CAROLINE:
Collaborative Research Fellowships for a Responsive and Innovative Europe

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“Starting your fellowship”

Training and networking session 28th September 2017
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CAROLINE is a research fellowship programme for postdoctoral / experienced researchers (see T&Cs for definitions)

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CAROLINE Fellows are Irish Research Council and MSCA Fellows => consider joining the MSCA Alumni Association!
Aims of CAROLINE programme

To support suitable highly qualified experienced researchers in any discipline to:

• conduct research relevant to the overarching theme of global sustainable development as set out under the United Nations 2030 Agenda
• engage in international collaboration with suitable NGOs or IOs;
• experience and benefit from intersectoral and international mobility;
• avail of relevant training and career development opportunities;
• increase their chances of gaining a future senior research position, including in the non-academic sector.
Remaining conditions to be met

- CAROLINE Fellows are required to submit to the Council the following documents:
  - By **12th October 2017**: Copy of employment contract with Irish home host organisation
  - By **31st December 2017**:
    - Updated career development and training plan for the first 12 months of the fellowship
    - Ethical approval issued by the relevant committee in their Irish home host organisation (where required)
Conditions for continuation of the fellowship

- Compliance with the Terms and Conditions of the award as specified in the Standard Research Agreement, including (but not limited to):
  - Satisfactory progress (regular progress reporting)
  - Dissemination of results compliant with open access policy
  - Acknowledgement of the Council’s and European Commission’s funding: use of logo, include grant agreement number
  - No additional duties (note conditions for an exception for teaching)
  - Restrictions on additional awards
  - Conditions for stays away longer than 4 weeks (other than secondments and placements)
Get ready for practicalities!

- Clarify with your host organisations:
  - Procedure for reimbursement for research expenses (contact persons, forms, timeframe...)
    - Should be specified in the agreement between your home host and main partner organisation; make sure you understand how exactly you will go about getting reimbursed.
  - Access to various supports available to staff in general in your:
    - home host organisation
    - main partner organisation/placement partner organisation
  - Entitlements and procedures pertaining to sick leave, annual leave etc.
Network and share your success stories

• Informal Irish Research Council’s COFUND fellows’ network

• Let us know about your successes:
  • Publications
  • Conferences
  • Prizes
  • Outreach activities and good causes

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#MSCA_IRC
@IrishResearchCouncil
#ResearchImpactEU
What if...

...something goes wrong or looks like it might: serious health issues, personal issues, concerns about progress/level of support in a host institution...

• Approach your academic/secondment mentor
• Consult with research office in your home host organisation
• Contact the Council’s COFUND project team cofund@research.ie

Act early to pre-empt problems/before a situation becomes serious
Please keep your contact details in the online system up-to-date