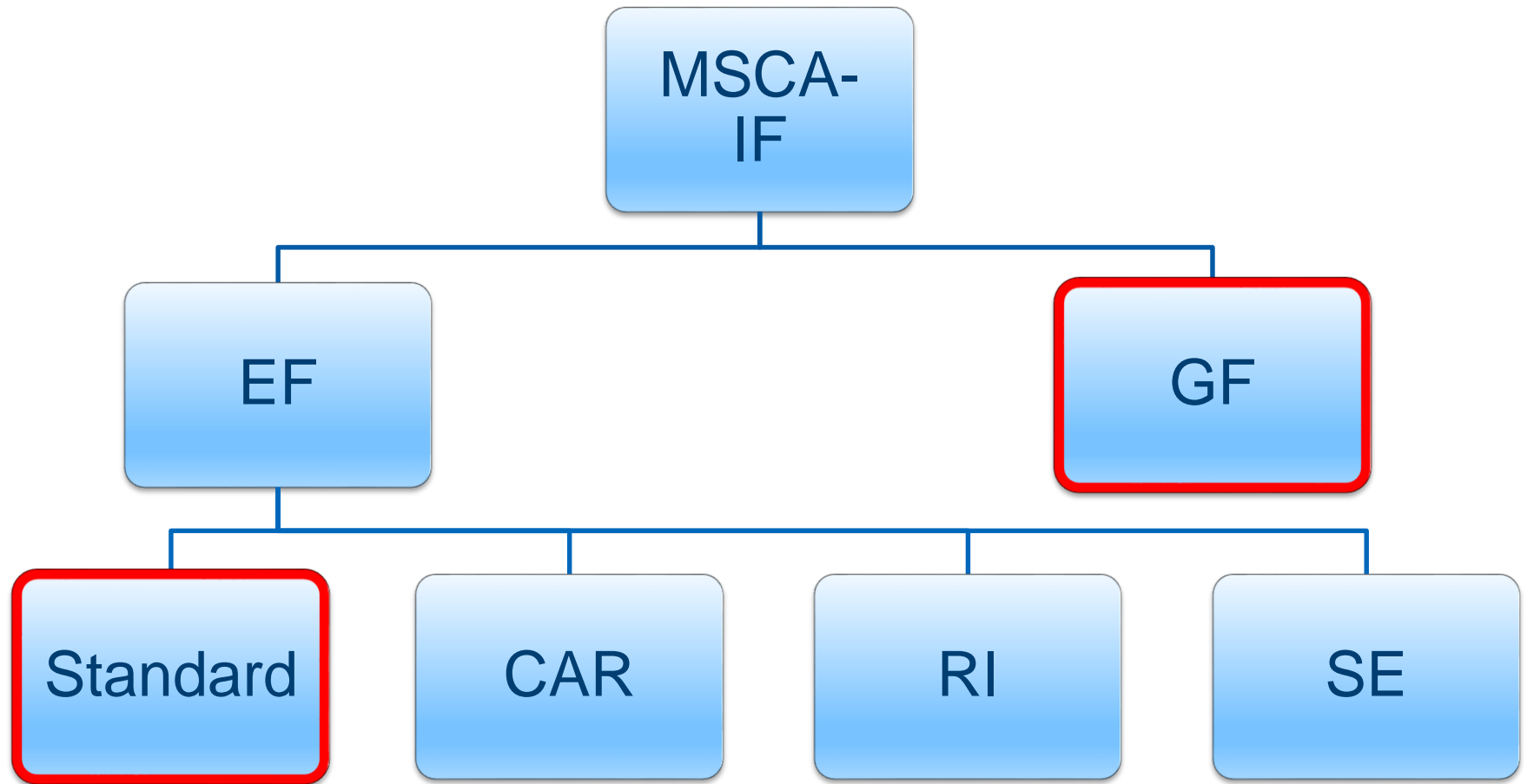
Key Dates

Opening of Call	11 April 2019
Call Deadline	11 September 2019; 17:00 Brussels
Budget	<p>€294.49m</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">□ €50m ~ GF□ €236.49m ~ EF□ €8m ~ SE

