**Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) Postdoctoral Fellowships**

Departmental Expression of Interest (closing date: 27th June 2023)

Oxford Sociology invites Expressions of Interest (EOI) to participate in the MSCA Fellowships scheme 2023.

Sociology at Oxford has a strong analytical, empirical and comparative orientation with a focus on developing and testing theories that engage with real world problems. Our strengths include statistical analysis of social surveys, social demography, collection management and analysis of complex datasets, the development of rational choice theory, microsocial experiments and simulation studies.

This year’s call for MSCA applications closes on 13th September 2023. If you want to apply with us you will need to complete the EOI form by Tuesday, 27th June 2023. Selected candidates will then be contacted and invited to submit their applications developed to the ‘final draft’ by the deadline of 27th July 2023. Full applications will be required by the Sociology Department internal deadline on 29th August 2023.

MSCA Fellowships are highly flexible funding schemes offered to experienced researchers with a minimum of PhD level experience who move to be based at the hosting institution, where they will work with their supervisors to deliver a specific project involving research, innovation, training and networking activities. The funding guarantees mobility and financial independence with a generous set of allowances. We would be happy to host European Fellows whose research profile falls or overlaps with the following research areas:

* Social inequalities of gender, class, and ethnicity (including mobility, labour market and social class inequalities);
* Families, population, and demography;
* Health and wellbeing;
* Crime, justice and governance;
* Social movements and political sociology;
* Digital Societies, Big Data and Artificial Intelligence;

Proposals are expected to be built around a Career Development Plan at the host organisation. In addition to research activities and objectives, this should address the researcher's training and career needs, including training on transferable skills, planning for publications and participation in conferences.

Applicants can be of any nationality (specific eligibility criteria apply – check against the summary table below). There is no upper limit to age.

[How to apply](https://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/actions/how-apply):

* Read the [Guidance for Applicants and FAQ documents on the funders’ website](https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-msca-2023-pf-01-01;callCode=null;freeTextSearchKeyword=msca;matchWholeText=true;typeCodes=0,1,2,8;statusCodes=31094501,31094502,31094503;programmePeriod=null;programCcm2Id=null;programDivisionCode=null;focusAreaCode=null;destinationGroup=null;missionGroup=null;geographicalZonesCode=null;programmeDivisionProspect=null;startDateLte=null;startDateGte=null;crossCuttingPriorityCode=null;cpvCode=null;performanceOfDelivery=null;sortQuery=sortStatus;orderBy=asc;onlyTenders=false;topicListKey=callTopicSearchTableState)
* Make sure you meet all eligibility criteria
* Register your interest by sending your EOI by 27th June 2023.
* List of attachments required to support your EOI:

(1) Applicant’s CV;

(2) A max 3-page project outline that would provide an overview of the:

**\*Excellence**: Quality and pertinence of the project’s research and innovation; level of novelty, appropriate consideration of inter/multidisciplinary and gender aspects; methodology; quality of the supervision and two-way transfer of knowledge between the researcher and the host; quality and appropriateness of the researcher’s professional experience and skills.

**\*Impact:** Suitability and quality of the measures to maximise expected outcomes; credibility of the measures to enhance the career prospects and skills of the researcher; the importance of the project’s expected scientific, societal and economic impacts.

**\*Implementation**: Quality and effectiveness of the work plan and assessment of risks.

* The internal evaluation and selection panel will assess all EOIs received within the deadline in accordance with the EC selection criteria for the scheme: 1) Excellence; 2) Impact; 3) Quality and Efficiency of the Implementation.
* Selected Applicants will work closely with the departmental and central University research support teams to complete the application to its top quality.

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| **Eligibility** | **European Postdoctoral Fellowship** |
| Applicant’s Nationality | Any nationality |
| Duration | 12-24 months  If requested and justified in the proposal, an additional period of up to six months can be awarded for a placement at a non-academic organisation in an EU Member State or Horizon Europe Associated Country. |
| Residence | Cannot have resided or carried out their main activity in the UK for more than 12 months in the three years immediately before the call deadline. |
| Experience | On 13th September, in possession of a PhD and no more than 8 years full-time postdoctoral research experience |
| Mobility | Fellow will move or have moved from any country to the UK |
| Hosting | Entire Fellowship hosted in Oxford |
| Secondments | Optional, in EU Member or Associated countries only, cannot exceed one third of the standard fellowship duration and should be in line with the project objectives. |
| Placements | Optional. An additional period of up to six months to support researchers seeking a placement at the end of the project to work on R&I projects in an organisation from the non-academic sector in an EU Member or Associated country. Placements must be an integral part of the proposal and are subject to evaluation. Letter of commitment from placement host organisation is mandatory with application. |
| Monthly Allowances (full time) | Living: €5,080 | Mobility €600 | Family €660 (if applicable) | Long-term leave allowance €5,680 (if applicable)  Subject to taxes on-costs and country correction coefficients |

\* Non-associated Third Countries (TC) are countries which are neither EU Member States (MS), nor associated to Europe (AC)