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#### MARIE CURIE CAREER INTEGRATION GRANTS (CIG)

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Indicative budget: EUR 40 million of the 2012 budget (of which approximately 1/2 for each evaluation round following deadlines).

Topics called:

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| Marie Curie Career Integration Grants | Support for training and career development of researchers |

#### What are the Marie Curie Career Integration Grants (CIG)?

Marie Curie Career Integration Grants are intended to **improve considerably the prospects for the permanent integration of researchers who are offered a stable research post in Europe** after a mobility period in a country different from the country where the researcher has been active during the past years (i.e. **the researcher has to be mobile but can come from anywhere in the world** – moving within Europe or coming from outside Europe). The duration of these grants is from 2 to 4 years.

#### Which host institutions are eligible?

Proposals submitted for the Career Integration Grants Action involve a single integration host **organisation established in a Member State or an Associated country to FP7:**

- National organisations (e.g. universities, research centres, etc, whether private or public);
- Commercial enterprises, especially those of small and medium size (SMEs);
- Non-profit or charitable organisations (e.g. NGOs, trusts, etc.);
- International European Interest organisations (e.g. CERN, EMBL, etc.);

- The Joint Research Centre (JRC) of the European Commission;
- Other International Organisations (e.g. WHO, UNESCO etc.).

### Who can apply?

**Experienced researchers** (with at least 4 years full-time postgraduate research experience or a doctoral degree) **of any nationality** who, at the time of the relevant deadline for submission of proposals, have *not* 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 deadline (short stays, as holidays, are not taken into account). A researcher who has benefited or is benefiting from a FP6 or FP7 Reintegration Grant is ineligible for funding under this call. The researcher applies in liaison with a host organisation located in an EU Member State or Associated country. The host organisation must be committed to ensuring an effective and lasting professional integration of the researcher for a period of at least the same duration as the project. Evidence that **the researcher will be integrated in the host organisation for a longer term** will be positively taken into account during evaluation.

### Which research topics are supported?

As for the other Marie Curie Actions, CIG follows a **bottom-up approach**. The research topic is chosen freely by the researcher in liaison with the host institution. **Research fields are chosen freely** by the applicants and all domains of research and technological development addressed under the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union are eligible for funding.

### How does it work?

The host organisation and the researcher submit jointly a proposal for a research project to the Research Executive Agency (REA). Applications are evaluated and selected twice a year, the two deadlines are spaced approximately six months apart. If the proposal is selected, the REA signs a grant agreement with the host organisation. The host institution must then provide the researcher with an employment contract (inclusive of social security, pension scheme and other social benefits) for at least the project's duration with similar or higher remuneration to that offered to equivalently qualified researchers at the same institution.

### What does the funding cover?

The grant is a **flat-rate contribution** to support the research costs of the researcher at the career integration host (e.g. salary, other staff employed for the project, travel costs, consumables, overheads, management costs, etc). The Community contribution is a fixed amount of **€25000 per researcher per year** for a period of integration of 2 up to 4 years.

### Evaluation criteria

- Researcher (30%): Research career potential; Research and technological quality of previous research; Independent thinking and leadership qualities; Match between the fellow's profile and project.
- S&T Quality (30%): Research/technological quality, including any interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary aspects of the proposal; Appropriateness of research methodology and approach; Originality and innovative nature of the project, and relationship to the 'state of the art' of research in the field; Timeliness and relevance of the project.
- Implementation (15%): Quality of the host organisation, including adequacy of infrastructures and facilities; Feasibility and credibility of the project, including the work

plan; Management: Practical arrangements for the implementation and management of the research project.

- Impact (25%): Contribution to research excellence by attracting and retaining first class researchers; Potential and quality of the researcher's long term professional integration in Europe: expected impact on the future career development of the researcher, expected length of the employment contract, attractiveness of the remuneration package; Potential of transferring knowledge to the host organisation; Capacity to develop lasting co-operation and collaborations with other countries; Plans for dissemination and exploitation of results; Impact of the proposed outreach activities.

### **How to apply?**

The Participant Portal call page:

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/people?callIdentifier=FP7-PEOPLE-2012-CIG> contains the CIG Call Information Package, as well as a link to the Electronic Proposal Submission Service (EPSS).

For additional information, please see the CIG section of the Marie Curie Actions official website [http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/mariecurieactions/cig\\_en.html](http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/mariecurieactions/cig_en.html).

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