

MSCA 4 UKRAINE



Call opens: October 24, 2022

Deadline: Three internal **cut-off dates** are tentatively set at:

- ✓ 11 November 2022
- ✓ 9 December 2022
- ✓ 9 January 2023

The cut-off dates are adjustable based on the rate of applications. At each cut-off date, all eligible nominations submitted will enter the evaluation and selection process (2-3 months for evaluation).

The portal will remain open for applications until all funds are committed.

It is advisable to submit your application as soon as possible after the portal opens, as demand is likely to be high and funding is likely to be exhausted quickly.

Total budget: 25 million euro

N. of fellowships: min. 120 fellowships (depending on the duration of each fellowship awarded)

Aims:

1. **support displaced researchers** from Ukraine
2. enable researchers from Ukraine to **continue their work** at academic and non-academic organisations in EU Member States and Horizon Europe Associated Countries
3. facilitate researchers' **reintegration in Ukraine** if conditions for safe return are met, in order to prevent permanent brain drain
4. contribute to **strengthening the Ukrainian university and research** sector

Disciplines: MSCA4Ukraine fellowships are open to **all domains** of research and innovation.

Duration: 6-24 months (also part-time)

Location: The standard MSCA mobility rules will not apply to the MSCA4Ukraine scheme, however the **primary host organisation** (the MSCA4Ukraine applicant) must be **outside Ukraine**.

However, **organisations within Ukraine** can host researchers for *up to one-third of the fellowship duration* by negotiating a secondment arrangement with the primary host organisation outside Ukraine. Such arrangements can either be proposed at the time of application, or the arrangement can be proposed once the fellowship is already underway.

Value: Rates will be in line with Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) Doctoral Networks and MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships.

Host organisations will receive the same monthly contribution towards institutional management and research costs regardless of whether they host doctoral or postdoctoral candidates.

Carrer Development Plan: host organisations must outline training and networking activities they will provide for the researcher.

+ the consortium will organize: networking sessions, training

Within the first two months of the fellowship a career development plan should be prepared jointly by the academic mentor and the researcher

Secondments: optional, max 1/3 duration fellowship. Secondments can still be planned after the fellowship is underway. Secondments can be undertaken in another EU country,⁵ Horizon Europe Associated Country,⁶ including within Ukraine, or in third countries.

Proposals for secondment arrangements must be submitted by the primary host organisation to Alexander von Humboldt Foundation no later than *60 days before* the envisaged start date of the secondment.

The host organisation will be required to continue paying the above funds during any secondments that the candidate undertakes, including any secondments in Ukraine

Reintegration: applicant organisations and researchers are encouraged **to take measures to support the candidate's preparation for reintegration into Ukraine**, even if such reintegration does not take place within the period of the fellowship. Such preparatory measures might include maintaining or enhancing links to institutions and colleagues in Ukraine through double affiliations, joint supervision of doctoral candidates, or other arrangements with an organisation in Ukraine.

Eligibility criteria of researchers:

- a. Are (1) Ukrainian nationals, or (2) stateless persons, or nationals from third countries other than Ukraine, with their primary residence in Ukraine on 24 February 2022.
- b. Either (1) have been displaced on or after 24 February 2022, or (2) are ready to relocate from Ukraine.
- c. Are postdoctoral researchers (i.e. in possession of a doctoral degree by the time the fellowship is set to begin), or doctoral candidates (i.e. enrolled in a doctoral programme at a higher education institution in Ukraine, leading to the award of a doctoral degree).
- d. Have the language skills required to successfully conduct their research activities at the envisaged host organisation, as confirmed by the host organisation in the application.

