

Araştırmacıların eğitimi ve kariyer gelişimine yönelik yeni bölgesel, ulusal ve uluslararası burs programlarının oluşturulması veya varolan programların desteklenmesi amacıyla ek fon sağlayan COFUND programına,

- Araştırma bursu veren kamu kurumları,
- Devlet tarafından araştırma bursu vermelerine izin verilen özel kuruluş ve vakıflar
- Avrupa düzeyinde araştırmacıların dolaşımını destekleyen uluslararası kuruluşlar başvurabilirler.

Başvurusu 18 Kasım 2009 tarihinde başlayıp, 18 Şubat 2010 tarihinde sona erecek olan COFUND Programından daha önce destek almaya hak kazanmış projelere http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/people/cofund_en.html adresinden ulaşılabilir.

2010 Marie-Curie Çalışma Programı'nda Yer Alan COFUND Bilgisi

Action	Call ID	Call Opens	Call Deadline/ Cut-off dates
COFUND Co-funding of Regional, National & International Programmes	FP7-PEOPLE-2010-COFUND	18 November 2009	18 February 2010

CALL TITLE: MARIE CURIE CO-FUNDING OF REGIONAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMMES (COFUND) ¹

Call Reference FP7-PEOPLE-2010-COFUND

- **Date of publication:** 18 November 2009
- **Deadline:** 18 February 2010 at 17.00.00, Brussels local time
- **Indicative budget:** EUR 75 million of the 2010 budget. The final budget awarded to this call, following the evaluation of projects, may however vary up to 10% of the total value of the call.
- **Topics called:**

ACTION	Funding Schemes
Marie Curie Co-funding of Regional, National and International Programmes	Support for training and career development of researchers

- **Eligibility conditions**
 - The general eligibility criteria are set out in Annex 2 of this work programme, and in the guide for applicants. Please note that the completeness criterion also includes that part B of the proposal shall be readable, accessible and printable.

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– The application is made by a single organisation responsible for one or more fellowship programmes. Applicant organisations must be established in a Member State or Associated Country and must fall into one of the following categories:

– Public bodies, as defined in Article 2.13 of the Rules for Participation, responsible for funding and managing fellowship programmes, e.g. ministries, state committees for research, research academies, councils or agencies;

– Other bodies, including *research organisations*, that finance and manage fellowship programmes either with an official mandate or recognised by public authorities, such as agencies established by governments under private law with a public service mission, charities, etc.;

– International organisations as defined in Article 2.10 and 11 of Rules for Participation that run comparable schemes at European level as part of their mission.

– For further details concerning these conditions you must refer to the core text of the work programme.

- **Evaluation procedure:**

– The evaluation criteria (including weights and thresholds) and sub-criteria together with the eligibility, selection and award criteria, for the different funding schemes are set out in annex 2 of this work programme.

– Proposal page limits: Applicants must ensure that proposals conform to the page limits and layout given in the Guide for Applicants, and in the proposal part B template available through the EPSS. The experts will be instructed to disregard any pages exceeding these limits.

– The minimum font size allowed is 11 points. The page size is A4, and all margins (top, bottom, left, right) should be at least 15 mm (not including any footers or headers).

– A single-stage submission and evaluation procedure will be used.

– Proposals will not be evaluated anonymously.

– Proposals may be evaluated remotely.

– The procedure for prioritising proposals with equal scores is described in annex 2 of this work programme.

– Proposals are allocated to one of 2 panels: (A) 'Existing trans-national fellowship programmes' and (B) 'New fellowship programmes with transnational mobility'. The distribution of the indicative budget of the call between the 2 panels will be proportional to the requested Community contribution of the proposals positively evaluated. For each panel a ranked list is established. If the budget allocated to one of the panels exceeds the requirements of all proposals positively evaluated²¹ in that panel, the excess budget will be transferred to the other panel. Equally, if the allocated funding to one panel is insufficient to fund the highest ranked proposal in that panel, necessary budget will be transferred from the other panel in order to ensure that the highest ranked proposal can be funded.

- **Indicative evaluation and contractual timetable:**

– Evaluation results are estimated to be available within 4 months following the relevant deadline for submission.

– Grant agreement signature: expected from within 6 months after the relevant deadline for submission.

MARIE CURIE ACTION: CO-FUNDING OF REGIONAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMMES (COFUND)²

Call Reference FP7-PEOPLE-2010-COFUND

Introduction and objective of the action

This action aims at increasing the European-wide mobility possibilities for training and career development of *experienced researchers*, in line with the objectives set out in the activity heading 'Life-long training and career development', thus boosting its overall impact. The cofunding action targets programmes that support the trans-national mobility of *experienced researchers* at different stages of their careers, including researchers shortly after having obtained a doctorate, by broadening or deepening their individual competence, in particular in terms of acquisition of multi- or interdisciplinary skills or having intersectoral experiences; to support researchers in attaining and/or strengthening a leading independent position, e.g. principal investigator, professor or other senior position in education or enterprise; (re)integrate researchers into a research career in Member States and Associated countries, including in their country of origin, after a mobility experience.

Rather than providing the possibility for trans-national experiences only through direct Community actions, the co-funding action aims to encourage existing or new regional or national programmes to open up to and provide for trans-national mobility, as well as to reinforce international programmes.

