

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) version 1

1. Eligibility of Doctoral Candidates (DCs)

- DCs should not be in possession of a doctoral degree at the date of the end of the call.
- DCs can be of any nationality.
- You need to comply with the mobility rule, no residence or main activity (work, studies, etc.) in the country of the recruiting institution for more than 12 months in the 36 months before the date of deadline of the application.

Country of main activity = not only where the fellow was physically based but also the country of the institution for which the main activity was performed.

Example: if a fellow did a master in Spain and another master remotely in Italy, the fellow needs to comply with the mobility rule in both countries.

- When you get the grant, you must enrol in the doctoral programme defined in the IRP in which you have applied.

2. How can I proof my mobility rule

Document(s) that certificate or proof the mobility rule: not have resided or carried out their main activity in the country of Doctoral enrolment for more than 12 months in the last 36 months (at the application deadline):

Provide a copy and an English translation of the certificates of enrolment in presential courses at academic institutions. Be carefully with the remote courses.

If you has finish your predoctoral studies more than one year before, provide in addition the Certificate of Census Registration or similar.

3. How should I demonstrate my academic record?

You must provide a copy of your academic degrees, including the academic transcripts of your qualifications (undergraduate and postgraduate studies), with the date of obtaining the degree and its average grade.

If you apply for Spain and Portugal you must submit a declaration of equivalences of the average grade using their official established procedures.

Spain <https://www.aneca.es/en/equivalence-average-grades-university-studies-carried-out-in-foreign-institutions>

Portugal <https://www.dge.mec.pt/faq-equivalence-foreign-qualifications>

If you apply for France there are two possibilities depending of your previous studies:

If you have a master degree from the Bologna Process you can provide your documentation just translated in English.

If your previous studies not belong to Bologna Process you must provide your academic mark transcript, including a description of the university's grading system, indicating the maximum and minimum grades, as well as the minimum passing grade. Documentation that verifies this system must be attached.

If you apply for Poland you must provide your academic mark transcript, including a description of the university's grading system, indicating the maximum and minimum grades, as well as the minimum passing grade. Documentation that verifies this system must be attached.

4. Can I apply for more than one IRP?

Yes, you can apply for a maximum of 2 IRP, one as first option and the other in a second option, independently of the country taking into account that you accomplishes the mobility rule.

5. Where can I obtain information about the MSCA-DN programme?

The general info is available in the EU portal. PALPROX is a "standard Doctoral Network"

<https://marie-sklodowska-curie-actions.ec.europa.eu/actions/doctoral-networks>

6. Where can I get information about the Doctoral programme in which I will enrol?

In the specific pages of each beneficiary. However, this info is general for all the student, and it is possible that as MSCA-DN fellowship you have a special status. So, if you have doubts ask us at pr.palprox@iphes.cat

7. Must I pay enrolment costs or tuition fees?

No. Any enrolment costs or tuition fees are eligible costs and should be charged to the employer (under "Research, Training and Networking" contributions). Under no circumstances should these costs be charged to you.

8. What will be my salary conditions?

It will depend of the country of you will be hired according your application. You can check the info at the Guide for Applicants.

9. How can I benefit for family allowance supplementary salary?

If you are married, and have familiars in your charge you can benefit of a family allowance supplementary salary. If you become selected, we will ask you a justified document that certificate you accomplish conditions to benefit of the family allowance conditions (a copy of your family register, family book or equivalent).

10 How can I declare special personal circumstances that should be consider in the assessment?

You must include in your application form justified documentary evidences of potential career breaks (e.g. maternity leave, paternity leave, national service, elderly care), as well other special personal circumstances (e.g. disability, sickness, refugees status) that should be consider in the assessment.