

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR MSCA POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS 2024

<u>Vilnius University</u> (VU) invites motivated researchers with a strong track record to prepare joint applications for **2024 Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Postdoctoral Fellowships (MSCA PF)** call with a deadline on September 11, 2024.

MSCA PF are among the flagship, most prestigious research fellowships in Europe, with the objective of supporting researchers' careers, enhancing their creative and innovative potential, and fostering excellence in research. All domains of research and technological development are eligible for funding.

Two types of fellowships

European Postdoctoral Fellowships are open to researchers of any nationality who wish to engage in R&I projects by either coming to Europe from any country in the world or moving within Europe (12-24 months).

Global Postdoctoral Fellowships are open to European nationals or long-term residents who wish to engage in R&I projects with organisations outside EU Member States and Horizon Europe Associated Countries (12-24 months outgoing phase in a non-associated Third Country & 12 months mandatory return phase to a host organisation in Europe).

Budget

MSCA PF provides **an attractive allowance** to cover your living, family, research and training, travel costs and secures funds to cover indirect costs of the host organisation.

Funding is calculated based on **unit costs**. Considering differences in the cost of living in different countries, **a country correction coefficient** applies to the living allowance.



Host institution

VU is one of the oldest higher education institutions in Eastern and Central Europe. It tops the ranking as the number one university in <u>Lithuania</u> and leads the country in education, a broad spectrum of fundamental and applied research, training and retraining programs, and consultancy services and provides research and development services to a wide range of businesses. VU offers dynamic research and training environment and is well integrated into a collaborative network of international universities.

Extra funding opportunity!

ERA Fellowships. If you are applying for the European Postdoctoral Fellowship with the host institution located in a widening country (Lithuania), and in case your proposal is not funded under the MSCA PF call due to a lack of budget, it will be automatically resubmitted to ERA Fellowships call and will have one more opportunity to get funding.

Eligible applicants

- Supported fellows must be in possession of PhD at the call deadline (September 11, 2024).
- Have up to 8 years full-time equivalent experience in research from the date of award of the doctoral degree at the call deadline.
- Mobility rule: Fellows must not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in the country of the beneficiary (for European Postdoctoral Fellowships), or the host organisation for the outgoing phase (for Global Postdoctoral Fellowships) for more than 12 months in the 36 months before the call deadline.



How to apply?

- 1. Identifying a supervisor. Find a suitable supervisor or a potential host faculty by browsing:
 - Websites of VU academic units
 - Research Teams search
 - VU researchers' hosting offers on EURAXESS

VU Research Projects Office (research@cr.vu.lt) can help with matchmaking, if needed.

- **2. Contacting a supervisor.** Contact the supervisor directly (cc to research@cr.vu.lt) in order to express interest in making a joint MSCA PF application. Please include the following documents:
 - Curriculum Vitae
 - · List of publications
 - Proposal summary
 - **3. Endorsement of the candidate.** Request <u>an endoresement letter</u> from the supervisor, send it to VU Research Projects Office (research@cr.vu.lt) and start preparing your MSCA PF project proposal.

More information

Information about MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships and application process on VU website

2024 MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships call for proposals

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions official website

