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MSCA MSCA Staff Exchanges 2026; Deadline: 16.04.2026

MSCA Staff Exchanges promote innovative international, inter-sectoral and interdisciplinary collaboration in research and innovation through exchanging staff and sharing knowledge and ideas at all stages of the innovation chain. The scheme fosters a shared culture of research and innovation that welcomes and rewards creativity and entrepreneurship and helps turn ideas into innovative products, services or processes. It is open to research, technical, administrative and managerial staff supporting R&I activities.

Proposals under this Action should contribute to the following expected impacts:

- Increase international, inter-sectoral and interdisciplinary mobility of research staff within Europe and beyond through collaborative research networks and activities;
- Strengthen the R&I human capital base in Europe and beyond;
- Increase Europe's attractiveness as a leading destination for R&I;
- Contribute to Europe's competitiveness and growth through high-quality R&I;
- Foster the culture of open science, innovation and entrepreneurship.

Project results are expected to contribute to the following outcomes:

For staff members

- Increased set of research and transferable skills and competences, leading to improved employability and career prospects within and outside academia;
- More knowledge and innovative ideas converted into products, processes and services;
- More entrepreneurial mind-sets, testing new and innovative ideas;
- Increased international exposure leading to extended networks and opportunities;
- Enhanced networking and communication capacities with scientific peers, as well as with the general public that will increase and broaden the research and innovation impact.

For participating organisations

- Innovative ways of cooperation and transfer of knowledge between sectors and disciplines;
- Strengthened and broader international, inter-sectoral and interdisciplinary collaborative networks;
- Boosted R&I capacity

The organisations constituting the partnership contribute directly to the implementation of a joint R&I project by seconding and/or hosting eligible staff members. Such a project must explore activities that can be based on previous work but should go beyond and generate or strengthen long-term collaborations. Secondments must involve physical mobility of the eligible staff members and must always take place between legal entities independent from each other.

MSCA Staff Exchanges can address different dimensions of mobility: international, inter-sectoral and interdisciplinary. Exchanges between organisations within EU Member States and Horizon Europe Associated Countries should mainly be inter-sectoral, but same-sector exchanges are also possible. Interdisciplinarity is particularly encouraged for secondments between academic organisations.

The collaborative approach of MSCA Staff Exchanges should exploit complementary competences of the participating organisations and create synergies between them. The secondments should be essential to achieve the joint project's R&I activities. The project should inter alia enable networking activities and the organisation of workshops and conferences, to facilitate sharing of knowledge and testing of innovative approaches for specific R&I topics.

For participating staff members, the project should offer new skills acquisition and career development perspectives. Participating organisations must ensure that the seconded staff are adequately mentored. Proposals should clearly describe how planned international, intersectoral and interdisciplinary secondments will expose seconded staff to different skills, working cultures or career trajectories.

Submission of Proposal Deadline: 16 April 2026 17:00:00 Brussels time

Further information:

<https://marie-sklodowska-curie-actions.ec.europa.eu/calls/msca-staff-exchanges-2026>

DFG-PUJ Colombian-German Collaboration in Research; Deadline: None

The Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG, German Research Foundation) and the Pontificia Universidad Javeriana (PUJ) in Colombia offer joint funding opportunities for bilateral research projects in any field of research under a Standing Open Procedure (SOP). Under the framework of a Memorandum of Understanding between the DFG and the PUJ, researchers from Germany and the PUJ have the opportunity to apply for jointly organised bilateral research projects of outstanding scientific quality.

Please note that the DFG does not provide separate funds for these efforts; proposals must succeed on the strengths of their intellectual merit and teams in competition with all other proposals under the Research Grants Programme. The documents submitted to the DFG and the PUJ must not differ with regard to the scientific content of the proposal or to the applicants involved.

Under this SOP, parallel submission of proposals under the Research Grants Programme ("Sachbeihilfe") is possible at any time without deadlines. Researchers may apply for a funding period of up to three years in any field of research.

The review process is carried out separately on each side. Funding of the joint research projects is contingent upon positive assessment by both funding organisations, DFG and PUJ. Unilateral funding of only one part of a project is not possible.

Besides this newly established cooperation with the PUJ, joint funding possibilities together with Colombian partners on the basis of the SOP are also possible with the Universidad de los Andes and the Universidad de Antioquia.

Proposals are to be submitted solely via the elan portal in order to ensure proposal-related data is recorded and documents are securely transmitted. The first proposal may be submitted at any time. The renewal proposal should be submitted at least 6 months before the approved funds have been exhausted.

