

# Join SDU as a European Fellow!

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions - fellowships  
with full financial, practical and scientific  
support for mobility to or within Europe



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**Do you want to experience other research environments?  
Do you want to advance your scientific career?  
Do you want to diversify your research?**

University of Southern Denmark is actively recruiting excellent researchers at all career stages through Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions European Fellowship grant. Join us to:

- Acquire new knowledge and skills!
- Get a full-time research position!
- Collaborate and train in excellent environments!

## **MSCA European Fellowships in brief**

European Fellowships support the mobility of researchers and provide opportunities to work on ambitious research in Europe. The researcher and host must be a strong match, demonstrating the potential for scientific excellence and the acquisition of new skills and knowledge on both sides.

A Career Development Plan is established jointly by the hosting supervisors and the researcher. In addition to the research

objectives, this plan comprises the researcher's training and career needs, including the development of transferable skills, plan for publications, and potential participation in conferences.



***Who?** Researchers with a PhD degree or 4 years' experience.*

***What?** 100% funding for 1-2 years.*

***Where?** In or to Europe.*

***When?** Deadline in September; application collaboration with host from April or before.*

# Establish yourself as a leading expert in your field

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## Fellowship facts

- Research stay in an EU Member State or associated country
- Full funding for fellowships of 12-24 months
- Can help to restart research careers after a break
- Can reintegrate researchers returning to Europe
- All nationalities can apply
- All areas of research are supported
- Have a PhD degree or at least four years' research experience by the call deadline
- Mobility across sectors is encouraged



*Being an academic is a career choice that requires a constant state of learning, but often the demands of the job leave minimal time to grow as a researcher despite the pressure to publish high quality research. Being a Marie Curie fellow allows me the opportunity to distinguish myself in my research focus areas and helps me reach professional maturity. With the creative freedom that the fellowship offers to develop new skills and research, I am in an excellent position to establish myself as a leading expert in my field.*

*- Danita Catherine Burke,  
international relations and  
Arctic politics*



# Extensive support for applicants

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**The University of Southern Denmark (SDU) Research Support team will assist you at every step of your Marie Skłodowska-Curie European Fellowship application.**

First of all, you need to establish contact with an SDU host environment. After that, please contact SDU Research Support. We will, in close cooperation with the scientific host and contracted EU consultants, help you in writing a pitch-perfect application that benefits from expert counseling and co-development of both scientific and non-scientific parts. When a grant is awarded, our International Staff Office will help you in all aspects of taking up residence and working in Denmark, including with practical, social, cultural and legal matters.

## **FIRST STEPS in initiating an application...**

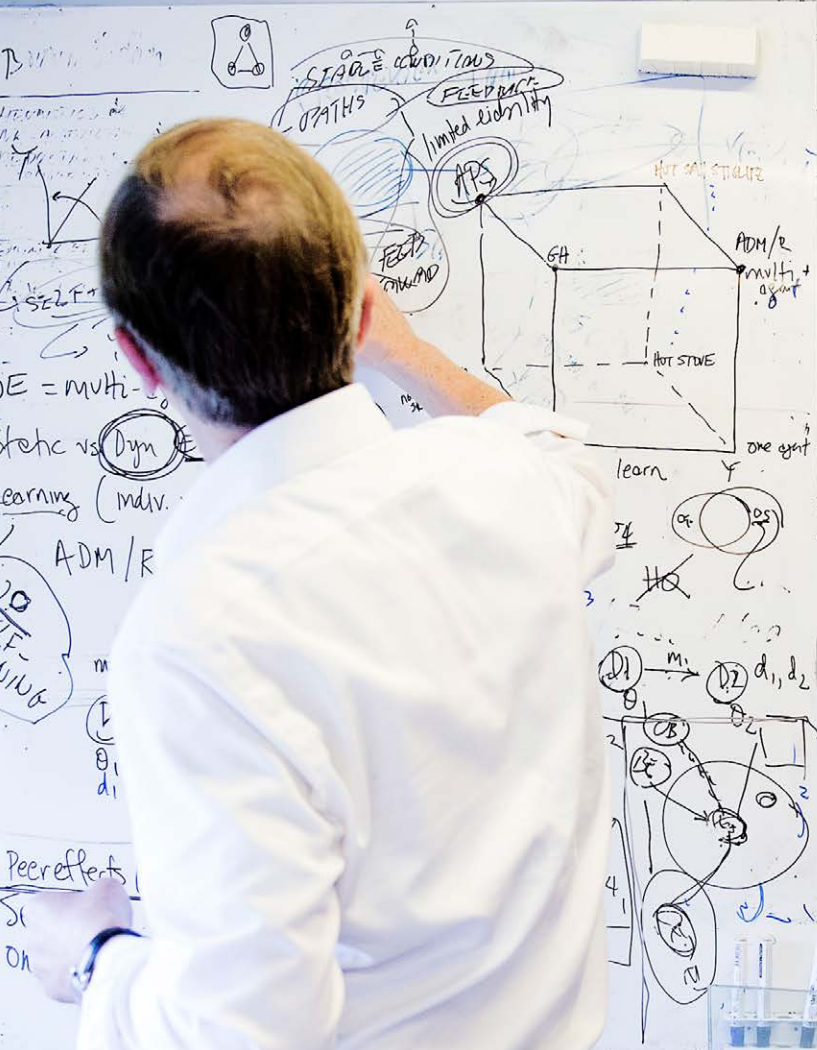
- 1. Reach out to a potential hosting environment**
- 2. Get in touch with SDU Research Support**
- 3. Read the call as well as any best practice applications and guidelines forwarded by SDU Research Support**
- 4. Sign-up in for the MSCA Masterclass in May**

