



WORKSHOP FOR APPLICANTS

FOR HORIZON EUROPE MSCA POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS (MSCA PF) WITH LEIPZIG UNIVERSITY AS HOST INSTITUTION

The European Commission offers Postdoctoral Fellowships (MSCA PF) within the “Horizon Europe” Framework Programme for Research and Innovation. Such grants provide very attractive conditions to researchers that want to move into an EU country. MSCA PF grants are recognized as career boosters for PostDocs.

Leipzig University would be willing to act as a host institution for highly qualified and motivated young researchers, so if you are willing to go for a MSCA

PF in 2021, please search our website www.uni-leipzig.de resp. our [research portal](#) for research groups active in your field. The funding instrument is open for all research fields, but some ARQUS research fields are especially welcome:

- Digital Humanities
- Artificial Intelligence
- Biodiversity

As soon as one of our researchers agrees to supervise your MSCA PF project, you can apply for the following support by Leipzig University:

- a free two-day workshop on the application for MSCA PF: experienced research managers and application experts will provide specific advice and useful tips on writing a competitive proposal

PRECONDITIONS

In order to be eligible to attend the workshop, candidates must meet the requirements of the MSCA-2021-PF call. These will probably be the following, but please check after publication of the call:

- hold a PhD which was issued no more than 8 years before the MSCA PF 2021 call deadline, i. e. after 15 September 2013
- comply with the MSCA mobility rule, i.e. you have not lived in Germany for more than 12 months in the past 3 years prior to the MSCA PF 2021 deadline
- have a commitment of a supervisor from Leipzig University to supervise the MSCA PF project

APPLICATION PROCESS

If you fulfil all preconditions, please **send your complete application** incl. all attachments as one pdf file to Gerhard Fuchs

(gerhard.fuchs@zv.uni-leipzig.de).

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: 16 JUNE 2021

A complete application consists of the following elements:

- Application form (see below)
- CV with relevant academic records (please not more than 3 pages)
- 1 page proposal, addressing e.g. these questions
 - state-of-the-art in your research field and how your project will go beyond it
 - objectives, methodology, and approach of your research project
 - how you will develop your expertise within your project
 - why you want to pursue this research in Leipzig with your identified supervisor(s)

SELECTION PROCEDURE AND RESULTS

Selection of participants will be based on

- The completeness of the application
- The candidate’s CV and research track record
- the consistency between the candidate’s project and Leipzig University’s research interests
- the project feasibility

Applicants will be informed whether they have been selected or not by e-mail no later than 18th June 2021.

LOCATION

Due to COVID-19 restrictions Leipzig University has switched to a shortened online version of the workshop.

All participants are expected to stay for the entire duration of the event and must participate in the full training course.



WEDNESDAY, 23 JUNE 2021

09:00 – 09:10	Welcome to Leipzig University Goals of the event	Vice-Rector for Research and Young Academics
09:10 – 09:40	Introduction Round Services of Leipzig University	EU Office
09:40 – 10:30	Horizon Europe Principles and Key Aspects of MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships	Katrin Schaarschmidt, German National Contact Point for Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (NCP MSCA)
10:30 – 10:45	Break	
10:45 – 12:00	Parts of a Proposal: Excellence	Katrin Schaarschmidt, NCP MSCA

THURSDAY, 24 JUNE 2021

09:00 – 09:45	Parts of a Proposal: Impact	Katrin Schaarschmidt, NCP MSCA
09:45 – 10:30	Parts of a Proposal: Implementation	Katrin Schaarschmidt, NCP MSCA
10:30 – 10:45	Break	
10:45 – 11:30	Best Practise Meet successful applicants @ULEI	MSCA IF grantee
11:30 – 11:45	Lessons learnt/Next steps until deadline	EU Office
11:45	Wrap up and feedback	EU Office/all participants

APPLICATION FORM

for the workshop on Horizon Europe MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships (MSCA PF) with Leipzig University as Host Institution, 23/24 June 2021

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: 16 JUNE 2021

I apply for the participation in the MSCA PF workshop of Leipzig University on 23/24 June 2021.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Please ask your supervisor to send an informal mail to confirm his commitment to supervise the project to gerhard.fuchs@zv.uni-leipzig.de

PhD award date: _____

Supervisor will be: _____

I have an employment contract till at least 30 June 2021 with one of the ARQUS partner institutions.

yes no (please tick one option)

Place: _____

Date: _____

ATTACHMENTS:

- CV with relevant academic records
- 1 page proposal

Signature _____