

Application from prospective fellow wanted - city/capital of culture initiatives



Dear friends & colleagues,



at Coventry University is seeking one or two people interested in putting in an application to the European Commission to spend 12-24 months as a Marie Curie fellow with us. These fellowships are generous and provide an opportunity for researchers with compatible interests to spend an extended period of time here.

We are keen to host a fellow interested in researching 'city/capital of culture' initiatives and the impact that these schemes can have on participating cities. In particular, we are interested in the impact of these initiatives on place-making, urban transformation/regeneration, community relationships and culture. We anticipate interest from scholars working in human geography, sociology, religious studies, political science and cultural studies, but welcome enquiries from those addressing the topic from other perspectives too.

Coventry is bidding to be UK City of Culture in 2021, building on its legacy as a city of welcome, a city of peace and reconciliation, and a city of innovation and invention. Coventry University, are a major supporter of the bid. The city is in the process of submitting its outline application with a view to being one of four shortlisted cities that will be taken to a final round in Autumn 2017. Regardless of the outcome, the recently launched Cultural Strategy for Coventry will support the development of a more prominent role for culture in our city. This is an exciting moment for the city and provides an ideal opportunity for impactful scholarship, which the university can facilitate through its extensive networks. We would like the fellow to focus partly on Coventry but this could be in comparative perspective and/or tailored to progress the fellows' existing research interests.

The deadline for applications to the European Commission is September 2017. The applicant would write the application with expert support from Coventry. They would join one of the largest social science research centres in the UK (50 full-time researchers, c. 30 PhD and MA students).

Brief information about the programme is below. If you are interested, please contact Laura Payne, Chris Shannahan or Sinead

Ouillon (s.ouillon@coventry.ac.uk) at the Centre for Trust, Peace and Social Relations as soon as possible. Please let us know a little about yourself and attach a CV and one or two publications.



Marie Sklodowska-Curie individual fellowships]

- Launch 11 Apr 17
- Deadline 14 Sep 17

The European Commission Horizon 2020: Excellent Science invites proposals for its H2020-MSCA-IF-2017 Marie Sklodowska-Curie individual fellowships call. This supports individual, transnational fellowships for promising researchers seeking employment in member states or associated countries, based on an application made jointly by the researcher and host organisation.

Fellowships must take the form of European fellowships or global fellowships. Applications may be submitted for the following topics:

- MSCA-IF-EF-CAR CAR: career restart panel;
- MSCA-IF-EF-RI RI: reintegration panel;
- MSCA-IF-EF-SE: society and enterprise panel;
- MSCA-IF-EF-ST: standard European fellowships;
- MSCA-IF-GF: global fellowships.

The beneficiary must be a legal entity located in an EU member state or associated country, including Switzerland, and employing the researcher during the project. In the case of industrial fellowships, the beneficiary must be an entity from the non-academic sector.

Funding for European fellowships will support eligible researchers for a period of 12 to 24 months and funding for global fellowships includes support for a period of 24 to 36 months. The living allowance annual reference rate for experienced researchers is ?55,800. The allowances are subject to country correction coefficients and a funding rate of 100 per cent.

Researchers in some categories will also receive a mobility allowance of ?600 and a family allowance of ?500. The total indicative budget for this call is ?248 million.