

## SoMoPro 3 - Individual Fellowships (IF) - 1<sup>st</sup> call for proposals

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**Indicative budget:** EUR 1.84 million<sup>1</sup>

**South Moravian Programme for Distinguished Researchers (SoMoPro) is a regional fellowship programme operated in South Moravia, Czech Republic. It is co-funded by the Regional Authority of the South Moravian Region and the European Commission – Research Executive Agency under the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) COFUND scheme. The South Moravian Centre for International Mobility (JCMM) acts as Programme Administrator.**

The aim of the programme is to provide researchers with training and career development and to boost the research and innovation activities in the South Moravian Region by attracting top-class researchers. This mutually beneficial cooperation between the SoMoPro fellows, the host institutions and the industry is one of the key elements of the regional smart specialization strategy for the period 2014–2020.

### Eligible applicant

Researchers of any nationality who, at the closure date, are in possession of a doctoral degree or have at least 4 years of full-time equivalent research experience after obtaining a degree which gives access to doctoral programmes, either in the country in which the degree was obtained or in the Czech Republic.

Researchers must not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in the Czech Republic for more than 12 months in the last 3 years prior to the deadline for proposal submission. Researchers after a career break (e.g. maternity leave) may benefit from special mobility condition: They shall not have resided or carried out their main activity in the Czech Republic for more than 3 years in the 5 years immediately prior to the deadline for proposal submission.

The researcher applies jointly with a host institution (HI). HIs are public research organisations located or operated in the region of South Moravia (<http://www.kr-jihomoravsky.cz/Default.aspx?ID=961&TypeID=1>). Eligible HIs are listed on the JCMM website <http://jcmm.cz/en/somopro/host-institutions.html>

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<sup>1</sup> The final budget awarded to this call, following the evaluation of projects, may vary according to the quality of project proposals received.

## Supported research domains

SoMoPro supports research training projects in five research domains defined by the regional smart specialization strategy (S3): Material research, Information and communication technologies, Electronics and photonics, Advanced manufacturing technologies, and Biotechnology and biomedicine. Thematic priorities are further specified at the call webpage: <http://www.jcmm.cz/en/somopro.html>.

## Selection criteria

Proposals are submitted jointly by the HI and the individual researcher. The proposed research training projects are evaluated by independent experts according to standard MSCA criteria.

Evaluation criteria		
Excellence	Impact	Implementation
Evaluation sub-criteria		
Quality, innovative aspects and credibility of the research (including inter / multidisciplinary aspects).	Enhancing research and innovation-related human resources, skills, and working conditions to realise the potential of individuals and to provide new career perspectives.	Overall coherence and effectiveness of the work plan, including appropriate allocation of tasks and resources.
Clarity and quality of transfer of knowledge/training for the development of the researcher in light of the research objectives.	Effectiveness of the proposed measures for communication and results dissemination.	Appropriate management structure and procedures, including quality management and risk management.
Quality of the supervision and the hosting arrangements.	Relevance of proposed project to regional S3 and potential synergies with five main domains of regional S3.	Appropriate institutional environment (infrastructure).
Capacity of the researcher to reach and re-enforce a position of professional maturity in research.	Envisaged cooperation with industry relevant for regional S3.	Competences, experience and complementarity of the participating organisations and institutional commitment.
Weighting		
50 %	30 %	20 %
Priority in case of ex aequo		
1	2	3

If the proposal is recommended for funding, the Regional Authority of the South Moravian Region concludes a grant agreement with the HI. The HI signs an employment contract with the researcher.

## Duration

SoMoPro fellowships may last from 12 to 36 months. The fellowships may start as soon as March 2016. All projects must be finished by May 31, 2020 at the latest.

## Funding

The funding is provided to the HI and contributes to the expenses related to the researchers and their training. The monthly contributions provided are:

- Living allowance - EUR 3 750
- Research, training and networking contribution - EUR 500
- Optional contribution - EUR 1 000
- Contribution to overheads - EUR 500

The monthly contribution to the HI is EUR 5 750. The maximum contribution can amount EUR 207 000.

## How to apply

Proposals are submitted on-line via an electronic submission system of the JCMM portal. All essential information for drafting and submitting a proposal are presented in the Guide for Applicants.

**The JCMM portal will be open 8 weeks before the closure date. The portal is accessible at: <http://www.jcmm.cz/en/somopro-application-3.html>.**

## Indicative timetable

- December 2015 – eligibility check, non-eligible applicants excluded
- January-February 2016 – peer review
- March 2016 – evaluation results sent to the applicants, successful applicants invited to grant agreement negotiations
- March-May 2016 – negotiations of the grant agreements, first projects may start

## Call documentation

- Application Template
- Guide for Applicants
- Grant Agreement Template

All the documents are available at JCMM website <http://www.jcmm.cz/en/somopro.html>.

## More information

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