

# Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellowship

## AAU MSCA Talent Course 2025

**May–Sept. 2025**  
**Aalborg University**

### Information for supervisors

#### Why?

To attract more talented young researchers to AAU and to increase the internationalization of AAU's own researchers thus contributing to internal career development, F&P will arrange an online AAU Marie Curie Talent Course. The course will target the Horizon Europe Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellowships (European and Global) (MSCA-PF-EF and MSCA-PF-GF).

#### What's a MSCA - PF?

The MSCA PF targets researchers holding a PhD who wish to carry out research activities abroad, acquire new skills and develop their careers. There are two types: European PF and Global PF. European PFs target researchers wishing to come to AAU during their fellowships. Global PFs target researchers from AAU who wish to go abroad during their fellowship.

#### Duration of the fellowships

European Fellowships are usually 2-year-long while Global Fellowships can be up to 3 years (there is a 1-year mandatory return phase to AAU.) Mobility between academic and non-academic sectors is encouraged – an additional placement for up to 6 months in a non-academic sector in MS/AC is possible.

#### What's in it for your institute?

- More research capacity: you get an additional, highly competent researcher.
- Enhanced cooperation and stronger networks.
- More visibility: Public outreach activities are required from MSCA fellows.
- Better transfer of knowledge between sectors and disciplines.
- Increased internationalization.

#### Criteria for the potential MSCA fellow

The Criteria from the EU is that the applicants must have a PhD degree at the date of the call deadline, defined as a successfully defended doctoral thesis, even if the doctoral degree has yet to be awarded. PhD age max. 8 years. F&P recommends that the fellow is experienced in the field as demonstrated by an extended CV that includes prior credentials in both active research (e.g., high-impact publications, awards and lectures) and teaching/mentoring, as well as securing grant funding and having undertaken previous mobility periods.

#### Rules and differences to be considered for European and Global Fellowships:

- Nationality: For European Fellowships, funding is open to researchers from any nationality. For Global Fellowships, applicants should be either citizens of an MS or AC or long-term residents; the latter must provide evidence of residence of at least five consecutive years in an MS or AC.
- A strict mobility rule applies: For European Fellowships, the fellow must not have lived, worked or studied in Denmark for more than 12 months in the 3 years before the deadline. For Global fellowships, applicants may not have lived or worked at the host organisation for the outgoing phase for more than 12 months during the past 3 years.
- Any research field may qualify for funding.

## The role of the supervisor

A supervisor is required to support and supervise the applicant throughout the project from the application stage to project implementation and reporting, and to act as a contact for the European Commission's Research Executive Agency (REA). It is important that the supervisor and the future fellow discuss the project prior to the AAU MSCA Talent Course to ensure that they benefit from the event.

## AAU Marie Curie Talent Course 2025

The online AAU Marie Curie Talent Course 2025 is a good opportunity to introduce talented young researchers to AAU, to introduce them to their supervisor and host group, and to focus on their application. The course will be organized in collaboration between F&P and the involved Departments/Research Groups.

The course starts with an online kick-off meeting for the supervisors and their fellows. This is followed by online training (two sessions) by an external consultant with many years of hands-on experience with all types of Marie Skłodowska-Curie projects, and an in-depth knowledge of the political and strategic background of the MSC Actions.

After the sessions with the consultant, the applicants will be invited to participate in the Writing Sessions by F&P (week 34) focusing on the impact and the implementation section of the proposal. The applicant will also receive individual support by members of F&P throughout your proposal up to the deadline.

## What does the funding cover?

The grant is awarded to the host organisation (i.e. AAU). The fellows receive: living allowance (5990 €/month\*country correction coefficient), a mobility allowance (710€/month) and a family allowance, if applicable (660€/month). The research, training and network costs (1000€/month) and indirect costs of the host(s) are also supported (€650/month).

## Expected timeline

<b>Dec.2024 – April, 2025</b>	Registration for the course is open. AAU supervisors contact potential MSCA fellows.
<b>April 2025</b>	Call for MSCA-PF-2025: Postdoctoral Fellowships is published
<b>April 9, 2025</b>	Deadline for supervisors to propose candidates for the course
<b>Weeks 15-18, 2025</b>	The CV's and research project idea are assessed by the supervisor and the Department in dialogue with F&P who also helps with eligibility check. A security screening process parallel to this will take place if applicable.
<b>Week 18, 2025</b>	Supervisors and Fellows will be informed.
<b>Week 21, 2025</b>	MSCA Talent Course "Set Sail" meeting for supervisors and Fellows.
<b>May 22, 2025</b>	First webinar run by an external consultant.
<b>May 26, 2025</b>	The second webinar run by an external consultant.
<b>Week 34, 2025</b>	Writing sessions run by F&P.
<b>Sep. 10, 2025</b>	Deadline for the MSCA-PF-2025 call.
<b>Feb. 2026</b>	Follow-up on success/non-success.

To attend the AAU Marie Curie Talent Course 2025, AAU supervisors should contact potential candidates and:

1. Agree with the candidate on expectations for content, methods, forms of cooperation, results etc.
2. Ask the candidate to register online to express his/her interest in participating in the course [here](#) (Please notice that they won't receive a confirmation e-mail).
3. Ask the candidate to send you his/her CV and list of publications to you, using the template provided on the registration page. Afterwards, the supervisor must send these documents to [funding@adm.aau.dk](mailto:funding@adm.aau.dk) with the subject AAU 2025 MSCA Talent Course.

**Deadline for registration and submission of CV: April 9, 2025.**

### **Practicalities**

The course is free for researchers applying with AAU as a host institution. There is a max of 24 participants.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the F&P MSCA team:

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