Evaluation Panels



Individual Fellowships Structure



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

	STANDARD	CAR	RI
MOBILITY	> 12 months in the last 3 years	> 3 years in the last 5 years	
NATIONALITY	Any Nationality		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

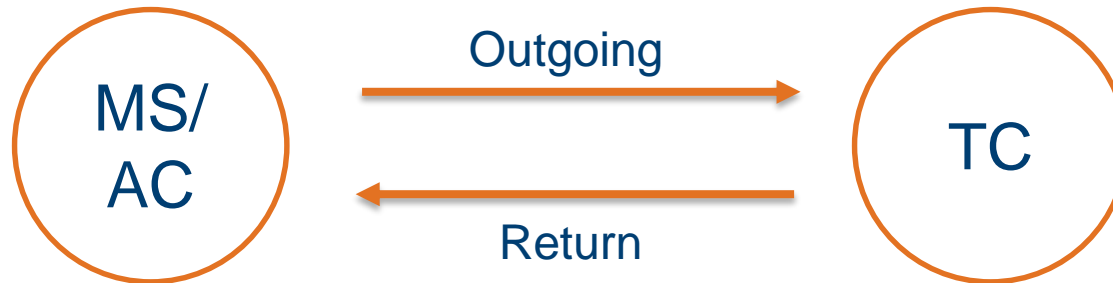
RI: For those who want to (or recently have) relocated to MS/AC from outside

Secondments in EF Projects

Duration Of The Project	Max Secondment Duration
≤18 months	3 Months
>18 months	6 Months

- ❑ 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

Secondments in GF Projects

Duration Of The Project	Max Secondment Duration
≤18 months	3 Months
>18 months	6 Months

- 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

Researcher Unit Cost Per Person Month			Institutional Unit Cost Per Person Month	
Living allowance*	Mobility allowance	Family allowance	Research, training and networking costs	Management and overheads
€4,880	€600	€500	€800	€650



