

## Are you considering a Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellowship?

The Contemporary History Research Group at the University of Southern Denmark is now supporting applications for Marie Skłodowska-Curie Action (MSCA) postdoctoral fellowships.

We will work with candidates to jointly develop the best possible application. Besides expert mentorship and supervision during the application process from the Group, SDU also offers tutorials, direct support from our research office, and expert feedback from those who have assessed MSCA applications in the past. Particularly strong research proposals may be eligible for a funded research stay at SDU to further develop the application in person.

The Contemporary History Research Group is an ambitious and internationally leading group in SDU's Department of Culture and Language. It is primarily interested in the making, functioning, and evolution of modern societies since the nineteenth century. The Group is particularly strong on state-society relationships, welfare history, business history, and the Nordic model of society but is interested in *any topic from any region* and has expertise in several other fields. We believe in methodological and theoretical pluralism and cover a broad range of approaches from political, social and cultural history to gender studies, conceptual history, citizen science, and digital methods.

We have a very strong track record in cross-disciplinary cooperation, something that can significantly benefit applications for Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellowships. We are happy to facilitate contact and cooperation with colleagues in other disciplines, such as political science, economics, cultural studies, literature, public health, and others.

Potential applicants are invited to approach senior members of the group to express interest in the first instance. Our current core group includes the following members:

- Cecilie Bjerre ([cbjerre@sdu.dk](mailto:cbjerre@sdu.dk)). Current topics: paternity, child welfare, history of experiences, (in)fertility, citizen science.
- Heidi Vad Jønsson ([hej@sdu.dk](mailto:hej@sdu.dk)). Current topics: immigration, assimilation and integration politics, governance, refugee studies.
- Gareth Millward ([gml@sdu.dk](mailto:gml@sdu.dk)). Current topics: digital history, history of medicine, public health, British history.
- Jeppe Nevers ([jeppenevers@sdu.dk](mailto:jeppenevers@sdu.dk)). Current topics: political history, democracy, capitalism, business history.
- Klaus Petersen ([Klaus.petersen@sdu.dk](mailto:Klaus.petersen@sdu.dk)). Current topics: welfare state history, Nordic model, citizen science, war and social reform, the Cold War, family policy, political parties.

**This is an open call that recurs every year.** Some key dates to consider, however, are:

- **March** – expressions of interest to the Faculty to ensure access to workshops and research support. (Expressions of interest after this time can still be considered for support from the Contemporary History Research Group.)
- **April** – online Masterclass for potential applicants
- **September** – MSCA deadline for applications

### **Practical information about MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships**

These two-year fellowships are designed to promote researcher mobility in Europe and come with generous research expenses, salary, and family allowances. The fellowship can (but is not required to) include a six-month research stay in another country. Applicants must provide a research plan for the two years which creates a two-way transfer of knowledge between the applicant and their host institution.

Applicants must have lived outside of Denmark for 24 out of the past 36 months at the time of the application deadline and have no more than 8 years' research experience post-PhD. The 8 years *do not include gaps between employment, time spent outside academia, parental leave, or other forms of career break*, and special consideration is given to those living elsewhere in the world who wish to return to Europe. Full conditions and information about the MSCA scheme can be found on [the European Commission website](#).