



Marie Skłodowska- Curie Actions

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Doctoral Networks

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Doctoral Networks

- Multi-beneficiary Action to set up **doctoral programmes**, including
 - **Industrial Doctorates**: Training in academia and industry, Joint supervision
 - **Joint Doctorates**: Joint collaborations leading to a joint/multiple doctoral degree, Joint selection and supervision; pre-agreement for joint degrees required
- Respond to **well-identified needs** in various R&I areas (bottom-up), expose the researchers to the **academic and non-academic sectors**, and offer training in research-related, as well as competences relevant for **innovation and long-term employability**
- Focus on **research and transferable skills**, (inter-sectoral secondments), **career development plan, supervision, internationalisation/attractiveness**

Doctoral Networks: eligibility/organisations

- **Who applies?**
 - **Consortia** of universities, research institutions and research infrastructures, businesses including SMEs, and other socio-economic actors
 - At least **three independent legal entities**, each established in a different MS or AC; minimum of 1 beneficiary from a MS (on top of this minimum, any entity from any third country can join; no minimum for associated partners)
- **All beneficiaries must recruit at least one doctoral candidate.** They are required to host at their premises and supervise recruited researchers, or use associated partners linked to them to do so
- **Not more than 40.0% of the EU contribution may be allocated to beneficiaries in the same country** or to a single international organisation.

Beneficiaries/Associated Partners

	Beneficiaries	Associated Partners
Academic/Non-academic		
Signatories of the Grant Agreement		
Recruitment of researchers		
Training and/or hosting of seconded researchers		
Participation in Supervisory Board		
Directly claim costs		

Doctoral Networks: eligibility/researchers

- Supported researchers must be **doctoral candidates** (not already in possession of a doctoral degree at the date of recruitment)
- Researchers must be **enrolled in a doctoral programme**, in at least 1 EU Member State/Associated Country (at least 2 for Joint Doctorates)
- **Any nationality**
- **Mobility rule**: must not have resided or carried out main activity in the country of the recruiting beneficiary for more than 12 months immediately before their recruitment date

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- **Size**

- Up to **360 person-months** (standard) + **180 additional person-months for joint or industrial doctorates** (incentive)

- **Duration**

- **Programme:** max. 48 months
- **Fellowship:** between 3 and 36 months
- **Secondments:** worldwide, up to 1/3 of the fellowship duration
- **Industrial doctorates:** 50% in the non-academic sector; academic and non-academic organisations jointly supervising can be in the same country

- **Calls**

- **2021:** 18 May - 16 Nov; 402,95M€
- **2022:** 3 May - 15 Nov; 427,28M€
- **Resubmission restrictions** applying as of 2022 for applications receiving a score **below 80%**

MSCA Doctoral Networks: Unit contributions

Contributions for recruited researchers Per person-month					Institutional unit contributions Per person-month	
Living allowance	Mobility allowance	Family allowance (if applicable)	Long-term leave allowance (if applicable)	Special needs allowance (if applicable)	Research, training and networking contribution	Management and indirect contribution
EUR 3 400	EUR 600	EUR 660	EUR 4 000 x % covered by the beneficiary	Requested unit ¹ x (1/number of months)	EUR 1 600	EUR 1 200

Doctoral Networks: award criteria

Excellence	Impact	Quality and efficiency of the implementation
Quality and pertinence of the project's research and innovation objectives	Contribution to structuring doctoral training at European level and strengthening European innovation capacity	Quality and effectiveness of the work plan, assessment of risks, and appropriateness of the effort assigned to work packages
Soundness of the proposed methodology	Credibility of the measures to enhance the career perspectives of researchers and contribution to their skills development	Quality, capacity and role of each participant, including hosting arrangements and extent to which the consortium as a whole brings together the necessary expertise
Quality and credibility of the training programme	Suitability and quality of the measures to maximise expected outcomes and impacts, as set out in the dissemination and exploitation plan, including communication activities	
Quality of the supervision	The magnitude and importance of the project's contribution to the expected scientific, societal and economic impacts	
50%	30%	20%

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