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The required information about the programme including the Guide for Applicants, regulations and submission procedure will be published on www.fwo.be.

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INCOMING [PEGASUS]²
Marie Skłodowska-Curie fellowship

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WHAT?

An OUTGOING [PEGASUS]² Marie Skłodowska-Curie fellowship is a regular 3-year postdoctoral fellowship of which the first 2 years are spent at a foreign academic or non-academic research institution and the third return year at a Flemish university to which the applicant is affiliated for the total period of the fellowship.

ELIGIBLE?

- Applicants must have obtained a PhD in any scientific area or a degree that is legally recognized as equivalent (deadlines for obtaining PhD: see www.fwo.be).
- Applicants must apply within 3 years after obtaining their PhD (deadlines for obtaining PhD: see www.fwo.be) or immediately following their first regular FWO postdoctoral fellowship.
- Applicants must have been performing research activities at a Flemish university or a Flemish or federal scientific institution in Belgium one year before the submission deadline.
- Applicants must not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in the country of their foreign host organization – where they wish to carry out research the first 2 years of their fellowship – for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately prior to the start of the fellowship.
- Applicants cannot apply more than twice for a postdoctoral fellowship at FWO, nor can they apply for a fellowship of which they have previously, if only partially, been the beneficiary.
- Proposals need to be submitted in English before the deadline using the FWO e-portal.

WHERE?

Applicants must be affiliated for the full 3-year period of the fellowship to a university in the Flemish Community, possibly in collaboration with a Flemish or federal scientific institution in Belgium where they conduct their research. If the research is conducted in collaboration with a Flemish or federal scientific institution, it shall be carried out under the supervision and responsibility of a Flemish university.

Flemish universities:

- KU Leuven - www.kuleuven.be
- Ghent University (UGent) - www.ugent.be
- University of Antwerp (UAntwerp) - www.uantwerpen.be
- Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB) - www.vub.ac.be
- Hasselt University (UHasselt) www.uhasselt.be

The first 2 years of the fellowship the applicant must perform research at a foreign host institution in the academic or non-academic sector in any country or region except Belgium (for more details see: www.fwo.be). After 2 years of performing research abroad, the fellow must fulfill a 12 month return period to the host institution in Flanders to which the fellow is affiliated

CONDITIONS?

- Employment contract for a period of 3 years with attractive salary
- Mobility allowance of € 1.650/month during the first 2 years abroad
- Annual bench fee of € 4.000 for research, training and research-related travel costs
- Full social security
- Occupational accident insurance, travel and repatriation insurance
- One-time return trip from Brussels to the place of employment for one person
- Career support at the Flemish host university
- Participation in training activities

FWO?

Following its strategic goal of being a researcher-friendly and equal opportunity institution, the Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO), offers its fellows unique opportunities to boost their scientific career by providing support for ground-breaking fundamental research in all scientific domains, all within optimal research conditions. FWO actively implements the European Charter for Researchers and the Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers in its policies and currently holds the label 'HR Excellence in Research', both vouching for its commitment to researchers and their careers.

