**School of Law, University College Cork**

**Marie Sklodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellowship**

**Expression of Interest**

UCC School of Law is seeking expressions of interest from enthusiastic and talented postdoctoral researchers who wish to apply for a [Marie Sklodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellowships](https://marie-sklodowska-curie-actions.ec.europa.eu/calls/msca-postdoctoral-fellowships-2024)  In order to secure funding, the experienced researcher must develop a proposal with the host for the September 11th 2024 deadline.

**MSCA POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS**

Funded by the European Commission under the Horizon Europe programme, MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships are designed to enhance the creative and innovative potential of researchers through advanced training, international, interdisciplinary, and inter-sectoral mobility. Candidates must apply together with a mentor based in an eligible host institution.

**SCHOOL OF LAW**

The UCC School of Law at UCC is in the top 100 Law Schools in the world, placed 59th in world and 1st in Ireland (QS Rankings, 2023). The School has national and international experts across the legal discipline. The School delivers the highest quality research with regularly published output in leading national and international academic journals and monographs.

The School has five research centres. The [Centre for Human Rights and Criminal Justice](https://www.ucc.ie/en/ccjhr/about/) is long standing and well established in the fields of criminal law, criminal justice and human rights.

The interdisciplinary [Centre for Law and the Environment](https://www.ucc.ie/en/lawenvironment/#:~:text=The%20Centre%20for%20Law%20and,Energy%20and%20Natural%20Resources%20Law.) is aligned with the Environmental Research Institute, UCC’s flagship institute which addresses complex environmental and sustainability challenges. The [Centre for Children’s Rights and Family Law](https://www.ucc.ie/en/law/research/ccrfl/) is Ireland’s leading research centre in the area of children’s rights and family law with a strong international impact and takes an active role in shaping policy at a national and international level. The interdisciplinary [Centre for Research in Sports Economics and Law](https://www.cubsucc.com/research-centres/centre-for-sports-economics---law--csel--/#:~:text=The%20Centre%20for%20Sports%20Economics,sports%20law%20study%20and%20practice.) has extensive expertise in the area of sports law. The [Centre for European Integration at UCC (CEI@UCC)](https://www.ucc.ie/en/law/research/centreforeuropeanintegration/) examines EU law, business, politics and societies.

Other areas of expertise include European Business Law, Constitutional and Administrative Law, Intellectual Property and Information Law, Technology Law, Medical and Mental Health Law, International Law, Language and the Law, and Private Law.

The School is also heavily aligned with [UCC Futures](https://www.ucc.ie/en/futures/) its ten thematic areas, particularly Children, Sustainability, Collective Social Futures and Artificial Intelligence & Data Analytics.

The School has an exceptional track record in winning major grants from prestigious national and international funding agencies. Recently, the School has won two European Research Council grants and two Irish Research Council Laureate grants. It has a thriving postdoctoral researcher community and a vibrant and collegial research culture, including regular research roundtables, colloquiums, workshops and conferences. The School also collaborates with national and international governmental and NGO bodies, allowing for potential secondments.

See the below for examples of on-going research projects in the School:

[Youth Climate Justice | University College Cork (ucc.ie)](https://www.ucc.ie/en/youthclimatejustice/)

<https://www.associationalfreedom.org/>

[Law and the Inner Self | Research Project (lawinnerself.org)](https://www.lawinnerself.org/)

**TYPES OF FELLOWSHIPS**

European Fellowships: Open to researchers of any nationality moving to UCC from abroad.

Global Fellowships: Open to nationals or long-term residents of the EU Member States or Horizon Europe Associated Countries who wish to engage in research outside Europe before completing a final year at UCC. UK is now considered an Associated Country.

**WHO CAN APPLY? MARIE-CURIE POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP ELIGIBILITY**

Experienced Researchers: Researchers must have a PhD at the call deadline and have max. 8 years’ research experience post-PhD. Years of experience outside research and career breaks (e.g. parental leave) can extend the timeline.

**Mobility Rule:** Applicants cannot apply for a fellowship in a country where they have lived or carried out their main activity for >12 months (>365 days) in the 3 years before the call deadline (14/09/2024).

**HOW MUCH IS A MARIE-CURIE POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP?**

Fellowships are to the value of €5,080 per month gross (depending on the host country), plus €600 mobility allowance and (if applicable) a €660 family allowance, as well as management and indirect costs (overheads).

If you are interested in applying for a MSCA-IF with UCC’s School of Lawplease complete the below Expression of Interest Form and send it to Dr Seán Lucey, Research Manager, College of Business and Law (email: [sean.lucey@ucc.ie](mailto:sean.lucey@ucc.ie)) and/or Lindie van Rensburg ([lvanrensburg@ucc.ie](mailto:lvanrensburg@ucc.ie))

Enquires on identifying a potential mentor can be made to individual staff members (see [staff profiles](https://www.ucc.ie/en/law/people/#academic-staff)) or Dr Seán Lucey (email: [sean.lucey@ucc.ie](mailto:sean.lucey@ucc.ie))

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**Marie Sklodowska-Curie Actions**

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| **Name** |  |
| **Academic / research qualifications** |  |
| **Current position** |  |
| **Fellowship for Consideration** | **European (24 Months) / Global (36 Month)**  (delete as appropriate) |

**NB** If you wish to be considered for both European and Global Fellowships, please complete a separate form for each.

**Please provide a short overview of the research project that you would propose to develop into a full proposal with the assistance of UCC Law School (250 words).**

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**Please provide a short description of your background and why you are a suitable candidate for this Fellowship (250 words).**

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