Fellow's Salary

- 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%**

Researcher Unit Costs (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

- 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

8 Million Euros
dedicated
budget

Open to
organisations from
the non-academic
sector

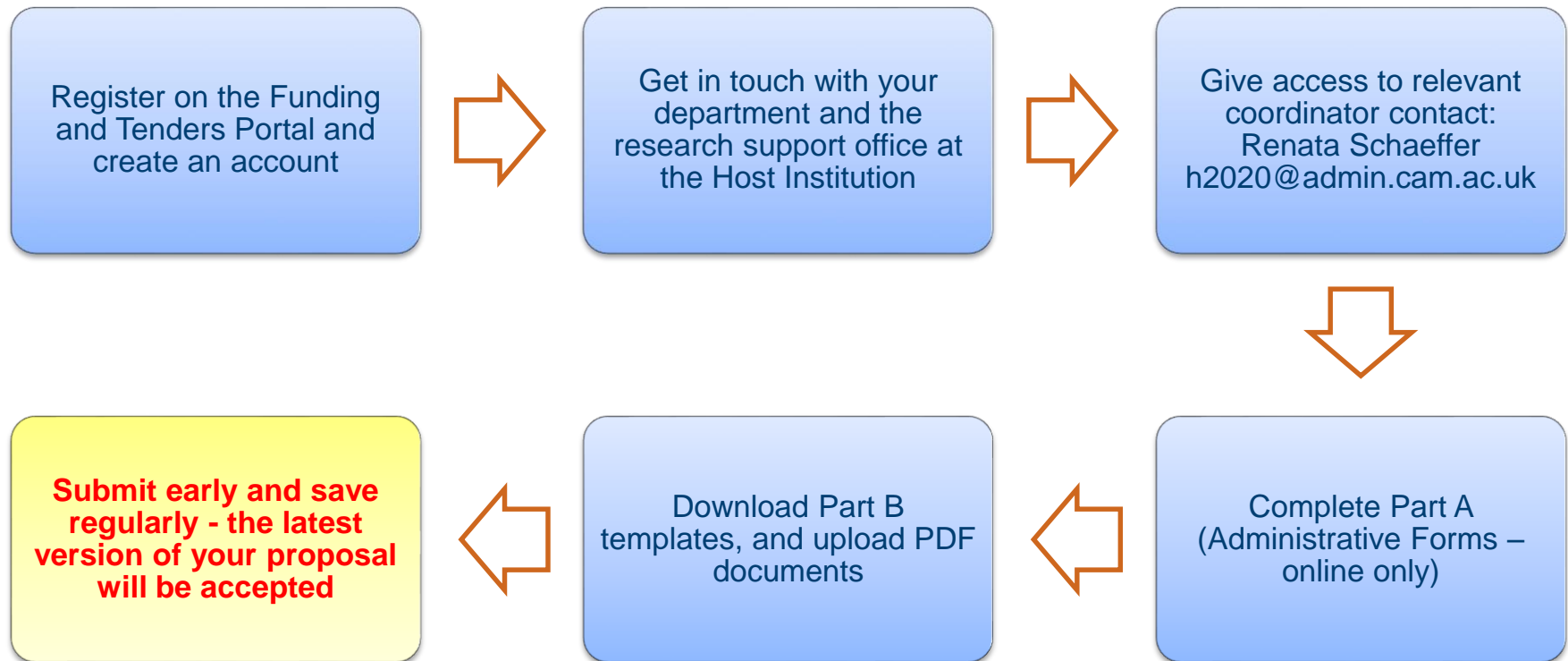
Research and
innovation-related
projects can be
funded

Relaxed Mobility
Rule (as with CAR
& RI) (>3 years in
the last 5 years)

