

Marie Curie Training Sites

Marie Curie Training Sites give young researchers pursuing doctoral studies the opportunity to receive training within high-level groups in their specialised area of research.

The scheme is directed at research groups internationally recognised in their own field, and with proven experience in international doctoral training.

How do they work?

The research group identifies a research training area it can propose for the training of young doctoral students and applies to the Commission to host a number of them. An estimated 380 Training Sites are expected to be funded.

Successful research groups are then responsible for advertising vacancies, including via the Commission's Internet homepage. Doctoral students apply directly to the Training Site, which selects the fellows. This selection is then confirmed administratively by the Commission.

The fellows will be supported for stays between 3 months and 1 academic year.

The Community pays for each fellow:

- subsistence costs of the stay at the host institution;
- a contribution towards research, management and travel costs.

What is the profile of a Training Site?

- It is a clearly identifiable part of an institution, such as a research group or interrelated research groups, working on a specific common theme. The institution may be any organisation active in research, such as a university, industry or a research centre;
- it is internationally recognised within its respective field;
- it has proven experience in doctoral training, particularly of postgraduate students from abroad.

Additionally, some formally collaborating organisers of international doctoral studies can be considered as Training Sites.

Making an application

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

- the description of the research area for the training, specific enough to enable the evaluators to assess it;
- description of the structure, qualifications and activities of the Training Site;
- description of past successful international postgraduate and doctoral training;
- expected benefits and impact for the fellows;
- the number of fellows the Training Site will host and the total number of fellow-months for which it is requesting funding.

Contract with the Commission

Training Site contracts are awarded for a maximum of 48 months. This means that the fellows' training projects in the Training Site must be started and completed within 48 months of the start date of the contract with the Commission.

Selecting fellows

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

Nationals from an Associated State can only carry out their fellowship in a Member State.

How to participate?

Research groups interested in this Training Sites scheme will need the "Guide for Proposers", which contains an application form. The "Guide for Proposers" for Marie Curie Training Sites 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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Closing Date for Applications

16 May 2001



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Do institutions have to find fellows before making an application to the Commission?

No. It is only after the Training Site is selected that the vacancies can be advertised. The Commission will place on the Internet the recruitment advertisements as soon as the results of the selection are known.

How many fellows can we request in the proposal?

As a guideline, it is expected that the typical number of fellow-months will be around 72, with a minimum of 24 and an overall maximum of 114.

As a young doctoral student interested in the scheme, how can I find out about all vacancies available?

You can use the Internet vacancy search facility at <http://www.cordis.lu/improving> under Marie Curie Fellowships. This will provide relevant information on all Training Sites and their vacancies.

What are the requirements for fellows other than the nationality and mobility criteria?

The scheme is directed to postgraduate researchers pursuing doctoral studies in a subject area similar to that of the Training Site.

At the time of selection the fellow must be 35 years old or less.

How soon can the fellows start?

Selection of fellows can start as soon as the contract between the Training Site and the Commission enters into force. This is around 5 months after the deadline for submission of host applications.

The first fellow must start within 8 months after the contract has entered into force.

How long will the selection of fellows take?

This depends on the Training Site. It is expected to be a reasonably speedy process. Once the Training Site has made the selection, it must request a confirmation by the Commission. This will be given within approximately 10 working days.

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Marie Curie Training Sites are also available under the following programmes:

- > Quality of Life
- > Energy, Environment and Sustainable Development

Deadlines for submission are given on the Internet homepage below.

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