Marie-Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellowships

Masterclass in Proposal Writing to Boost your Career and Go Abroad!

June 2 - 3, 2022

Online training and information event, hosted by Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz (JGU) and presented by the European Liaison Office of the German Research Organizations (KoWi)

In cooperation with the European Liaison Office of the German Research Organizations (KoWi), Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz (JGU) hosts a two-days training and information event on the Marie-Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellowships. On day one, speakers will give an overall introduction to the funding scheme and provide an insight on rules and conditions as well as the evaluation process. On day two – the Masterclass - an intensive proposal writing training is provided to Postdocs who already have a concrete project idea and are prepared to apply for a fellowship together with one of the FORTHEM partner universities. While day one is open in general to young researchers, prospective supervisors, and research managers, participation on day two is restricted to 12 participants. Postdoctoral students need to apply for this training on day two in a competitive procedure (please find the call conditions below). Active participation in group work activities and joint work on proposal chapters is required.

Call for applicants
In order to be able to participate in the Masterclass training on day two you need

- to be a Postdoc interested in applying for the Marie-Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellowship together with one of the FORTHEM partner universities;
- to already have a concrete project idea and in the best case already know your prospective supervisor (not mandatory);
- to turn in a max. 2000 characters long project abstract and a short CV mentioning your research experience after PhD, which you should have finished not longer than 7 years ago (exceptions possible);
- to fully complete the application form attached to this document;

Application deadline for the Masterclass
May 27, 2022.

To register for both days of the MSCA Masterclass event (mandatory) please go to

Registration MSCA Masterclass

To apply for the proposal writing training on day 2 (organized by KoWi, agenda attached) go to

Application form for MSCA Masterclass Training

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Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions: Postdoctoral Fellowships
Online Masterclass/Proposal Writing Workshop

Agenda 02.06.2022

General introduction to the funding scheme

13:00 CET  Short welcome notice
Dr. Nina Straub, FIT FORTHEM

13:15 CET  Introduction to the MSCA Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellowships
Dunja Hofmann, KOWI

14:00 CET  Testimonial of a successful applicant
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14:15 CET  Testimonial of a former evaluator
Dr. Nicole Birkle, FIT FORTHEM Managing Coordinator at JGU

14:30 CET  Q&A and short overview for day two

15:00 CET  End of the event

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Masterclass: training in proposal writing

13:00 CET  Welcome and short introduction of all participants (tour de table)

13:15 CET  Joint processing of the proposal chapters with active involvement of the participants

  Part 1: Excellence (approx. 45 minutes)
  Part 2: Impact (approx. 40 minutes)
  Part 3: Implementation (approx. 30 minutes)

  Additional information on secondments/non-academic placement

ca. 15:20 CET  Q&A