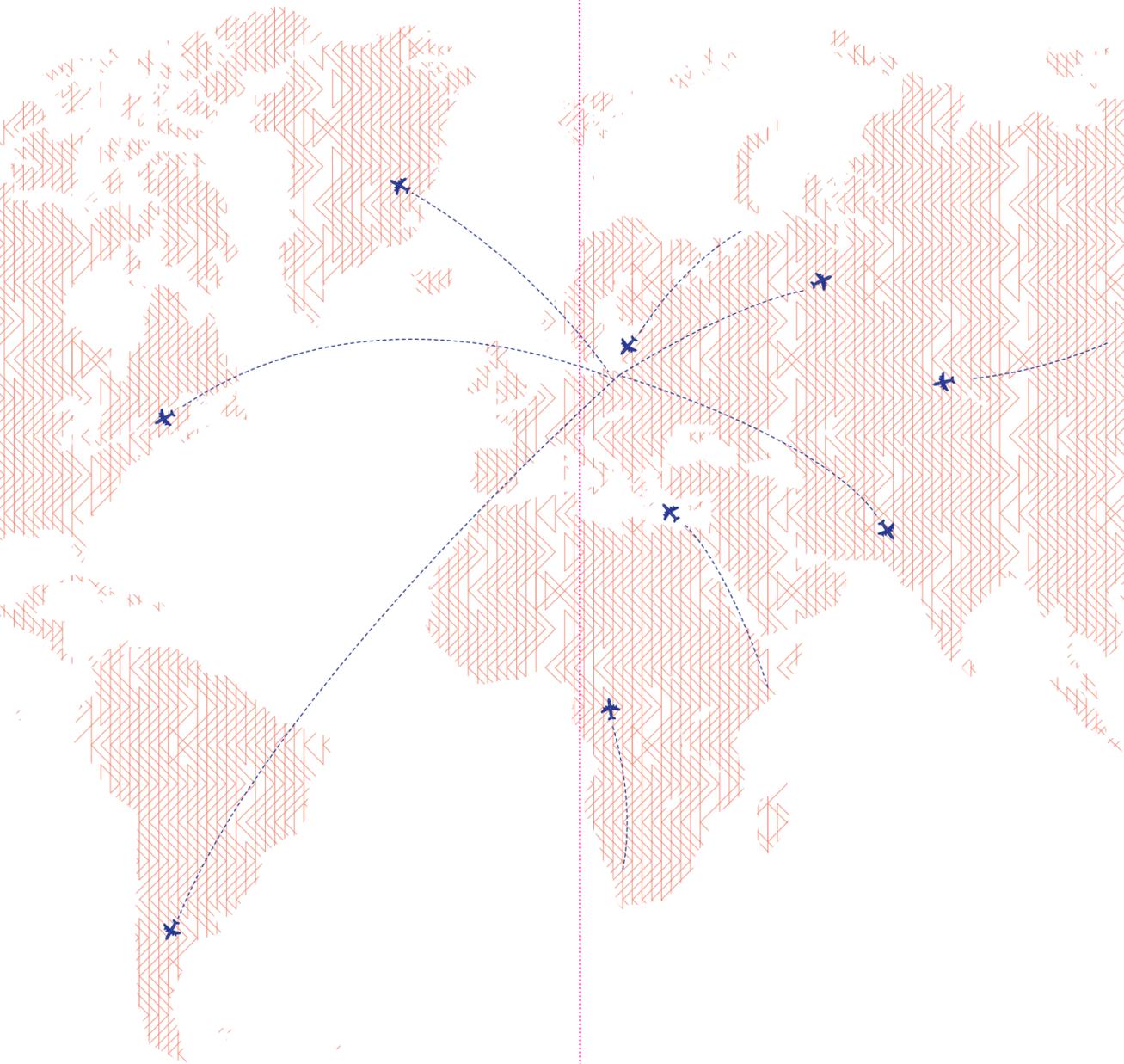
FLANDERS?

A warm welcome to Flanders! Flanders is an excellent haven for researchers, from the point of view of science as well as from the perspective of the high quality of life. Scientifically, Flanders performs well above the world standards in all domains and it harbors many world class research groups. Moreover, researchers in Flanders benefit from a high living standard including a solid social security system, a multilingual population, delicious food, and a flourishing cultural life.

MOBILITY?

Giving wings to your career! International and/or intersectoral mobility have become an essential part of today's research career. Mobile researchers are typically exposed to a broader variety of challenges and expertise, can often rely on a more extended network of contacts and tend to develop a more open viewpoint on research. Therefore, mobile research careers are an indispensable catalyst for individual enrichment, a higher quality of research, and internationalisation of research in general.

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[PEGASUS]² MARIE SKŁODOWSKA -CURIE PROGRAMME?

With [PEGASUS]², FWO aims to enhance human capital in fundamental research by attracting more excellent foreign researchers to Flanders via incoming fellowships, as well as by bestowing researchers in Flanders with increased international experience via outgoing fellowships. [PEGASUS]² includes two types of 3-year postdoctoral fellowships: INCOMING fellowships on the one hand and OUTGOING fellowships composed of 2 years of research abroad and 1 return year to the fellow's host institution on the other hand. Candidates can be of any nationality and active in any scientific discipline. In line with the European Charter and Code, FWO is committed to fair and transparent recruitment and appraisal procedures, safeguarding the excellence of Flemish research. Fellows will be offered attractive employment conditions including a bench fee on top of the living and mobility allowance. By providing support and training all within an optimal research environment and enjoying the best working conditions, [PEGASUS]² offers experienced researchers a unique opportunity to boost their research career through international and intersectoral mobility.

EVALUATION CRITERIA?

- The excellence of the fellow: research capability and potential, publications in peer reviewed journals as well as other elements of the candidate's cv, patents, teaching, advanced courses, research skills, scientific background, independence and mobility of the candidate.
- The scientific excellence of the project: originality, innovative nature, feasibility, focus, relevance and coherence of the project.
- The excellence of the context of employment: quality of the hosting institute, supervision, and training support of the host group, potential to acquire new scientific and non-scientific skills.

In no case is the strictly scientific performance of the candidate the only criterion. The evaluation panel aims at a 'holistic' assessment of each application, paying attention to non-scientific aspects such as career breaks, intersectoral mobility, and other fruitful experiences.



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