## Aims
Fostering the career development of researchers via a research stay at an institution in a Third Country, including a mandatory return phase to a European host institution after the secondment.

## Funding
- Fellowship for experienced researchers (PhD or at least four years of full-time research experience) for a maximum of 36 months (12-24 months outgoing phase + 12 months return phase): Living allowance, contribution to research and travel costs, management and overheads
  - Optional: secondment to the academic and non-academic sector within Europe for a maximum of 6 months. Possibility to start the project with a three-month stay in Europe.

## Who can apply
Experienced researchers together with a host institution in a EU Member State (MS) or Framework Programme (FP) Associated Country (AC) and a host institution in a Third Country.

## Requirements
- Applicants are either citizens of a MS or AC or long-term residents; the latter must provide evidence for full-time research experience of at least five consecutive years in a MS or AC.
- Applicants may not have lived or worked in the country of their future host institution for more than 12 months during the past 3 years immediately prior to the deadline for submission (outgoing phase to the Third Country); this rule does not apply to the return phase.
- Employment at the host institution in the MS or AC for the duration of the project and secondment to the institution in the Third Country.
- Free choice of research topic (“bottom up”) by researchers and host institutions with a view to the researcher’s career development: from basic research to market uptake and innovation services.

## Success rate
- 2015: 13.1%
- 2016: 13.1%
- 2017: 16.4%
- 2018: 21.7%
- 2019: 24.63%

## Submission
Annual publication of calls; electronic submission of proposals.

## Publication
- Publication: 08 April 2020
- Deadline: 09 September 2020, 17:00 CET Brussels time
- Budget: EUR 55 million

## Further information
- KoWi: [www.kowi.de/fellowships](http://www.kowi.de/fellowships)
- NCP Marie Sklodowska-Curie Actions: [www.eubuero.de/msc.htm](http://www.eubuero.de/msc.htm)

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