

YOUR NEXT CAREER MOVE!



Marie Skłodowska-Curie Research Fellowships

SYNYO is an independent research organisation based in Vienna, Austria, which is coordinating several interdisciplinary European projects. We are a team of highly qualified researchers from different disciplines. In order to extend our research capacity, we are currently looking for researchers, who intend to submit an application for a **MSCA Individual Fellowship**. We are particularly searching for committed post-docs or experienced scholars (more than four years in research) to join our research team.

MSCA-Individual Fellowship

The Individual Fellowship program is open for experienced researchers, who have either a doctoral degree or at least four years' full-time research experience by the time of the call deadline. European Fellowships can last from one to two years. The grant provides an allowance to cover your living, travel and family costs. Applicants need to submit a proposal (max. 10 pages) together with the host organisation until the 14th of September 2017. The position is supposed to start in March or April 2018.

More information: <http://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/>

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SOCIAL SCIENCES

Generally, we are open for all kinds of topics that are suitable for the MSCA Individual Fellowship. You will have the chance to establish synergies with our ongoing projects. Due to our activities, we have particular interest in the following topics:

Topic 1: Radicalization, Terrorism and Social Exclusion

The recent terrorist attacks in Europe as well as further (and sometimes related) violent right- and left-wing incidents show that the issue of radicalization and terrorism represents a major challenge for societies. However, the body of scientific literature lacks profound quantitative and qualitative empirical evidence on the triggers of radicalization and terrorism – such as long-term processes social exclusion as well as the role of structural or institutional inequalities.

Topic 2: New Structures of Organized Crime

Research on organized crime is well-established. However, due to recent developments in the fields of ICT, economy and politics, new organizational structures of organized crime emerged. They range from (more traditional) close social ties or kinship relations to (spatially) distant and anonymous social structures. It therefore seems crucial to analyse the structural change of organized crime.

Topic 3: Education and Social Inequality

As various surveys show, the educational level of the parents is still relevant for educational career of children as well as for their social mobility. Of course also other factors such as the economic capital, the impact of reference groups or the location of residence seem to play a major role. In order to tackle the problem, in-depth knowledge based on empirical evidence on the interdependencies of different factors is needed.

Topic 4: Cities, Spatial Fragmentation and Social Polarization

From a historical perspective, cities of the Western world were defined as places of freedom and integration (“integration machines”) for a long time. The structural change, real-estate speculation or the financial crisis led to a transformation of urban space.

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This becomes apparent not only in gentrification processes or luxury housing development but also in the rise of gated communities. However, research either focused on the macro-level or on the micro-level – sometimes leading to contradictory results. In order to provide profound knowledge on the question whether fragmentation and polarization in cities are increasing or decreasing, a multi-level approach is therefore needed.

Topic 5: Migration, Diversity and Integration

Migration and asylum movements also have an impact on countries and regions all around the world. Although we have to clearly differentiate between these forms of mobility, they are both benefiting as well as challenging societies. They cause institutional change, open new lines of social division and produce new forms of solidarity. Nevertheless, the relation between homogeneousness and heterogeneity of a society seems to be crucial – also in relation to social cohesion and openness.

Topic 6: Individual Topic

Of course there are many other interesting topics out there and we are happy to discuss your topics and ideas with you!

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Let's get started!

Step 1: As an initial step, we ask you to send us your **CV** and a 1-page **Abstract** of your project concept. It needs to include an introduction to the field of research, a definition of the problem and the main research question(s), the methodology and the structure as well as the objectives of the project. Please send the information until **30. April 2017** to programmes@synyo.com

Step 2: After we have selected the incoming applications internally, we will arrange a conference **call** during **May 2017** with those who we would like to host.

Step 3: Based on our agreement and our initial inputs, you will work on your **proposal** between **June and July 2017**, with bi-weekly update calls. Of course, SYNYO will support you by commenting on the proposal and help you structuring the work plan.

Step 4: You will send us your final proposal on **01. August 2017** for a final **feedback** and formatting **support**.

Step 5: In August you will **register** at the H2020 Participant Portal and SYNYO as the host organisation will **submit** the proposal on **04. September 2017**.

Contact us for more information: programmes@synyo.com

SCHEDULE	TO DO
30. April 2017	Deadline for submitting an Abstract & CV
May 2017	Selection & call with applicants
June – July 2017	Proposal development phase
01. August 2017	Proposal to SYNYO for feedback
August 2017	Final proposal improvement & registration at the H2020 Participant Portal
04. September 2017	Submission

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About SYNYO

SYNYO GmbH, a leading research organisation based in Vienna, Austria, is an independent research, innovation and technology hub, which explores, develops and implements novel technologies to tackle our major societal challenges. The interdisciplinary team at SYNYO consists of highly qualified employees from a broad variety of disciplines – ranging from social sciences, media studies and spatial planning to computer science and engineering.

SYNYO has extensive experience in European-level and national research projects and has established close partnerships with leading institutions all over Europe. They include top-ranked universities, pioneering research organizations, innovative companies, municipalities and cities as well as strong network partners.

SYNYO is currently coordinating several H2020 projects as well as national projects and is participating in further projects as a consortium partner. For more information see: www.synyo.com/projects

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