

## Call for applications: Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions-Staff Exchanges 2026

<https://marie-skłodowska-curie-actions.ec.europa.eu/calls/msca-staff-exchanges-2026>

**Keywords:** Research and Innovation, early- career researchers, collaborative projects, career development, knowledge exchange

**Funding amount: Up to EURO 17,280 per project**

**Duration of funding: up to 48 months including secondments up to 12 months per staff member**

**Funder deadline: 16 April 2026**

### UCT Internal Deadlines

- **UCT Intention to submit deadline:** Please complete an [intention-to-submit](#) form **immediately**
- **UCT eRA:** Approval via UCT's electronic Research Administration (eRA) system is **REQUIRED** prior to submission to the funder. Applicants should:
  - ensure that [eRA Internal Approvals forms](#) must reach the Finance Approver no later than **2 April 2026**

**Contacts: International Grants Hub - [internationalgrants@uct.ac.za](mailto:internationalgrants@uct.ac.za)**

### About the Funding Opportunity:

The Staff Exchanges action funds short-term international and inter-sectoral exchanges of staff members involved in research and innovation activities of participating organisations. The aim is to develop sustainable collaborative projects between different organisations from the academic and non-academic sectors (in particular SMEs), based in Europe and beyond. Exchanged staff benefit from new knowledge, skills and career development perspectives, while participating organisations increase their research and innovation capacities. Staff Exchanges are open to international consortia of universities, research institutions, businesses, SMEs and other non-academic organisations.

### Eligibility Criteria

#### 1. Consortium Composition:

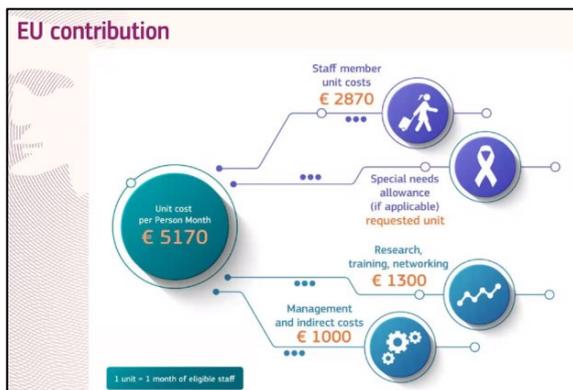
- Minimum three legal entities from three different countries.
- UCT and at least two entities must be from [EU Member States](#) or [Horizon Europe Associated Countries](#).
- For consortia with only academic or only non-academic organizations, there must be at least one entity from a [non-associated third country](#).

#### 2. Staff Member Eligibility:

- Includes researchers (doctoral candidates to postdoctoral researchers) and administrative, managerial, or technical staff.
- Staff must be engaged in research and innovation activities for at least one month before secondment.

### Award Details

- Maximum project duration is 48 months.
- Secondments of 1 to 12 months are funded up to 5170 EUROS per person month
  - Mainly international and intersectoral secondments are encouraged.
  - Secondments can be split into multiple stays and must be full-time.
  - **These costs are top-ups, sending organisations are still liable to pay staff members' salaries**
- Funding covers travel, living allowance, and research costs.
- Funding supports knowledge-sharing activities, including workshops and conferences



## Application Process

Proposal Preparation (for assistance with proposal preparation click [here](#))

- Comprises Part A (administrative forms and summary) and Part B (detailed proposal).
- Proposals should demonstrate high-quality R&I projects with clear added value and interdisciplinary interactions.

## Submission

- Proposals must be submitted electronically via the [Funding & Tenders Portal](#).
- Deadline are at 17.00.00 Brussels local time
- Required documents include a Letter of Commitment from each associated partner.

## Evaluation

- Proposals are evaluated based on scientific excellence, impact, and quality and efficiency of implementation

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