

## Marie Skłodowska- Curie - Individual Fellowships

### Call for Expressions of Interest

The [Hellenic Observatory](#) (HO) at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) invites expressions of interest from researchers who wish to apply jointly with a supervisor from the HO to the “Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowship” Programme ([MSCA-IF-2017](#)). Selected candidate will be hosted in the HO. Researchers accepted for this scheme will devote their time to conducting research, preparing publications, engaging in knowledge transfer, and developing their professional networks. The next call for applications opens on **11 April 2017** and closes on **14 September 2017**.

#### OBJECTIVE

The goal of the MSCA Individual Fellowships is to enhance the creative and innovative potential of experienced researchers, wishing to diversify their individual competence in terms of skill acquisition through advanced training, international and intersectoral mobility.

Individual Fellowships provide opportunities to acquire and transfer new knowledge and to work on research and innovation in a European context (EU Member States and Associated Countries) or outside Europe. The scheme particularly supports the return and reintegration of researchers from outside Europe who have previously worked here. It also develops or helps to restart the careers of individual researchers that show great potential, considering their experience.

#### ELIGIBILITY

There are two main requirements:

- Applicants must have a PhD (or equivalent research experience of at least four years’ full-time research experience by the time of the call deadline.)
- Applicants can be of any nationality but must not have lived or worked in the UK for more than 12 months during the three years up to the closing date of the call (mobility rule).

#### TYPES OF FELLOWSHIPS

Fellowships take form of European Fellowships or Global Fellowships. For both, applicants should include the name of the HO senior researcher that they feel would be appropriate for their proposed research.

– **European Fellowships** are open to researchers either coming to Europe from any country in the world or moving within Europe. The researcher must comply with the rules of mobility.

– **Global Fellowships** are based on a secondment to a third country and a mandatory 12 month return period to a European host. The researcher must comply with the rules of mobility in the country where the Global Fellowship secondment takes place, not for the country of the return phase. Applicants should include the name of their third country institution and their intended supervisor/contact there.

## **EXPECTED IMPACT**

At researcher level:

- Increased set of skills, both research-related and transferable ones, leading to improved employability and career prospects both in and outside academia
- Increase in higher impact R&I output, more knowledge and ideas converted into products and services
- Greater contribution to the knowledge-based economy and society

At organisation level:

- Enhanced cooperation and stronger networks
- Better transfer of knowledge between sectors and disciplines
- Boosting of R&I capacity among participating organisations

The HO welcomes project proposals from all areas of social sciences and the humanities. However, priority will be given to those projects that fit best with the HO's existing research interests and orientations and gain the support of at least one HO senior researcher. The project proposal will be submitted jointly by the researcher and the HO.

## **HOW TO SEND IN YOUR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

Researchers who wish to cooperate with the HO for the submission of a proposal should check that they fulfil the respective eligibility criteria before sending their expression of interest. The EOI pack should consist of the following:

- Research Proposal Summary of no more than two pages. This proposal should outline the main research question, research context, research methods, and a brief project plan
- Copy of your CV
- Covering letter, outlining in particular how the proposed research links with HO's research agenda.

Please submit your expression of interest pack via email to [hellenicobservatory@lse.ac.uk](mailto:hellenicobservatory@lse.ac.uk) using the reference 'MSCA – Individual Fellowships' by **10pm BST Sunday 4 June 2017**. Late submissions will not be considered.

Expressions of interest will be selected on the basis of the quality of the research idea, the scheme's eligibility criteria and the availability of suitable supervision. Candidates will be informed of the decisions by **27 June 2017**. The selected candidate(s) will be invited to make a formal application with the HO supervisor to the European Commission on the call's actual deadline (14th September 2017).