



ELITE-S Fellowship Programme FAQs – Frequently Asked Questions Call 3 – 2021/2022



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1. What are the eligibility requirements for the ELITE-S Fellowship Programme?

- Having a PhD degree or 4 years Full Time Experience in research
- Not have resided or carried out their main activity in Ireland for more than 12 months in the last 3 years before call deadline (**15th October, 2021**)
- Any nationality and fluent in English

1. What is a relaxed mobility?

Relaxed mobility is applied only for career restart or reintegration. In this cases, applicants must not have resided or carried out their main activity in Ireland for more than 12 months in the last **5 years** before call deadline

- **Career restart:** When an applicant has had a career break in research
- **Reintegration:** National or long term resident of a Member State or Associated Country and must move or have moved from a Third Country directly to Ireland.

3. What is the mobility criteria? And what date must I consider to calculate it?

Marie Curie projects are for incoming mobility. Meaning that the candidate, if selected, must move to Ireland for 2 years to complete the research. Mobility criteria considers the **application deadline for calculation – Call 3: 15th October, 2021** (short visits and applying for refugee status do not count towards the 12 month limit).

4. How many applications can I submit?

Only one application per applicant per call can be submitted

5. Can I submit any project idea?

Yes. You are free to submit your own project idea in line with any of the 28 technology and application areas foreseen in the programme. **Your proposal must include an impact on standards.**

6. Can I re-submit the same project proposal?

Yes, re-submissions are encouraged. Applicants not selected on a specific call, will receive an Evaluation Report with strengths and weaknesses in their proposal for adjustment for the next call

7. What documents do I need to apply?

You will need to submit: **Parts A, B, C and D** available on the website. Inside each template, there are guidelines on how and what to include in each section. Make sure you use them when writing your proposal.

8. Where do I apply?

Applications are done directly on the ELITE-S website.

9. Do I have to use the templates provided on the website?

Yes, the templates contain all the necessary information to be evaluated in your proposal. Templates are there to help you organize the information requested. Competitive proposals follow the templates provided.



10. I can't find a supervisor, what can I do?

There are two things you can do in this situation: i) contact another suitable supervisor from the list or ii) contact the Project Manager for support. **You must get support from a supervisor in order to apply.**

11. Why do I need to contact a supervisor and get his support? And how can he/she help me?

If selected, you will be working with the proposed supervisor for 2 years. At this stage, he/she will guide you on how to make your proposal more competitive and make sure you include all the necessary information and also help you find a suitable secondment host. They will also check appropriateness to his/her research topics and indicate if the project is in line with his/her work.

In our experience **it takes at least 6 weeks to develop a successful proposal** with a supervisor, hence we recommend that you have contacted a supervisor before the **03rd September, 2021.**

12. How will my application be evaluated?

Your proposal will be evaluated based on the criteria outlined in the guide for applicants which is available on the ELITE-S website. These are based on the Marie Curie Individual Fellowship.

The evaluation will cover all 3 sections: **Excellent, Impact and Implementation.** Each section is scored 0-5 and a minimum threshold of 70% must be achieved in each stage of the evaluation process.

13. I have a secondment partner interested in my project, can I include it as my secondment host in the application?

Yes, Inform your proposed supervisor about this partner to check appropriateness with your research. If selected for funding, we will contact the proposed partner to formalize the agreement.

14. I don't have a secondment partner, what should I do?

At proposal stage, supervisors will help you include a suitable secondment host in your application. If a partner is not found until application deadline, at least the kind of company, timing and research objectives during secondment must be defined.

15. I don't agree with the results of my evaluation, what can I do?

You can fill in the "Redress form" available on the website and email it to the Project Manager. You have 30 consecutive days to send this form, counting from the date you received your evaluation report. Research comments/scores are final and cannot be changed. Only redress regarding procedure will be considered.

16. Is every candidate entitled to all the financial compensations offered? (living, mobility and family?)

No. Eligible candidates are entitled to living allowance and mobility allowance. To be entitled to family allowance, candidates must provide documentation (marriage certificates, birth certificates, etc) at recruitment date (contract date).



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