

## **Marie Curie Initial Training Networks**

Universities, research institutes and enterprises can apply for the funding of structured doctoral training programmes in international networks on the basis of a common research project.

### **Requirements**

Initial Training Networks need at least 3 participants from different EU Member States or Associated Countries. Partners in Third Countries ('International Cooperation Partner Countries' and 'Other Third Countries') can participate in multi-site projects if the minimum requirement of at least 3 European participants is fulfilled. OTC partners (e.g. from the USA, Canada or Japan) can only receive funding from Marie Curie if such funding is foreseen in a bilateral scientific and technological agreement. Highly important is the integration of industry partners as full partners, providers of training or members of the mandatory 'supervisory board' of an ITN.

The fellows who are recruited by the network should work on their own doctoral project, but should also benefit from a specialised training programme consisting of further scientific training and soft/complementary skills. The ITN-fellows should be primarily PhD students (ESR-early stage researchers) and optionally postdocs (only up to 20% of fellow months) and can be recruited between 3 months and 3 years (postdocs: 3 months - 2 years). The financial support covers the salaries for the fellows and coordination, management and overhead costs of the institutions.

ITNs are bottom up, e.g. they are open to all fields of research. The next call is expected to be published on 15th of September 2010 with a deadline on 10th of February 2010.

### **Individual Fellowships:**

#### **Intra-European Fellowships for Career Development (IEF)**

Intra-European Fellowships support the career development of experienced researchers (i.e. postdocs) by providing funding for a research project undertaken in an EU Member State or Associated Country. Aiming to enhance the researcher's diversification of competences, the fellowships provide financial support for this advanced training for a period of 12 to 24 months. The topic of the project can be chosen freely by the researcher.

Eligible for this fellowship are experienced researchers of any nationality who have spent less than 12 months in the last 3 years prior to the deadline in the country of the host institution.

#### **World Fellowships: International Incoming Fellowships (IIF)**

International Incoming Fellowships are awarded to excellent researchers from Third Countries who are planning to carry out a research project in an EU Member State or Associated Country. The research project can be funded between 12 and 24 months (incoming phase). Researchers from 'International Cooperation Partner Countries' can apply for a reintegration phase of one year in their home countries (return phase).

The topic of the project can be chosen freely by the researcher.

Experienced researchers of any nationality who have been active in research in a third country are eligible for this scheme. The researchers must not have resided in the EU Member State or Associated Country, where the host institution is located, for more than 12 months in the last 3 years prior to the deadline.

Calls are open for these individual fellowships at the moment and can be submitted until 17th of August 2010.

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