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Further information:

<https://www.dfg.de/de/aktuelles/neuigkeiten-themen/info-wissenschaft/2026/ifw-26-12>

VolkswagenStiftung Fellowships on Security and Technology; Deadline: 05.05.2026

International relations and the geopolitical landscape are currently undergoing rapid and dramatic change. Violent conflicts are destabilizing the world, the former security architecture is eroding, and new powers and alliances are emerging. At the same time, the global security order is characterized by a polycrisis. The World Economic Forum's 20th Global Risks Report, published in January 2025, paints the picture of 'an increasingly fragmented global landscape in which escalating geopolitical, environmental, social, and technological challenges threaten stability and progress.' These developments are shaking the collective and individual sense of security; they lead to transformations of the former world order and underlying (power) systems – with an uncertain outcome.

With its fellowship program, the foundation targets the security experts of the future. The aim is to develop innovative, multi-perspective research approaches and methods to gain new knowledge on security in a holistic understanding. At the same time, the fellows shall be (further) educated as actors who can overcome the boundaries between science, politics

and practice and thus develop evidence-based solutions for the transformations of the global security and peace architecture.

Postdoctoral researchers (up to 5 years after completing their PhD) from various disciplines are eligible for funding. The aim is to train security experts at the interface of science, practice, and politics who use multi-perspective approaches to develop evidence-based solutions for the current and future security order. We expect the fellows to integrate at least two stays at European (international) institutions in their fellowships to develop and strengthen international networks and a decided European perspective.

The fellowships span 3 years, of which 24 months are earmarked for research. Another 12 months are devoted to a practice oriented-'training on the job'-module consisting of activities such as workshops on modern science communication or policy consulting as well as stays at (inter)national organizations or Think Tanks. The training program will be developed individually with the support of the Volkswagen Foundation and flexibly integrated in the overall fellowship. The fellowship is further embedded in a European framework program. We expect the fellows to actively participate in respective activities.

The present, first call specifically addresses the nexus of security and technology. Possible topics include – but are not limited to – artificial intelligence, emerging technologies, the increasing importance of space in the context of security and defense, as well as issues surrounding arms control, innovation and untapped power, deterrence, and ethics.

The foundation plans to publish two subsequent calls on an annual basis, each with a different thematic focus.

The deadline for applications is May 5, 2026. The application must be submitted in English via the foundation's application portal.

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Further information:

<https://www.volkswagenstiftung.de/de/foerderung/was-wir-foerdern>

Other Info Day: Horizon Europe Research Infrastructures; Deadline Registration: None

18.03.2026, 10:00 CET: Online

This is an information event targeted at potential applicants to the 2026 calls of the Horizon Europe Research Infrastructures Work Programme 2026-2027, structured around four main destinations:

- First, INFRADEV, which aims to develop, consolidate and optimise the European Research Infrastructures landscape, and maintain global leadership.
- Second, INFRAEOSC, with the objective of enabling an operational, open and FAIR European Open Science Cloud ecosystem.
- Third, INFRASERV, with the objective of offering services supporting transnational access to state-of-the-art facilities for researchers, relevant to a large research domain or in support of societal challenges and EU priorities.
- Fourth, INFRATECH, aiming to contribute to developing the next generation of scientific instrumentation, tools, methods and advanced digital solutions of Research Infrastructures.

Ahead of the event, it is recommended to watch the pre-recorded presentations of the WP and to send your questions in advance via Sli.do, using [#infodayRI2026](#), so that they can be properly addressed during the live Q&A session of the research infrastructures info day.

Further information:

<https://research-innovation-community.ec.europa.eu/events/6SQR3HvhMJylzpu5xoL8XV/overview>

Other EU Academic Network of Saxony-Anhalt (nEUtzwerk)

The universities in the state of Saxony-Anhalt founded the "EU Academic Network of Saxony-Anhalt" at the beginning of 2011 in order to support researchers at all universities in the acquisition and use of EU funding for research and innovation by providing information, application advice and project management. By strengthening and networking the administrative and advisory skills of the universities, the aim is to increase the acquisition of EU funding for research and innovation and technology transfer.

You may contact the EU Academic Network of Saxony-Anhalt via the information provided online:
https://www.euhochschulnetz-sachsen-anhalt.de/eu_hsnetz/en/

Other Contact Research Funding Advisory Service at Otto von Guericke University Magdeburg

If you have any questions about funding opportunities, specific calls for proposals, help with submitting applications and project support, please contact the Research Funding Advisory Service/EU University Network at Otto von Guericke University Magdeburg.

Information about current event, funding structures and contact details online at:
<https://www.ovgu.de/en/ContactResearchFundingAdvice.html>
<https://www.euhochschulnetz-sachsen-anhalt.de/en/>