## **The good application**

- Start early – make time for reviews and revisions
- Write a pitch for the project and training concept
- Get as much feedback on this as possible
- Develop a very good research project!
- Participate in SDU's MSCA Masterclass in May
- Show there is a good match between fellow and host
- Keep in mind that training is a central part of the grant and that secondments are looked favorably upon
- Get impartial views on your proposal – from Research Support, the host, colleagues and collaborators

RECRUITING EXCELLENT RESEARCHERS







# Why SDU?

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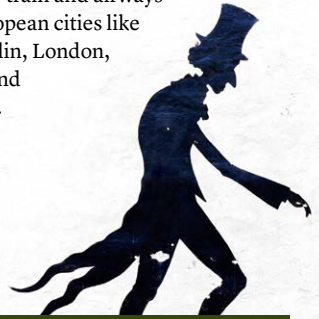
**The University of Southern Denmark is a young and dynamic university with high standards in education, internationally competitive research and an entrepreneurial approach.**

We aim for excellence in research. We generate knowledge with and for our surroundings. We have a strong international focus, with a solid track record in recruiting talent from all over the world. And we have an open door policy, where researchers at all career stages consult and collaborate in an informal, professional atmosphere.

The university has about 4,000 employees and 28,000 students, more than 15% of whom come from abroad. Several international reports testify that we conduct world-class research and belong to the Top 50 of the world's young universities.

Odense - where the main campus is situated - is a dynamic and fast-developing city in the very center of Denmark. The city has a vibrant cultural life and a rich historical past, which includes being the birthplace of the

famous author, Hans Christian Andersen. The city is well-connected by train and airways to major European cities like Brussels, Berlin, London, Stockholm and Copenhagen.



## **D-IAS** – world-class excellence at SDU

The Danish Institute for Advanced Study is an SDU research center that aims to inspire ground-breaking ideas through the meeting of minds across the social, technical, natural and health sciences and humanities. D-IAS engages leading academics through its visitor program, weekly talks, monthly lectures, and quarterly colloquia. There is also a strong focus on talent development of young researchers who work on game-changing ideas. This makes MCSA European Fellowships the perfect instrument for matching exceptional talents with the many field-defining environments of D-IAS.



# What to do now?

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*Being awarded a Marie Curie Fellowship has been a very important step in my professional development. SDU has been very supportive in writing the project proposal. The training workshops offered by SDU – on topics such as project management, grant application writing, and public speaking - have enabled me to acquire the transferable skills needed in today's job market.*

*- Thomas Paster,  
social policy, labor  
markets and business-  
politics relations*

**Once you have made a good match with an SDU host environment, you should...**

- Write your project ideas down on a one-pager and forward to your host
- Get in touch with SDU Research Support, who will happily answer all your questions, lay down an application road map and provide extensive support at every step
- Research Support will put you in contact with previous SDU-based grantees and forward you examples of successful applications
- Participate in the two-day MSCA Masterclass in May in Odense (which is led by field-leading EU application consultants)
- Read the call documents carefully
- Write the proposal in close collaboration with the SDU supervisor and with full support from Research Support
- Try and finish a full first draft at least 2 months before the application deadline in September to allow ample time for reviews and revisions
- Submit the proposal in a timely way

# Interested? Discover more about the University of Southern Denmark

 **SDU.dk**

To learn more about  
**European Fellowships**  
go to EU's official MSCA homepage:

 [ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions](https://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions)

Under About/Actions/Individual Fellowships you will find  
info and links for downloading the call and initiating an  
application.

**Please contact SDU Research Support**  
if planning to apply for an MSCA European Fellowship at  
University of Southern Denmark!

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