

Marie Curie Industry Host Fellowships

Marie Curie Industry Host Fellowships give young researchers the opportunity to receive transnational industrial research training in companies.

Fellowships are aimed particularly at young researchers without previous industrial or commercial research experience and encourage co-operation and the transfer of knowledge and technology between industry and academia.

How do they work?

Companies identify a research training area and apply to the Commission to host a number of young postgraduate and/or post-doctoral researchers.

Successful companies are then responsible for advertising, including via the Human Potential Programme's homepage, and selecting the young researchers directly. This selection is then confirmed administratively by the Commission.

Research fellows carry out research training projects for a period of between one and two years, or for up to three years for researchers pursuing doctoral studies during their time with the company.

The Commission pays for fellow salary costs and social security contributions of the employer; the company pays for supervision and research costs, overheads and travel.



Making an application

To make an application, companies need to fill out a proposal form, which requires the following details:

- the description of a research area within which the fellows will carry out specific research projects,
- the type of researchers sought (postgraduate; post-doctoral or equivalent level),
- an indication of how many fellows the company will host and the total number of months for which it is requesting funding,
- the qualifications of research staff,
- the proposed in-company training programmes and facilities.

Closing dates for applications

15 June 2000

13 June 2001

Scientific scope

Marie Curie Industry Host Fellowships are available in all fields of scientific research. For example: fellows could conduct research training projects for a software company on software development for scheduling problems in the electronics industry; or for a microbiology company on lactic acid bacteria cultures.



Contract with the Commission

Industry Host Fellowship contracts are awarded to companies for a maximum of 48 months. This means that the young researchers' training must be started and completed within 48 months of the start date of the company's contract with the Commission.

Selecting young researchers

All fellows must be nationals of an EU Member state or a state associated to the European Framework Programme, or have resided in the EU for at least five years immediately prior to their selection by the company. In addition, they must not undertake their fellowship in the country of their nationality or normal activity.

How to participate

Companies interested in this Industry Host Fellowship scheme will need the Guide for Proposers, which contains an application form. This Guide for Proposers can be downloaded from the Internet at: <http://www.cordis.lu/improving> or can be obtained by contacting the Marie Curie Fellowships team at the Commission on:

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Companies questions answered

"Can SMEs participate?"

Yes. SMEs are particularly encouraged. There is an SME special measure allowing SMEs to place fellows with research partners (e.g. universities).

"Do companies have to find researchers before making an application to the Commission?"

No. Once a company is selected it must then advertise and select researchers.

"What's the maximum number of fellows we can request per proposal?"

As a guideline, it is expected that the typical number of researcher-months per contract awarded will be around 90, with a minimum of 36 and an overall maximum of 180. For SMEs this number could be lower.

"Can we become an industry host?"

Yes, if the following is true:

- the company is legally established as a registered company,
- the company is active in research and able to provide adequate training, supervision arrangements and research facilities,
- the company is located in a European Member or Associated State.



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Training Opportunities for Young Researchers in Companies

Marie Curie Industry Host Fellowships are also available under the following programmes:

- ▶ Quality of Life
- ▶ User-friendly Information Society
- ▶ Competitive and Sustainable Growth
- ▶ Energy, Environment and Sustainable Development

Deadlines for submission are given on the Internet homepage below.

Further information

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