

Horizon Europe

2025 MSCA Doctoral Networks (MSCA-DN)

What is the Doctoral Networks programme?

Doctoral Networks funds ambitious joint research projects through academic and non-academic partnerships, implemented by doctoral candidates working on individual research projects. The program provides comprehensive funding for recruitment, training and mobility of doctoral candidates for up to 540 person-months over a 4-5 year period.

What are the types of Doctoral Networks?

1. **Standard (DN-ST):** Recruitment and training of doctoral candidates in the academy and/or industry with academic supervision.
2. **Industrial Doctorates (DN-ID):** Recruitment and training of doctoral candidates both in the academy and industry with joint supervision, where at least 50% of the researchers' fellowship is in the non-academic sector.
3. **Joint Doctorates (DN-JD):** Project offering researchers joint/multiple doctoral degrees. Collaboration is required between all involved institutions, with joint selection and supervision. Pre-agreement for joint degrees is required.

Who can apply?

- At least **three independent legal entities** ("Beneficiaries"), each established in a different EU Member State and Horizon Europe Associated Country (e.g. Israel), out of which at least one beneficiary is from an EU Member State country.
- On top of this minimum, any entity from **any other country in the world** can join as an "Associated Partner", without being eligible to receive EU funding.
- The consortium can consist of universities, research institutions and research infrastructures, businesses including SMEs, and any other socio-economic actors.

What is the duration of Doctoral Networks?

- The entire Project duration is maximum **48 months** for DN-ST and DN-ID, and **60 months** for DN-JD.
- EU grants are available for up to **540 person-months**.
- Fellowship's duration for each researcher is **3-36 months** for DN-ST and DN-ID, and **3-48 months** for DN-JD.

How does it work?

- Upon proposal approval the consortium shall propose job offers and recruit doctoral candidates, i.e. researchers without a doctoral degree at the date of the recruitment, of any nationality, that enrolled in a doctoral, to work on individual research projects.
- Minimum of 1 researcher recruitment per beneficiary; up to 10 researchers for the standard programme and a total of up to 15 researchers for DN-ID or DN-JD.

How can you benefit from the Doctoral Networks action?

Doctoral Candidates:

- Open to all research fields
- International mobility opportunities within and outside the academy
- Generous living allowance grants
- Research grants
- Career and skills Development
- Connections with peers from relevant research fields

Organisations:

- Attractive high-quality programmes
- Strengthening academies connections and academy-industry connections, locally and internationally
- Knowledge transfer
- Knowledge integration

What does Doctoral Networks fund?

MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships	Contributions for recruited researchers per person-month					Institutional unit contributions per person-month	
	Living allowance ¹	Mobility allowance	Family allowance (if applicable)	Long-term Leave Allowance (if applicable)	Special needs allowance (if applicable)	Research, training and networking contribution	Management and indirect contribution
	EUR 4,100	EUR 710	EUR 660	EUR 4,720 x % covered by the beneficiary	requested unit X (1/number of months)	EUR 1,600	EUR 1,200

When and how to apply?

2025 call will open from **May 28 until November 25, 2025**, at 17:00 Brussel time.

Application and submission information are available on the [European Commission MSCA-DN Page](#) and on [ISERD](#).

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Horizon Europe is a €95 billion funding programme for innovation and research, that covers all major scientific and technological disciplines, and encourages collaborative projects (consortium) for a joint goal.

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) are researchers' mobility programmes, which are part of the Horizon Europe programme, aimed at equipping researchers with new knowledge and skills and providing them with an international as well as inter-sectoral exposure. The MSCA have a bottom-up approach, open to all research domains and applicable for researchers from any nationality and any country.

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¹ Gross amount, including all taxes to be deducted by the employer and employee. A country correction coefficient will apply to ensure equal treatment to all researchers. For Israel, the correction coefficient is 121.5%. Please Refer to Table 1 in the [MSCA 2023-2025 Work Programme](#) for the full list of countries and their correction coefficients.