The Dreaded Portal



Proposal Submission: Summary



Resubmissions

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

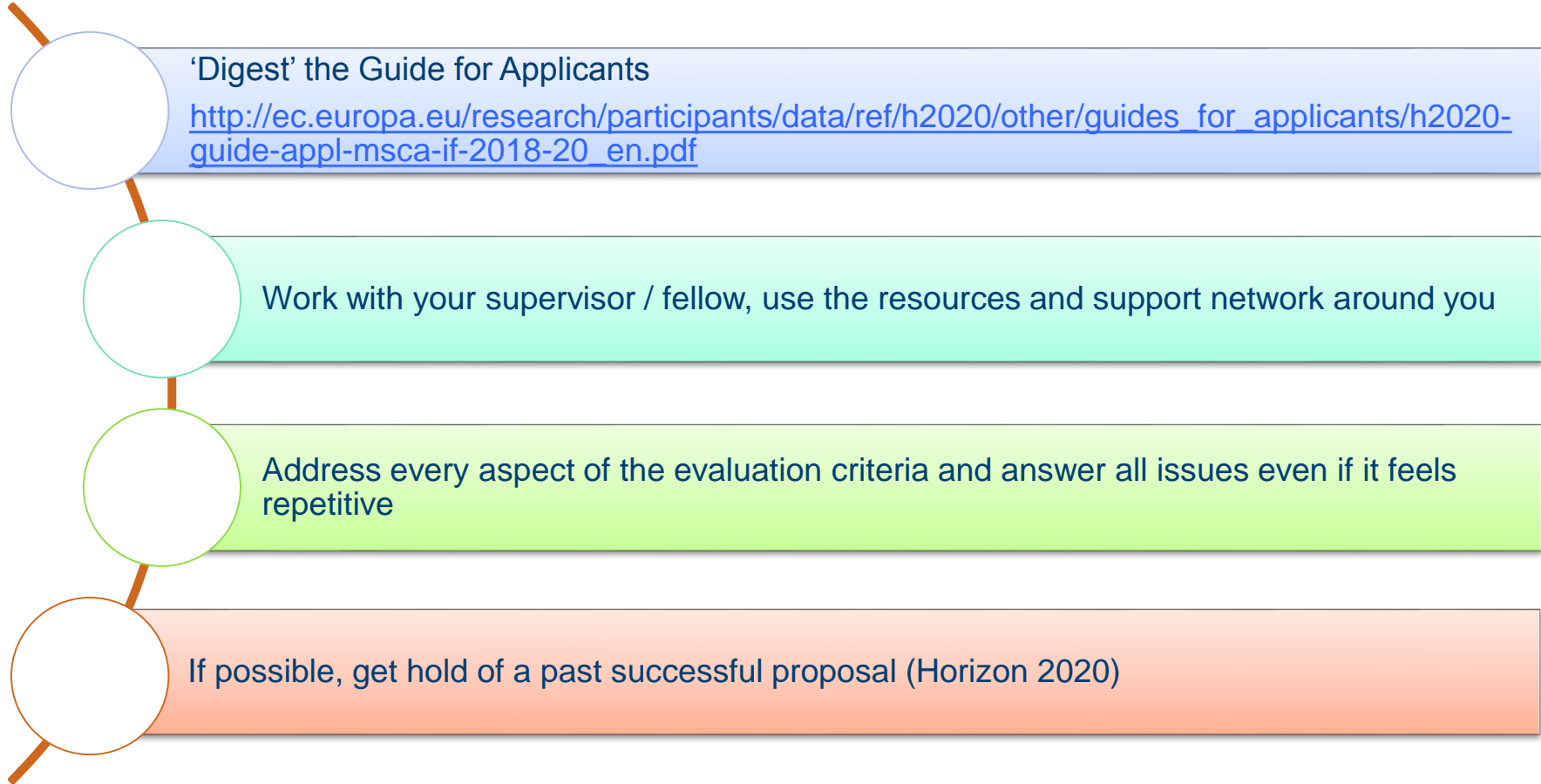
Resubmissions = Same Supervisor, Same Beneficiary Host Institution and Same Researcher