NO limitation on age or date from PhD

Application:

- ✓ In English
- ✓ One proposal per individual candidate

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- ✓ Contact details for the candidate
- ✓ Contact details for an academic mentor
- ✓ Contact details for the staff member completing the application on behalf of the host organisation who would serve as a contact person for further enquiries, the communication of the award and as liaison for administrative questions

- ✓ Contact details for the head of the applicant institution
- ✓ Details on the researcher's disciplinary area
- ✓ Details of dependents accompanying the researcher
- ✓ Details on current location and – if displaced from Ukraine - date of displacement
- ✓ Details on the proposed duration of the fellowship
- ✓ The researcher's CV information entered in reverse chronological order via the online portal
- ✓ Information about the candidate's prior collaboration (if any) with the host organisation
- ✓ Confirmation (via checkbox in portal) by the applicant organisation that the researcher has the necessary language skills required for the successful implementation of the research project
- ✓ Confirmation (via checkbox in portal) that work space and all other necessary research equipment (such as access to research literature, lab space and other infrastructure) will be provided to the researcher by the host organisation
- ✓ Confirmation (via checkbox in portal) that the host organisation checked documents that verify the researcher's identity, academic record, and language level
- ✓ Confirmation (via checkbox in portal) that the host organisation (applicant) has interviewed the candidate (either online or in-person)
- ✓ Confirmation (via checkbox in portal) of agreement to the terms of reference of the programme

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Documents regarding the profile of the candidate, to be uploaded in PDF, including:

- ✓ List of publications (if applicable)
- ✓ Copy of an identity document of the researcher
- ✓ Copies of diploma(s) and certificate(s) (for postdoctoral candidates)
- ✓ Confirmation of PhD, C. Sc. or equivalent
- ✓ For doctoral candidates, confirmation that the candidate is enrolled at the host organisation

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- ✓ A **signed host statement** by the head of the institution on institutional letterhead outlining in no more than 1.500 words the support to be provided to the candidate.

The statement should include the following information:

- **role of the researcher** in the organisation
- profile of the **academic mentor**, including details on their experience hosting international guest scholars and in particular researchers at risk where applicable
- details of **training activities** to be offered + any complementary training (innovation and entrepreneurship, Open Science practice)
- **secondments** envisaged and a confirmation by the host organisation to continue as host organisation for the duration of any secondment that may be planned later in the course of the fellowship.
- measures to prepare for continued **affiliation** with and future reintegration into Ukraine (e.g. double affiliations, joint supervision of doctoral candidates, facilitating continued distance learning, continued distance teaching, or other measures)

- **explanation** of the requested **fellowship duration** in respect to the specific needs and interests of the nominated researcher

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- ✓ A **research proposal** of **max. 2.500 words** outlining :
 - State of art,
 - work plan,
 - the envisaged objectives, activities and methodology to be employed,
 - how the stay at the host organisation would contribute to achieving these,
 - the originality and significance of the research for the advancement of the research field and of the researcher's own profile, and references

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- ✓ A **confidential** (i.e. not shared with the candidate) **statement by the academic mentor**, of no more than **1.200 words** (with a translation in English), confirming matching academic specializations and research interests, assessing the academic profile of the candidate, their academic potential, and the quality of the research proposal, in order to ensure professional match, commitment of the mentor to supporting the candidate and their research, and to avoid nominations based on solidarity alone without adequate attention to academic merit.

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- ✓ **Financing plan** (downloadable)

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- ✓ **Ethical self-assessment** (downloadable)
 - Host organisations are required to identify a contact person for ethics as part of their application
 - [Guide on ethical assessment](#)

Evaluation criteria for postdoctoral fellowships

An application must meet a minimum threshold of 3.5 points per criterion and 10.5 points overall

Redress procedure: within 15 days of receipt of the result

MATCHING

For host organizations <https://sareurope.eu/msca4ukraine/list-of-host-organisations/>

For Ukrainian Researchers <https://sareurope.eu/msca4ukraine/researchers-seeking-hosts/>

FAQ

<https://sareurope.eu/msca4ukraine/faqs-msca4ukraine/>

WEBSITE

https://sareurope.eu/msca4ukraine/?utm_source=flexmail&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=msca4ukraineofficiallaunch1250msca4ukrainelaunchandi20220927t102922595z&utm_content=msca4ukraine+website

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