



Eligibility of applicants for MSCA-2026-PF call

The call is open to postdoctoral researchers of any nationality who meet each of the following requirements:

- o **PhD requirement:** Supported fellows must be **postdoctoral** researchers at the date of the call deadline (9th Sept 2026), i.e. in a possession of a doctoral degree. Applicants who have successfully defended their doctoral thesis but who have not yet formally been awarded the doctoral degree will also be considered as postdoctoral researchers and will be considered eligible to apply. The successful defence must be unconditional (no further requirements/corrections that need to be addressed) and take place before the call deadline. Supporting documentation may be requested.
- o **Research experience:** at the call deadline (9th Sept 2026), supported researchers must have a **maximum of 8 years** full-time equivalent experience in research, measured from the date of award of the doctoral degree. Years of experience outside research and career breaks (e.g. due to parental leave), will not count towards the amount of research experience. *For nationals or long-term residents of EU Member States or Horizon Europe Associated Countries who wish to reintegrate to pursue their research career in EU Member States or Horizon Europe Associated Countries, years of experience in research in third countries will not be considered in the above maximum.*
- o **Mobility rule**
 - **European Fellowship:** eligible applicants **must not** have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) for more than 12 months in the 3 years previous the call deadline (9 September 2026) in the beneficiary's country.
*For example, candidates who wish to apply with POLITO **cannot** have resided or carried out their main activity for more than 12 months in **Italy** between 10/09/2023 to 09/09/2026.*
 - **Global Fellowship:** eligible applicants **must not** have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) for more than 12 months in the 3 years previous the call deadline (9 September 2026) in the outgoing country. *For example, candidates who wish to apply for Global Fellowship with POLITO cannot have resided or carried out their main activity for more than 12 months in the **outgoing country** between 10/09/2023 to 09/09/2026.*