Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions
– Doctoral Networks –

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Aims
- Improvement of career opportunities for doctoral candidates within a doctoral training network
- For participating organisations: Increased internationalisation and transfer of knowledge between institutions, sectors and disciplines. Improved quality of doctoral training programmes and supervision arrangements
- For doctoral candidates: New research and transferable skills and competences, should lead to improved employability and career prospects within and outside academia through international, interdisciplinary and inter-sectoral mobility (e.g. through secondments)

Eligibility
- Networks consisting of universities, research organizations and non-academic institutions (especially SMEs)

Requirements
- Doctoral Networks (DN) with at least three independent legal entities, each established in a different EU Member State (MS) or Horizon Europe Associated Country (AC) and with at least one of them established in an EU-MS
- Industrial Doctorates (ID): with at least one of the three independent legal entities must come from the academic sector and at least one must come from the non-academic sector (joint supervision)
- Joint Doctorates (JD): with at least three independent legal entities that must be entitled to award doctoral degrees and at least two of the institutions should be able to confer a joint, double or multiple doctoral degree and must be established in an MS/AC
- Additional organisations can participate as associated partners
- All beneficiaries must recruit at least one doctoral candidate

Funding
- DN: max. 360 person month; ID or JD: max. 540 person month
- Funding covers contribution for research, training and networking costs as well as management and indirect costs (overheads); salaries of doctoral candidates

Duration
- Project duration up to 4 years (fellowship duration on the basis of full-time employment of min. 3 months and max. 36 months)

Submission
- Annual publication of calls; electronic submission of proposals
- Resubmissions from previous call need to have passed the quality threshold of 80%

Evaluation
- Proposals are evaluated by experts in one of eight scientific panels with regard to the evaluation criteria Excellence, Impact and Implementation

Call for proposals
- Publication: 22 June 2021
- Deadline: 16 November 2021, 17:00 CET Brussels time

Further Information
- EU Commission: https://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/
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