



Marie Skłodowska Curie Individual Grants

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● Outline

- Why am I here ?
- What is a Proposal ????
- Before Writing the Proposal
- Proposal Elements
 - Expected Contents
 - Common “Errors” to avoid
- Questions

- Why am I here ?
 - I was an Evaluator for Marie Curie (FP7) proposals:
 - IEF, IOF, IIF in 2010-2013.
 - CIG in 2013.

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- What is a Proposal ???
 - Description of research work **You** will perform in a research group abroad.
 - Based on a **well defined Idea.**
 - **Will advance the current state-of-the art** in the scientific area.
 - **You** are the **“perfect” researcher** to perform the work.
 - The Host institution has all the conditions to allow you to perform the work.
 - **You really need to cooperate with the Host institution** to perform the work.
 - Your future career will benefit from the work you propose.
 - Both your Home Institution and the Host Institute will benefit from the Cooperation.
 - The **results of the work** performed will have a **clear impact** on **Europe development and Competitiveness.**

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- **Before Writing the Proposal:**
 - **Become familiar with all the scientific work related to the topic of the work to be developed.**
 - **Get all the information related to the Host institution.**
 - Available infrastructures for the development of the research work.
 - Previous experience on receiving researchers from Marie Curie fellowships.
 - International recognition on the scientific area of the proposed work.
 - Supervisor's scientific curricula on the area of the proposal.
 - Possibility for offering additional training skills.
 - Read carefully the documentation offered in the Guide For Applicants and the available documentation at:
 - http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/call_ptef/pt/h2020-call-pt-msca-if_en.pdf

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● Proposal Elements

1. Summary

2. Excellence

1. Quality, Innovative aspects, Multidisciplinary.
2. Transfer of knowledge
3. Host (Local arrangements and Supervision)
4. Capacity for reaching professional maturity

3. Impact

1. On the Researcher's future career
2. Communication and results dissemination

4. Implementation

1. Work-plan
2. Management

5. CV

6. Capacity of the participating Organizations

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- **Proposal Elements (Expected Contents + Common “Errors” to avoid).**
 - **Excellence** - Quality, Innovative aspects, Multidisciplinary.
 - **Objectives**- clearly defined.
 - **State-of –the –art**- Not just a list of related work
 - Complete and up-to-date.
 - “open space” for the proposed work
 - It should be **selective** and **critical**.
 - Must **convince the reader** the proposed **work builds upon** what has been done and how your work **differs from what is already done**.
 - **Methodology**
 - **Consistent** with the objectives.
 - Clearly define:
 - Approach to answering the question.
 - Data needed.
 - Analytical Techniques---- **Innovative nature !!**
 - Plans for interpreting the results.

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- Proposal Elements (Expected Contents + Common “Errors” to avoid).
 - Excellence – Transfer of Knowledge- **Consistent with the project objectives**
 - From Host to Researcher
 - Clearly define what knowledge is to be acquired by the researcher
 - Mechanisms supporting the knowledge transference
 - From Researcher to Host
 - Clearly explain
 - How the researcher’s previous experience may be an added value to the Host.
 - Mechanisms supporting the knowledge transference.

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- **Proposal Elements (Expected Contents + Common “Errors” to avoid).**
 - **Excellence – Host and Supervision- Consistent with the project objectives**
 - **Supervisor:**
 - Level of experience in the research topic-
 - International collaborations, publications, patents, projects – Duly justified
 - Experience in Post-Doc supervision
 - Host
 - Clearly demonstrate that the researcher will be fully integrated in the Host
 - Host will benefit from expert previous experience

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- **Proposal Elements (Expected Contents + Common “Errors” to avoid).**
 - **Impact** – Communication and Results Dissemination
 - **Public** Engagement- Mechanisms to make research work known to general public (non specialists in the area)
 - **Scientific Community-**
 - Clearly define mechanisms for
 - results dissemination – tentative quantification of publications, scheduling...
 - exploitation ,
 - if possible commercialized.

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 - Implementation – **Workplan**
 - Fully consistent with the methodology.
 - **GANTT-Chart**
 - Respect interdependencies
 - Some activities need to be conducted early and other activities depend on the success of previous ones
 - Clearly **define milestones** – (Control points).
 - Enumerate **Deliverables** according to the Work-package they refer to – (i.e. WP 4– D4.2 – 2nd Deliverable for WP4)
 - Account for results dissemination – (reports, publications...)
 - Account for training activities

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 - Implementation – **Work-plan and Management Structure**
 - Fully consistent with the methodology.
 - GANT-Chart
 - Clearly **define resources for each task**
 - availability of infrastructures at the Host
 - Clearly identify risks that might endanger reaching project objectives
 - **Adequate contingency plans** for each risk- **not general ones.**

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- Proposal Elements (Expected Contents + Common “Errors” to avoid).
 - CV- **REFLECT research seniority**
 - Personal Information.
 - Current position.
 - Previous positions.
 - Fellowship awards
 - Supervision (Graduate/ Postdoctoral)
 - Teaching Activities
 - Organization of scientific meetings
 - Institutional responsibilities (member of faculty committee, organizer of internal seminar...)
 - Commissions of trust (advisory board, Editorial Board, Reviewer, Project evaluator..)
 - Membership of Scientific Societies
 - Major Collaborations

Questions ??