

## CALL TITLE: MARIE CURIE CO-FUNDING OF REGIONAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMMES (COFUND)

*Call Reference FP7-PEOPLE-2010-COFUND*

- **Date of publication:** 18 November 2009
- **Deadline:** 18 February 2010 at 17.00.00, Brussels local time
- **Indicative budget:** EUR 75 million of the 2010 budget<sup>1</sup>. The final budget awarded to this call, following the evaluation of projects, may however vary up to 10% of the total value of the call.
- **Topics called:**

ACTION	Funding Schemes
<i>Marie Curie Co-funding of Regional, National, and International Programmes</i>	<i>Support for training and career development of researchers</i>

- **Eligibility conditions**

- The general eligibility criteria are set out in Annex 2 of this work programme, and in the guide for applicants. Please note that the completeness criterion also includes that part B of the proposal shall be readable, accessible and printable.
- The application is made by a single organisation responsible for one or more fellowship programmes. Applicant organisations must be established in a Member State or Associated Country and must fall into one of the following categories:
  - Public bodies, as defined in Article 2.13 of the Rules for Participation<sup>2</sup>, responsible for funding and managing fellowship programmes, e.g. ministries, state committees for research, research academies, councils or agencies;
  - Other bodies, including *research organisations*, that finance and manage fellowship programmes either with an official mandate or recognised by public authorities, such as agencies established by governments under private law with a public service mission, charities, etc.;
  - International organisations as defined in Article 2.10 and 11 of Rules for Participation<sup>20</sup> that run comparable schemes at European level as part of their mission.
- For further details concerning these conditions you must refer to the core text of the work programme.

- **Evaluation procedure:**

- The evaluation criteria (including weights and thresholds) and sub-criteria together with the eligibility, selection and award criteria, for the different funding schemes are set out in annex 2 of this work programme.

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<sup>1</sup> Under the condition that the preliminary draft budget for 2010 is adopted without modification by the budgetary authority.

<sup>2</sup> EC FP7 Rules for Participation

- Proposal page limits: Applicants must ensure that proposals conform to the page limits and layout given in the Guide for Applicants, and in the proposal part B template available through the EPSS. The experts will be instructed to disregard any pages exceeding these limits.
- The minimum font size allowed is 11 points. The page size is A4, and all margins (top, bottom, left, right) should be at least 15 mm (not including any footers or headers).
- A single-stage submission and evaluation procedure will be used.
- Proposals will not be evaluated anonymously.
- Proposals may be evaluated remotely.
- The procedure for prioritising proposals with equal scores is described in annex 2 of this work programme.
- Proposals are allocated to one of 2 panels: (A) 'Existing trans-national fellowship programmes' and (B) 'New fellowship programmes with transnational mobility'. The distribution of the indicative budget of the call between the 2 panels will be proportional to the requested Community contribution of the proposals positively evaluated. For each panel a ranked list is established. If the budget allocated to one of the panels exceeds the requirements of all proposals positively evaluated<sup>3</sup> in that panel, the excess budget will be transferred to the other panel. Equally, if the allocated funding to one panel is insufficient to fund the highest ranked proposal in that panel, necessary budget will be transferred from the other panel in order to ensure that the highest ranked proposal can be funded.
- **Indicative evaluation and contractual timetable:**
  - Evaluation results are estimated to be available within 4 months following the relevant deadline for submission.
  - Grant agreement signature: expected from within 6 months after the relevant deadline for submission.

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<sup>3</sup> Measured as proposals having passed all relevant evaluation thresholds.