

## Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA)

### 'Secondments', 'Placements in the non-academic sector' and 'Short visits' in Postdoctoral Fellowships

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<p><b>Secondments</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Fostering intersectoral, international and interdisciplinary mobility</li> <li>▪ Typically to perform part of the research or to gain experience</li> <li>▪ Possible in any country worldwide</li> <li>▪ Can be a single period or be divided into several secondments (e.g. 2x4 or 3x2 months)</li> <li>▪ Should be in line with the project objectives, adding significant value and impact to the project</li> <li>▪ Need a local supervisor to be named in the proposal</li> <li>▪ In accordance with local rules to ensure insurance cover</li> </ul> <p><b>European Fellowships (EF):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Max. one third of the duration of the fellowship (excluding non-academic placement)</li> <li>▪ At any time during the project duration</li> </ul> <p><b>Global Fellowships (GF):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Max. one third of the outgoing phase</li> <li>▪ A max. three months secondment can be spent at the start of the project at the beneficiary (or associated partner linked to the beneficiary), allowing the researcher to spend time there before going to the associated partner in the Third Country. This period will be considered as part of the outgoing phase.</li> <li>▪ Secondments cannot take place during the mandatory twelve-month return period to the host organisation in a MS<sup>1</sup> or AC<sup>2</sup></li> </ul>
<p><b>Placements in the non-academic sector</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Additional period of up to six months at the end of the project to work on R&amp;I projects in an organisation from the non-academic sector in an MS<sup>1</sup> or AC<sup>2</sup></li> <li>▪ Aims at promoting career moves between sectors and organisations and thereby stimulate innovation and knowledge transfer while expanding career opportunities for researchers</li> <li>▪ Request must be an integral part of the proposal, explaining the added-value for the project and the career development, and will be subject to evaluation</li> <li>▪ Must be encoded as a participating organisation (associated partner) in the submission forms</li> <li>▪ Need a local supervisor to be named in the proposal</li> <li>▪ Also available to fellows with a non-academic beneficiary (placement must be implemented at a different non-academic host organisation)</li> <li>▪ In accordance with local rules to ensure insurance cover</li> </ul>
<p><b>Short visits</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Short visits imply mobility to another location outside the physical premises of the beneficiary or associated partner</li> <li>▪ The work done there continues to be supervised directly by the beneficiary or associated partner</li> <li>▪ Can only represent a small part of the project duration (a few days or weeks)</li> <li>▪ Beneficiary and/or associated partner shall ensure compliance with the applicable Horizon Europe ethical framework and the corresponding provisions of the Grant Agreement for a short visit in a Third Country</li> <li>▪ Must NOT be encoded as participating organisations in the submission forms</li> <li>▪ In accordance with local rules to ensure insurance cover</li> </ul>

**Sources:**

Horizon Europe Work Programme (2023-2024) – MSCA  
 Guide for Applicants MSCA PF – Version 1.2 – 2022

<sup>1</sup> MS = EU Member State

<sup>2</sup> AC = Horizon Europe Associated Country