

Call for Expression of Interest Marie Skłodowska-Curie Action (MSCA) Postdoctoral Fellowship (PF) CALL 2022

Università degli Studi di Bergamo (UniBg, Italy) is keen to host Marie Skłodowska-Curie Action (MSCA) fellows to work in its research teams and welcomes expressions of interest from excellent experienced fellows to apply – jointly with an internal supervisor – for the European Commission Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellowship Scheme on September 2022, under Horizon Europe Programme.

Selected candidates will receive dedicated support from UniBg's supervisor and International Team of the Research Office to write a successful proposal and to follow the application for submission to the EC.

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Action Funding Scheme and Eligibility Criteria

The MSCA scheme offers the opportunity for the best and most promising experienced fellows in possession of a doctoral degree to come to Italy to work with a supervisor for at least 12 months. The grant provides an allowance to cover your living, travel and family costs as well as research and networking costs in line with MSCA scheme rates.

Please note that according to the Marie Skłodowska-Curie mobility rule, the applicant must not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in Italy (for European Postdoctoral Fellowships) or in the host organisation for the outgoing phase (for Global Postdoctoral Fellowships) for more than 12 months in the 36 months immediately before the call deadline.

At the call deadline, supported fellows must have a maximum of 8 years fulltime equivalent experience in research, measured from the date that the fellow was in a possession of a doctoral degree and certified by appropriate documents. Years of experience outside research and career breaks (e.g. due to parental leave) will not be considered.

Università degli Studi di Bergamo as Host Institution

UniBg is located in Lombardia, a region in Northern Italy with more than 10 million inhabitants and one of the regions with the highest GDP (Gross Domestic Product) per capita in Europe. Bergamo is a bridge between Western and Eastern Europe: its airport is the Southern Europe hub for Ryanair and other low-cost airlines.

UniBg is a State University with less than 22,000 students enrolled on various degree programs: 15 undergraduate degrees, 22 graduate degrees, 15 first level master degrees, 8 second level master degrees and 6 PhD programs in 5 disciplines. The increasing number of students and a staff of more than 700 members (438 professors and researchers plus 265 administrative and technical staff members) provides a



dynamic scientific and teaching environment open to innovations. The 8 Departments and the 7 Research and Service Centres enjoy very close connections with the town, its institutions, and its cultural and economic environment. They are grouped in three campuses located in three different areas: Campus of Economics, Management and Law (Bergamo), Campus of Humanities (Upper Bergamo) and Campus of Engineering (Dalmine).

The strengths of UniBg are the wide range of courses on offer (also through distance learning projects), excellent use of the numerous laboratories available, ambitious research centres, and the fact that it operates in one of the most dynamic areas in Italy, both from a cultural and an economic point of view. Among the excellent facilities available at UniBg there are a well-established Language Centre, Computer Labs, and Library services; the diversified and increasing number of international exchanges enables undergraduate, post-graduate and doctoral students, professors and researchers to operate in the framework of different programmes and international agreements; finally, a well-organised career service is offered by the Student Placement Office.

Scientific Panels

For year 2022, UniBg is interested in Marie Skłodowska-Curie research proposals covering the following scientific panels:

- 1) Physical Sciences and Engineering (PE)
- 2) Life Sciences (LF)
- 3) Social Sciences and Humanities (SH)

Topics

For the list of the research topics and their potential supervisor, please see: <u>https://www.unibg.it/sites/default/files/media/documents/2022-04-20/MSCA-FP-2022_potential%20supervisors.pdf</u>

Selection process

The Expression of Interest should include:

1) the personal data form <u>https://sia.unibg.it/limesurvey/index.php/758392?lang=en</u>

2) a 2-page summary of your research proposal;

3) a complete and updated CV (max. 2 pages plus full list of publications);

4) a motivation letter.

Please apply by 12th June 2022.

For any further information, please contact Damiana Curti (Research Grant Office) sending an e-mail to <u>damiana.curti@unibg.it</u>.

Selected applicants will be notified and then invited to prepare their full proposal in collaboration with a UniBg's supervisor.