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## The Invitation of University of Primorska to be chosen as a host institution for the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowships – Horizon 2020

On March 12, 2014, the Call **Marie Skłodowska Curie (IF)** was published in frame of the European Programme for Research and Innovation - **Horizon 2020**. The Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions aim to support the career development and training of researchers – with a focus on innovation skills – in all scientific disciplines through international and inter-sector mobility.

With this letter, **University of Primorska** ([www.upr.si](http://www.upr.si)) **invites foreign researchers<sup>1</sup> to apply for a grant within The Marie Skłodowska-Curie-IF and choose University of Primorska as a host institution in any research field.**

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*Marie Skłodowska-Curie (IF)<sup>2</sup> aim at enhancing the creative and innovative potential of Experienced Researchers who wish to diversify their individual competence in terms of skill acquisition through advanced training, international and inter-sectoral mobility. IF thus provide opportunities to acquire and transfer new knowledge and to work on research in a European context (EU Member States and Associated Countries) or outside Europe. This scheme particularly supports the return and reintegration of researchers from outside Europe who have previously worked here. It also develops or helps to restart the careers of individual researchers that show great potential, considering their experience. Support is foreseen for individual, trans-national fellowships awarded to the best or most promising researchers for employment in EU Member States or Associated Countries, based on an*

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<sup>1</sup> Researchers shall be in possession of a doctoral degree or have at least four years of full-time equivalent research experience. At the time of the deadline for submission, they shall not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc) in the country of their host organisation for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately prior to the reference date. There are two types of grants for Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowships: 1. *European Fellowships: If you are a researcher who would like to come to University of Primorska for a period from 12 to 24 months, this action aims to support your career development.*; 2. *Global Fellowships: If you would like to carry out your research project in two different countries (both outside and inside Europe), it is based on a secondment to a third country (from 12 to 24 months) and a mandatory 12 month period to carry out your research at our University.*

<sup>2</sup> **For more information on the open call please see:**

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/calls/h2020-msca-if-2014.html>)

application made jointly by the researcher and host organisation in the academic or non-academic sectors<sup>3</sup>.

The financial support for Marie Skłodowska-Curie IFs takes the form of a grant covering up to 100% of the costs.

	Researcher unit cost* in EUR person/month			Institutional unit cost in EUR person/month	
	Living** Allowance	Mobility Allowance	Family Allowance	Research, training and networking costs	Management and indirect costs
<b>Individual Fellowships</b>	<b>4,650*</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>650</b>

*\*One unit is defined as one person-month. The unit costs are divided into two groups: researcher unit costs and institutional unit costs.*

*\*\* This refers to the basic, gross amount for the benefit of the researcher to be paid to the researcher in monthly instalments. For Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions calls launched in 2014-2015, the amount for an Experienced Researcher is: €4,650\* / month. This amount is then \*adjusted through the application of a correction coefficient for the cost of living according to the country in which the host organisation is located. The adjusted amount will not change in case of secondments to a partner organisation in another MS or AC13. The country correction coefficients that will be applied are indicated in Table 4 in Part 3 of the Work Programme (Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions).*

**University of Primorska** is a young university which was established due to regional demands and needs for greater availability of higher educational programmes in Slovenia on a bilingual area in municipality Koper/Capodistria (<http://www.koper.si/index.php?&lang=eng&item=4&page=minihome>). Economy in this region is oriented more or less in service economy: esp. tourism, casinos, banks, insurance companies, logistics - with a port among the biggest in Adriatic region, i.e. "Port of Koper" - as it is located at the Coast of Slovenia, bordering Croatia and Italy.

University of Primorska was established in 2003 as a centre of knowledge implementing European educational strategies. University of Primorska provides an integrated development of research work, based on two fundamental pillars, which ensure enhanced rationality of fund use, improved interdisciplinary interlacing and also greater effect in developing both academic study programs connected with research work and the University's International co-operation within the framework of selected priority research contents. **While the first pillar concerns Mathematics, Natural Sciences and Technology**, the second covers **Humanities and Social Sciences**. University of Primorska is well structured to provide the appropriate intellectual environment and infrastructural support to assist the **research fellows** in achieving all its ambitions.

If you consider University of Primorska as a new step in your research career do not hesitate to express your interest on the following contact, where you can receive any other information:

<sup>3</sup> **GUIDE FOR APPLICANTS: Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions, European Commission, 2014.**

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