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## **Seventh Framework Programme of the European Community for Research, Technological Development and Demonstration Activities (2007-2013)**

### **FP7 “People” Programme**

#### **MARIE CURIE INDUSTRY-ACADEMIA PARTNERSHIPS AND PATHWAYS (IAPP)**

This Marie Curie action addresses cooperation programmes between **one or more research organisations** (e.g. universities/research centres) and **one or more commercial enterprises** (research-performing companies including incubators, start-ups and spin-offs, venture capital companies, etc.). There must be at least one participant from each of the two sectors and from at least two different Member States or associated countries. Above this minimum, the participation of other **third countries (including Russia)** and of international organisations is possible.

**The implementation** of the cooperation programme will be realised by:

- **Exchange of know-how and experience** through inter-sector two-way secondments of research staff of the participants, with in-built return mechanisms, and also by enabling these staff to attend events in a trans-national setting. All projects are expected to exchange staff. Typically this exchange is in both directions, but there is flexibility.
- **Networking activities, organisation of workshops and conferences** to facilitate sharing of knowledge and culture between the participants in a wider setting, involving the participants' own research staff and external researchers.
- Optional **recruitment** by the participants **of experienced researchers** from outside the partnership for involvement in transfer of knowledge and/or in the training of researchers; given the compulsory nature of secondments within the partnership and the optional nature of external recruitments, secondments will represent at least 50% of all human resources supported.

#### **Eligible researchers**

**Early-stage or experienced researchers, technical and research managerial staff.** Staff members of a participant institution must have been active continuously for at least one year (full-time equivalent) at that institution. The support is granted for periods **of 2 to 24 months**. The participant from which the exchanged researchers originate will have to secure by contract the commitment of its researchers to **return after the exchange for at least one year**. Newly **recruited staff** from outside of the partnership must be **experienced researchers**. They will be recruited for a period **of between 12 and 24 months**.

## Duration of IAPP

The maximum duration of the programme will be **four years** from the date of commencement specified in the grant agreement.

## What is funded in IAPP?

The European Union rates are those for the Funding Scheme “Support for Training and Career Development of Researchers”. The contribution is intended to cover:

- Cost related to **staff secondments** between both sectors within the partnership;
- Costs related to the **temporary hosting** in either sector of **experienced researchers** recruited from outside the partnership;
- **Networking costs** and the organisation of **workshops and conferences** enhancing the inter-sector experience and knowledge exchange of both staff members from the participant organisations and researchers from outside the partnership;
- For participating SMEs only: costs related to **small equipment expenses**.

The host organisation must appoint each eligible researcher under an **employment contract**. The basis for calculating the gross monthly **living allowance** of the recruited researchers is **38 000 €/year** for Early stage researchers, **58 500 €/year** for Experienced researchers (< 10 years experience), **87 500 €/year** for Experienced researchers (> 10 years experience). Monthly **mobility allowance**: reference rate of **EUR 700** for researchers without a family and **EUR 1000** for researchers with a family. **Contribution to the Training Expenses of Eligible Researchers and Research/Transfer of Knowledge Programme Expenses: €1800** per researcher-month managed by the host organisations (the participation of researchers in training activities; expenses related to research costs; execution of the training/partnership project; contribution to the expenses related to the co-ordination between participants). **Management Activities**: maximum of **10 %** of the total EU contribution that will be paid towards the management of the project. **Contribution to Overheads** up to **10%** of direct costs. Participating **SMEs can charge** small equipment expenses to the project up to a maximum of **10%** of the total contribution to the SME participant.

## Preparation and submission of proposals

The Call Information Package published on the Participant Portal [http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/fp7\\_calls](http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/fp7_calls) includes the key documents required for the preparation of proposals.

Proposals in this call must be submitted electronically using a special web-based service (Electronic Proposal Submission Service, EPSS) before a strictly enforced **deadline**.

For additional information, please see the IAPP section of the Marie Curie Actions official website <http://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/>.

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