



Information for candidates - AAU 2020 Marie Curie Talent Course

Opportunity to participate in a Marie Curie Talent Course, May 25-26, 2020, Aalborg University (Denmark)



What is a MSCA- IF?

MSCA Individual Fellowships support individual researchers at postdoctoral level and beyond to work on a research project of their own for 1 to 2 years.

Mobility between countries is required in order to acquire new skills and experience, as well as to enhance the employability of the supported researcher in the future. Funding is open to researchers from any nationality. A strict mobility rule applies (the fellow must not have lived, worked or studied in Denmark for more than 12 months in the 3 years before the deadline).

Any research field may qualify for funding, apart from research areas covered by the EURATOM Treaty (nuclear research).

In 2014-2018, relatively young to mid-career researchers (between 0 and 9 years research experience after PhD) got the highest success rates, but applicants with more experience are welcome to apply.

What does the funding cover?

The grant is awarded to your host organisation (i.e. Aalborg University). You are entitled to a living allowance (in Denmark: 6,588 €/month), a travel allowance (600€/month) and a family allowance, if you have one (500€/month). The research costs and indirect costs of the host(s) are also supported.

In practice, you will have an employment contract with AAU and will benefit from the same security benefit as others academics in the Danish public sector. More info about your rights as a fellow [here](#)

The role of the supervisor

The supervisor from AAU will support and supervise you throughout the project from the application stage to project implementation and reporting, and will act as a contact for the European Commission's Research Executive Agency (REA).

AAU profile

AAU is one of Denmark's eight public universities and offers education and research within the fields of social sciences, humanities, natural sciences, technical and health sciences. The university currently have around 20.000 students (BSc and MSc), 850 Ph.D. students and 3400 full time permanent staffs of which 2100 are academic staff. AAU focuses on strong national and international world class research groups representing the academic areas of the university.

Application process

There is an annual deadline every year. 2020 deadline will be September 9 and the call opens April 8 2020.



The application consists of two parts:

- *Part A* is an administrative document which must be filled out online and which contains information about fellow, supervisor, project and host institution as well as budget and ethic assessment.
- *Part B* contains the project description, CV, the host institution's capacity description and ethical aspects. You can find the guide for applicants (including the application template) for 2019 [here](#).

Application assistance from AAU

You will write the application, with the active support of the supervisor and of the Fundraising and Project Management Office at AAU (F&P).

To assist you, F&P is organizing the “AAU 2020 Marie Curie Talent Course, May 25-26, 2020.

The course will be organized in collaboration between F&P and the involved Departments/research groups. The programme of the course will include joint activities for all applicants and individual meetings in the relevant Departments and Groups. The Talent Course will be run by an MSCA expert Alie Kwint. Alie Kwint has over 15 years of hands on experience with all types of Marie Curie projects, and an in-depth knowledge of the political and strategic background of the MSC Actions. She has worked for over 6 years as the Dutch National Contact Point for the Marie Curie programme, and was involved as expert to the Dutch Programme Committee. Since January 2017, she cooperates with OxygenEUm, a consultancy firm specialized in the MSCA scheme. The course will include information about e.g. application requirements, assessment criteria. The applicant should also have the opportunity to discuss the project with the supervisor.

What do we need from you now?

To attend the AAU 2020 Marie Curie Talent Course, you must have the support of a potential supervisor at AAU and:

- Agree on expectations for content, methods, forms of cooperation, results etc.
- Register online to express your interest in participating in the course
Link for registration: [Register here](#) (Please notice, that you won't receive a confirmation e-mail)
- Send your CV and List of publications to your potential supervisor at AAU. Afterwards he/she will send it for you (as a confirmation of interest from his/her part).

Deadline for registration and submission of CV: February 17, 2020.

AAU administrative assistance if your application for MSCA IF is successful

You will receive support from the university's International Staff Unit (ISU). ISU will, prior to arrival, assist if residence and work permit from the Danish immigration authorities is needed. Before, upon and after arrival ISU can answer and guide you in all aspects of moving to Denmark – from the formal procedures of registering with the local authorities and the tax authorities to leisure time activities and information about Danish (work) culture. Furthermore, ISU offers support for accompanying family members. It can offer guidance related to day care, schools and sports activities for children or social events and clubs for spouses. ISU can also assist your spouse in finding job search courses and labour market related if he/she is interested in finding a job while you are in Denmark. More info [here](#)