



Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellowships at ESO

ESO welcomes applications from experienced researchers wishing to advance in their research with the support of the EU's Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowship at ESO.

Eligibility conditions:

The EU eligibility criteria on the Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions apply.

Key aspects:

- According to the applicable EU rules on the Marie Skłodowska-Curie fellowships, experienced researchers shall, at the time of the relevant EU deadline for submission of proposals, be in possession of a doctoral degree or have at least four years of full time equivalent research experience.
- The EU mobility rules apply with the following interpretation: at the time of the relevant deadline for submission of proposals, researchers shall not have carried out their main activity at ESO for more than 12 month in the 3 years immediately prior to the reference date.
- The duration of support can be 12-24 month.
- The fellowship conditions follow the applicable EU rules, and are available on the respective EU documents.

The detailed eligibility criteria and application guides are available on the respective EU website:

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/home.html>

Furthermore, a specific ESO eligibility criterion must also be fulfilled: the experienced researcher's proposed research project must have a scientific connection to ESO, which justifies the request for being hosted at ESO.

Application procedure:

There are two steps in the application process:

1. ESO application, and subsequently the
2. EU application.

The ESO application serves as a preliminary step to check the fulfilment of the ESO eligibility criterion, and to grant the researcher with the host approval that is required by the EU for the EU application.

In order to obtain the acceptance of ESO as a host of the fellowship, researchers must submit their request to ESO the **latest 1 month prior to the respective EU deadline** to Eric Emsellem, Head of the ESO Office for Science on eric.emsellem@eso.org. ESO will not be able to accept applications beyond that date. The application to ESO will have to include the following documentation:

1. CV of the researcher, including a publications list;
2. Short description of the reason why the researcher would like to conduct the research at ESO;
3. Name of the ESO supervisor.

It is strongly recommended that contact be taken up with the potential supervisor in advance the application is submitted. The list of astronomers at ESO is available on the ESO website on: <http://www.eso.org/sci/activities/personnel.html>

Upon successful completion of the ESO application, the researcher will have to follow the applicable EU rules and submit the application to the EU.