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**MARIE SKŁODOWSKA-CURIE ACTIONS
INDIVIDUAL FELLOWSHIPS (IF)
CLOSING DATE: 10 SEPTEMBER 2015 AT 17:00:00 (BRUSSELS LOCAL TIME)**

APPLY FOR A MARIE SKŁODOWSKA-CURIE FELLOWSHIP AT UNIVERSITY OF CALABRIA

The University of Calabria, situated in Southern Italy, is a public institution established in 1972. The University is a medium-sized university with about 34,000 students enrolled, with 851 teachers, about 800 members of the technical and administrative staff; 14 Departments; about 80 Degree Courses (including specialization courses).

ADDED VALUES OF UNICAL

Inside the Campus there are:

- 3.500 accommodations for students & researchers (special rates)
- 4 Canteens, a Health Service Centre a Bank agency, a Postal Office, 2 Theatres (with respectively, 200 and 700 seats); 2 movie theatres (of 250 seats each); 2 Amphitheatres for outdoor events; and a day nursery
- Welcome Office supports incoming researchers in:
 - Pickup Service
 - Stay Permit
 - Tax code "Codice Fiscale"
 - Health/Medical insurance
 - Internet access on Campus
 - Information about Italian Language courses (provided for free twice per year)
- more than 2000 students, researchers and teaching staff benefited of a study, research or a teaching period abroad over last years. More than 200 cooperation agreements and actions all over the world (e.g.: Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Cuba, Ecuador, Europe, Japan, India, Indonesia, Vietnam, Cambodia, Mexico, Russia, South Korea, Taiwan, USA and other more countries)

UNICAL was awarded by the European Commission with its labels over last 5 years (Lifelong Learning Program; Erasmus Mundus).

Top ranked in start-ups field of the Italian scenario, University of Calabria has a long experience in supporting new spin-offs and start-ups. It organised 6 regional new business competitions, named StarCup Calabria, including specific training courses for the development of robust

entrepreneurship skills and entrepreneurial mindset and attitudes. To these competitions applied totally about 600 aspiring entrepreneurs, but only 180 had the opportunity to be trained and 60 of them participated to final phases, i.e the StartCup Boot-Camp. An internal special unit (Liaison Office) works to favour closer cooperation between university and businesses to tackle innovation needs and to solve problems encountered by companies. A recent analysis carried out at national level (Survey Netval - Network for the Esteem of the University Research Ricerca Universitaria – 2014) considers the University of Calabria one of the seven university more effective in the area of the technology transfer.

The University of Calabria is seeking to develop collaborative funding proposals with experienced researchers (ER shall, at the deadline for the submission of the proposal, be in possession of a doctoral degree or have at least four years of full-time equivalent research experience) for submission under the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowship (IF) programme within the following thematic areas:

An application must be developed jointly by the researcher and supervisor. Proposals for Individual Fellowships involve a single host organisation (future beneficiary) established in a MS or AC. The project proposals are submitted by this host organization, which is represented by the supervisor, in liaison with the researcher.

The applicants can submit their proposals to one of the 8 main evaluation panels:

- Chemistry (CHE)
- Social Sciences and Humanities (SOC)
- Economic Sciences (ECO)
- Information Science and Engineering (ENG)
- Environment and Geosciences (ENV)
- Life Sciences (LIF)
- Mathematics (MAT)
- Physics (PHY)

For European Fellowships the applicants can submit their proposals as:

- Standard EF to one of the 8 main evaluation panels
- to one of the 2 multidisciplinary panels: Career Restart Panel (CAR) and Reintegration Panel (RI). The CAR panel provides financial support to individual researchers who want to resume research in Europe after a career break, while the RI panel is dedicated to researchers who want to return to Europe to reintegrate in a longer term research position
- Global Fellowships GF are composed of an outgoing phase during which the researcher spends 1 to 2 years on secondment to a partner organisation in a Third Country, plus a mandatory 12-month return period to a host organisation (the beneficiary) located in a Member State or Associated Country.

WHO CAN APPLY?

At the deadline for the submission of proposals (10/09/2015), researchers (*):

- shall be in possession of a doctoral degree or have at least four years of full-time equivalent research experience
- the researcher must move or have moved from any country to the MS or AC where the beneficiary is located or, in the case of Global Fellowships (GF), the researcher must move or have moved from any country to the partner organisation located in the TC
- for Standard (ST) the researcher must not have resided or carried out his/her main activity (work, studies, etc.) in the country of the host organisation for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately prior to the deadline for submission of proposals. Compulsory national service and/or short stays such as holidays are not taken into account. As far as international European interest organisations (IEIO), the JRC or international organisations established in MSs or ACs are concerned, this rule does not apply to the hosting of the eligible researcher. However, the appointed researcher must not have spent more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately prior to the deadline for submission of proposals in the same appointing organisation. This exception rule is applicable only for mobility TO such an organisation and NOT FROM it to any national host organisation.
- In the Career Restart Panel (CAR) and Reintegration Panel (RI) the researcher must not have resided or carried out the main activity (work, studies, etc.) in the country of the host organisation for more than 36 months in the 5 years immediately prior to the deadline for submission of proposals. For the RI, there shall also be mobility into the country of the Beneficiary. As far as IEIOs, the JRC or international organisations located in MSs or ACs are concerned, the Experienced Researcher must not have spent more than 36 months in the 5 years immediately prior to the deadline of submission of proposals in the same appointing organisation. This exception rule is applicable only for mobility TO such an organisation and NOT FROM it to any national host organisation
- in the Global Fellowships (GF) the researcher must not have resided or carried out the main activity (work, studies, etc.) in the TC where the initial outgoing phase takes place for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately prior to the deadline for submission of proposals. Compulsory national service and/or short stays such as holidays are not taken into account. As far as international organisations established in the TCs are concerned, this rule does not apply to the hosting of eligible researchers. However, the appointed researcher must not have spent more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately prior to the call deadline at the same organisation. This exception rule is applicable only for mobility TO such an organisation and NOT FROM it to any national host organisation.

FINANCIAL ASPECTS

- **Living allowance**
€ 4,650 EUR per month
This refers to the basic, gross amount for the benefit of the researcher to be paid to the researcher in monthly instalments

- **Mobility allowance**
In addition to the living allowance, a mobility allowance will be paid to recruited researchers:
€ 600 / month

- **Family allowance**
€ 500 / month

family allowance will be paid in case the supported researcher has family obligations. In this context, family is defined as persons linked to the researcher (i) by marriage, or (ii) a relationship with equivalent status to a marriage recognised by the legislation of the country where this relationship was formalised; or (iii) as dependent children who are actually being maintained by the researcher. The family status of a researcher will be determined at the deadline of the call (i.e. 10 September 2015) and will not be revised during the lifetime of the action.

NB: The mobility and family allowances are fixed amounts, regardless of the country of recruitment, and may be taxable depending on the country in question.

APPLICATIONS: DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED AND DEADLINES

- Deadline of the next call for proposals for Marie Skłodowska – Curie Individual Fellowships is SEPTEMBER, 10TH 2015

NB: in order to avoid problems with the online system in the last weeks and work overload during the summer period, and to have the necessary time to support the online application process, the internal deadline is JULY, 15TH 2015

Further details on the Call can be found in the attached file and at the Participants' Portal:

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/calls/h2020-msca-if-2015.html>