The co-funding action targets a competitive selection of existing or new regional, national and international funding programmes that focus on the objectives set for this action, based on individual-driven mobility. These programmes must run an open, merit-based competition for the applying researchers, and be founded on international peer-review. While avoiding limitations regarding the researchers' origin and destination, they should also offer adequate working conditions for the final beneficiaries. These requirements should be in line with the principles set out in the European Charter for researchers and Code of conduct for the recruitment of researchers. In particular, given their level of experience, the researchers funded under the programme are expected, as a general rule, to be offered regular employment contracts complying with the social security legislation applicable. When an employment contract is not provided by the applicant programme, then this should be duly justified, and the longer-term perspectives for a change be presented.

Technical content/scope

Participants: Participants in the co-funding modality must be established in Member States or Associated Countries and are organisations falling under one of the following categories:

- Public bodies, as defined in Article 2.13 of the Rules for Participation, responsible for funding and managing fellowship programmes, e.g. ministries, state committees for research, research academies, councils or agencies;
- Other bodies, including *research organisations*, that finance and manage fellowship programmes either with an official mandate or recognised by public authorities, such

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as agencies established by governments under private law with a public service mission, charities, etc.;

- International organisations as defined in Article 2.10 and 11 of the Rules for Participation that run comparable schemes at European level as part of their mission.

Programmes: Participants will submit multi-annual proposals for new or existing regional, national or international programmes to be co-funded. The evaluation will be organised in two different Panels:

- Panel A) Existing transnational fellowship programmes (including national programmes opening for first time for transnational mobility).
- Panel B) New fellowship programmes with transnational mobility.

The proposal should demonstrate that the programme or programmes (to be) managed by the participant fund(s) individual research training/career development fellowships for the target group of *experienced researchers* addressed under the activity heading 'Life-long training and career development'. The programmes supported should have regular selection rounds for these category of researchers based on open, widely advertised competition, with transparent international peer review and selection of candidates on merits.

The proposal should contain a clear plan on how the openness of the programme, the transnational mobility and the working conditions of the final beneficiaries will be realised and/or enhanced. The Community contribution for existing schemes should not substitute or replace existing funding but contribute to an increased level of transnational fellowships or the amelioration of working/employment conditions. This should be adequately reflected in the proposal and will be a central issue of the evaluation process.

The action takes into account three types of trans-national mobility, on which the support under this action is essentially based:

(1) Outgoing mobility for fellowships/grants to residents of Member States or Associated countries, preferably with a return phase,

(2) Incoming mobility for fellowships/grants to non-residents of the country of the host organisation;

(3) Re-integration of Member State or Associated country nationals having carried out research in a *third country* for at least 3 years, to establish them in a longer-term career after this trans-national mobility period.

The reference for the methods of selection of the final beneficiaries and their working conditions provided for under the programme are those laid down in the Commission Recommendation on the European Charter for Researchers and a Code of Conduct for their Recruitment. In establishing the mobility rules and during the selection process of researchers, the co-funded programmes must ensure that all selected researchers will demonstrate genuine mobility with a significant benefit for the European Research Area.

Selected programmes under the co-funding actions are required to brand the eligible fellowships awarded “Co-funded by Marie Curie Actions”, and advertise their calls internationally, including at the Commission dedicated web-sites.

Eligible researchers under the co-funded programmes: To be eligible, researchers supported under the programmes co-funded in the frame of this action must comply with the definition of *experienced researchers* and of trans-national mobility mentioned above. If the hosting organisation of the researchers is an international European interest organisation or international organisation located in any of the Member States or Associated countries, the compliance with trans-national mobility rules is not required.

Community Contribution, Rates and Evaluation Criteria:

The Community contribution is fixed at 40% of the fellowship costs for eligible researchers, with a maximum overall of EUR 5 million to a single applicant entity¹⁵ for one call. This contribution will take the form of reimbursement of scale of unit costs. The scale of unit contribution consists of a fixed amount per fellow-year, determined for each proposed fellowship scheme at the negotiation stage, based on evidence of the expected average costs, which will be confirmed by a separate Commission Decision. In establishing these contributions, a ceiling of 7% for management costs and 10% for overheads cannot be exceeded for any programme. The requested Community contribution for each programme and fellowship type will be the fixed-amount contribution multiplied by the number of fellowship-years.

Participants having benefited from co-funding under previous calls must explain in their proposals how the latest proposal relates to the earlier grant, and justify the re-application in terms of feasibility, management capacity and additional value.

The evaluation, selection and award criteria are set out in Annex 2 of this Work Programme.

Expected impact of the action

The co-funding action will on a voluntary basis **exploit synergies between Community actions and those at regional and national level**, as well as with other actions at international level. The structuring effect and impact of the co-funding mode would be through its leverage effect on regional, national or international funding programmes that focus on the objective set up for the “life-long training and career development”, based on individual-driven mobility. This impact is expected to extend to:

- (1) **Enabling** the relevant regional, national and international actors to contribute significantly to the development within their own setting of high quality human resources, by **introducing and/or further developing** the **trans-national dimension** of their offers, both in terms of **incoming mobility** (of either researchers from countries other than that of the programme, or of the **return and reintegration** of nationals currently abroad), as well in terms of **outgoing mobility** of researchers to another country.
- (2) **Increasing the numerical and/or qualitative impact**, in terms of supported researchers or working/employment conditions.
- (3) **Combating fragmentation** in terms of objectives, evaluation methods and working conditions of regional, national or international offers in this area.