**Marie Sklodowska Curie Individual Fellowships 2018**

 **Expression of Interest (EoI) Form**

**Context**

**Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowships** – 2 types of grants

**1.** [**European Fellowships**](https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/topics/msca-if-2018.html) **(EF)** - Provide an opportunity for researchers to broaden their horizons by working at a research organisation in Europe, with a view to acquiring new skills or working in new sectors. The fellowships are open to researchers either moving within Europe or coming to Europe. Fellowships can last 12 to 24mths. **Researchers with a PhD or 4 years equivalent full time research experience can apply for an MSCA IF.** To be hosted at ERI, researchers **must pick one of 3** types of European Fellowship.

* **Standard Fellowship:**open to Experienced Researchers wishing to carry out a fellowship at a European host organisation. The **researcher** must comply with the **standard Mobility Rule:** In the case of the ERI,they **cannot have resided or carried out their main activity in Ireland for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately prior to the call deadline.**
* **Career Restart Panel:**A special Career Restart option for Experienced Researchers re-starting their research career at a European host organisation after being inactive in research for 12 months or more. The **researcher** must comply with the **Relaxed Mobility Rule:** in the case of the ERI**,** they **cannot have resided or carried out their main activity in Ireland for more than 3 years in the 5 years immediately prior to the deadline.**
* **Reintegration Panel:**A special Reintegration option for Experienced Researchers previously active in research in Europe who seek to return to carry out a fellowship at a European host organisation.The researcher must comply with the **Relaxed Mobility Rule**.

**ERI Internal Selection Process**

Expressions of Interest will be evaluated, in a 2-stage process. Stage 1 will be an eligibility check and stage 2 will be an evaluation by an internal ERI panel, which will include members of the ERI’s operational team and ERI PIs in the relevant research areas.

**Stage 1 – Eligibility Check**

At this stage, EoIs will be checked to confirm that potential fellows:

1. Have a PhD or 4 years equivalent full time research experience
2. Comply with the relevant mobility rules
3. Have provided all the requested information and complied with the EoI’s preparation Guidelines

**Stage 2**

An internal ERI panel will then evaluate EoIs that pass the initial eligibility check based on the following evaluation criteria:

1. Quality of the research track record of the applicant
2. Quality, significance, novelty and strategic relevance of the proposed research plan
3. Potential impact of the MSCA IF on the applicant’s future career prospects and the relevant research areas.
4. Fit with the ERI’s strategic plan (including alignment with relevant ERI Challenge(s)/Research Platform(s))

**Timelines**

**Deadline for submission of EoIs:** 31st May 2018

**Latest date for notification of outcome of evaluation:** 29th June

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| ***Applicant*** |
| **Name:** Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Nationality:** Click or tap here to enter text. | **Country of Residence:** Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Email Address:**  | **Date of PhD Award:** Click or tap to enter a date. |
| ***Fellowship***  |
| **Fellowship**: Choose a fellowship | **Duration:** Fellowship duration |
| **Main Research Area:** Choose a Research Area |
| **If proposal doesn’t fit any of the areas above or fits more than one area please identify main area of research (160 characters max)**   |
| **Reasons for selecting the ERI/UCC as a host institution** (please summarise why you feel the ERI is the best place to develop your skills and implement your project) **(250 characters max)**        |

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| ***Proposal*** |
| **Title:** Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Acronym:** Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Preliminary proposal to the ERI must include:****1.** Abstract (**200 words, max**) **2.** Research programme (**1-2 pages max**) **2.1** Background & significance **2.2** Objectives **2.3** Methodology **2.4** Timelines, milestones, deliverables **2.5** Impact – on researcher’s career and research area**3.** Applicant CV (**2 pages max**) **4**. Declaration: The following declaration must be included in your application: *“I declare that I have read and understood the eligibility requirements for this call and confirm that I meet all eligibility requirements for this call”.*  |

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| Expressions of Interest must use **Times New Roman font or similar**, minimum font size of **11**, at least single line spacing and minimum margin size 2.5 cm **Please return completed applications (pdf) to** **ERI@ucc.ie** **by 31st May 2018.** Due to a very high level of demand for this programme **EoIs** which:**do not comply with the eligibility criteria (PhD or 4 years full time research experience and mobility rule)****do not use the template and/or do not follow the EoI preparation guidelines provided****do not provide all the requested information****are received after the deadline** **Will not be included in the ERI’s review process****You can expect to have a response by June 29th at the latest**Any queries should be directed to ERI@ucc.ie  |