



Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) Individual Fellowship

The [Centre for Research in Ethnic Minority Entrepreneurship](#) (CREME), based in the Business School at University of Birmingham, welcomes Expressions of Interest from postdoctoral researchers to apply for a Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) Individual Fellowship to support the mobility of scholars for between one and two years.

CREME has a longstanding interest in ethnic, immigrant and migrant entrepreneurship and is a leading contributor to academic and policy debates on this widespread European phenomenon. The Centre has expertise in advanced theory and practice on a variety of issues in this domain, including: the socio-economic context of ethnic minority enterprise; entrepreneurial strategies; employment practices; gender and family dynamics; and policy and practitioner responses. But there is more work to do. Rapid socio-economic changes, migration and globalisation are transforming the landscape for ethnic minority entrepreneurs, their trajectories, and their opportunities for growth and innovation. New research is required to tackle these issues.

CREME would like to pursue a small number of high-quality applications from postdoctoral scholars working in one or more the following areas:

- Changing nature of migrant entrepreneurship in Europe
- Financial inclusion and migrant enterprise
- Gender and household dynamics and immigrant entrepreneurship
- Impact of migrant entrepreneurship on socio-economic development
- Institutional responses to migrant entrepreneurship



Description of the MSCA Fellowship Program

The purpose of the MSCA Individual Fellowship (IF) is to support the mobility of researchers and help attract promising foreign researchers to work in the European context (EU Member States and Associated Countries) or outside Europe. The grant typically covers up to two years' salary, a mobility allowance, research costs and overheads for the host institution.

Eligibility and Requirements

Candidates should hold a doctoral degree in a social science or relevant humanities discipline. Candidates are also expected to have good problem solving, troubleshooting, and analytical skills, be fluent in English, have good interpersonal and written and oral communication skills, and be able to work independently as well as within an international team.

Candidates must comply with the Marie Curie Mobility Rule, which stipulates that the prospective fellow '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 before the call deadline.

Who can apply?

Candidates should hold a doctoral degree in a social science discipline of any nationality including British nationals as long as they are based in any country outside the UK.

You can find more information about the scheme and eligibility requirements here <http://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/>

Submitting an Expression of Interest

Candidates should submit the following documents:

- Cover letter
- CV
- Outline of proposed research (max 2 pages)

Please send this information to Sophie Sinclair before the 31st of May 2016.

Successful applicant(s) will be invited to complete their application in collaboration with CRÉME (submission date 14th September 2016).