

FATIGUE

Workshop: Applying for post-docs
13 January 2022

Types of post-docs

Supranational (open topic)

- MSCA European Postdoctoral Fellowship
- MSCA Global Postdoctoral Fellowship

National (open topic)

- Humboldt Research Fellowship for Post-Doctoral Researchers (Germany)
- ESRC/AHRC/British Academy/Leverhulme (UK)
- Polonez BIS (Poland)

Project-level (specific topic)



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Enter keywords

- RESEARCH FIELD
- RESEARCHER PROFILE** 1 selected
- SECTOR
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- First Stage Researcher (R1) (7392)
- Recognised Researcher (R2) (5573)
- Established Researcher (R3) (4524)
- Leading Researcher (R4) (3608)

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Eligibility

Citizenship/residence

- Any (e.g. MSCA)
- Host country (e.g. British Academy: UK citizen or 'strong prior association' with the UK academic community)
- Not host country (e.g. Humboldt: must have lived outside Germany for a minimum of 12 months in total in the 18-month period before application)

Completion of PhD

- Passed by start of post-doc (e.g. ESRC)
- Passed by time of application (e.g. MSCA)

Writing your application

- Address the programme's goals
- Evidenced gap in the state of the art and a plan to address it
- Clear aims and objectives (with timeline)
- Good fit between aims, activities, methods, deliverables and results
- Planned impact on different levels
- Interdisciplinarity and gender dimension
- Communication and dissemination plan
- Project management, monitoring and evaluation plan
- Respects formal requirements (e.g., page limit, use of tables, etc.)
- Uses appropriate terminology
- Show that you have the ABILITY to achieve the objectives

Assessing your application

Quality of the proposed project

- Well-thought-out proposal
- Clear aims and objectives (with timeline)
- Good fit between aims and methods
- Dissemination plan

Personal skills and achievements

- Methods, languages, theories, country and subject knowledge
- Publications and dissemination activities
- Post-doc should build on PhD

Good fit with project/mentor/host institution

- How can you contribute? What are your USPs?

Making your application stand out

- Not just a PhD student but an MSCA-funded PhD student
- Not just working on an individual PhD but part of an international team of researchers
- Not just conducting pure PhD research but policy-relevant research / research with impact
- Not just an academic but research professional with non-academic experience
- Not just worked on my own PhD but organised workshops, panels, special issues, co-wrote blogs and academic publications

Questions?