Needs to be indicated in Part A of the proposal

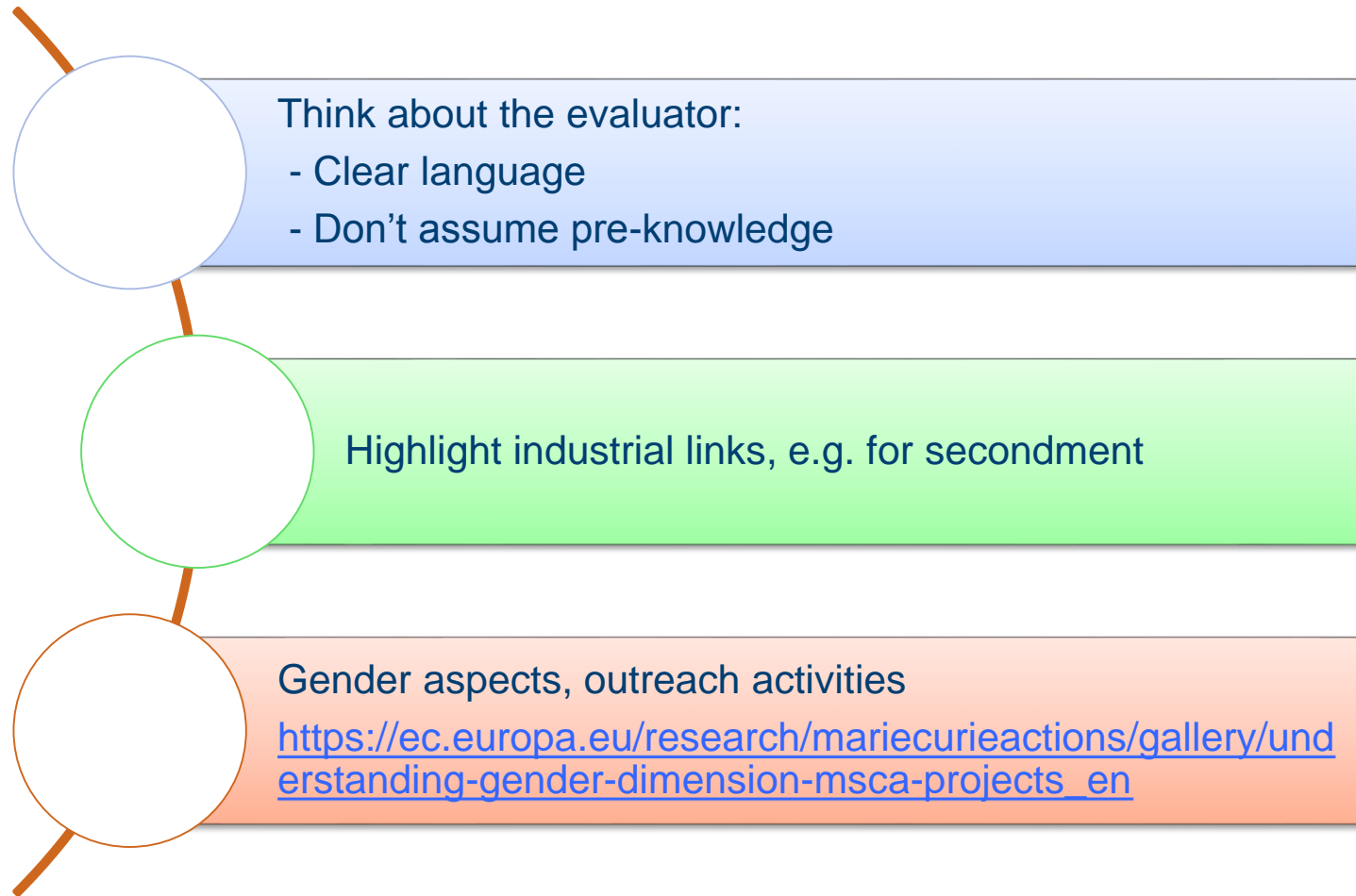
Evaluators will receive a copy of the previous Evaluation Summary Report during the consensus phase

Evaluations of the 2019 proposal is independent from previous submissions

Proposal Writing



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Evaluation Criteria

IF: Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowships		
Excellence	Impact	Quality and efficiency of the implementation
Quality and credibility of the research/innovation project; level of novelty, appropriate consideration of inter/multidisciplinary and gender aspects	Enhancing the future career prospects of the researcher after the fellowship	Coherence and effectiveness of the work plan, including appropriateness of the allocation of tasks and resources
Quality and appropriateness of the training and of the two way transfer of knowledge between the researcher and the host	Quality of the proposed measures to exploit and disseminate the project results	Appropriateness of the management structure and procedures, including risk management
Quality of the supervision and of the integration in the team/institution	Quality of the proposed measures to communicate the project activities to different target audiences	Appropriateness of the institutional environment (infrastructure)
Potential of the researcher to reach or re-enforce professional maturity/independence during the fellowship		
50%	30%	20%
Weighting		
1	2	3
Priority in case of ex aequo		

European Fellowships – 2018 Call

European Fellowships

Panel	Retained List Threshold	Reserve List Threshold	Success Rate %
CHE	92.8	90.0	12.5
ECO	89.4	88.0	11.8
ENG	93.0	89.6	12.0
ENV	92.4	91.0	12.6
LIF	93.6	91.6	11.3
MAT	92.6	90.2	12.4
PHY	90.8	89.6	12.5
SOC	92.6	89.8	12.5
CAR	91.2	87.6	18.0
RI	92.4	90.4	19.4
SE	87.0	83.8	15.3

Global Fellowships – 2018 Call

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Indicative Timetable



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!*