

Call for Applications for early-career non-tenured researchers preparing new MSCA and ERC proposals

Objectives of the call

This call aims to support early-career and non-tenured researchers who have previously applied for European funding schemes (MSCA or ERC) and received an excellent evaluation outcome (Seal of Excellence or score A) without ultimately being awarded funding.

The *Rebond Europe – MSCA/ERC* support programme, designed to support the preparation and submission of a new European proposal, provides a research contract together with a dedicated research budget. It is funded by the Sorb’Rising project of the University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne.

Eligibility criteria

Who can apply ?

- 1) Early-career non-tenured researchers who have applied to the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Postdoctoral Fellowships programme and been awarded the “Seal of Excellence”, with a view to preparing and submitting either a new MSCA application or an ERC application, provided that they meet the eligibility requirements of the targeted call¹.
- 2) Early-career or non-tenured researchers who have submitted an European Research Council proposal as Principal Investigator and achieved a score A at the first evaluation stage², with a view to preparing and submitting a new ERC application, provided that they meet the eligibility requirements of the targeted call.

Successful applicants commit to submitting a new proposal within the first 12 months of the *Sorb’Rising Rebond Europe – MSCA/ERC* funding period, within a research laboratory within the Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne perimeter, with the following Host Institution :

- For MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships : Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne or a national research organization (CNRS or IRD) managing the laboratory to which the supervisor is affiliated (in accordance with the terms of the inter-institutional site agreement);
- For ERC applications : Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne.

¹ In particular, for the MSCA-PF call, applicants must not have resided, worked, or studied in France for more than 12 months during the 36 months preceding the submission deadline, and must not have more than 8 years of research experience after the award of their PhD.

² Following the first evaluation stage, applicants must have received grade A, either “A – invited” (invited to the second stage) or “A – not invited” (not invited to the second stage despite the excellence of the proposal).

Nature of the funding

Selected projects will benefit from:

- A one-year research contract³, renewable for an additional six months;
- a research budget of up to €15,000;
- for MSCA-PF applications: support from the European projects team of the host institution (the Paris 1 Projects Office or the relevant CNRS/IRD regional European office), as well as participation in a dedicated masterclass;
- for ERC applications : enhanced support from the Projects Office of Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne.

Application file

Applications must include the following documents :

- the prior MSCA or ERC application;
- the MSCA evaluation summary report or ERC evaluation report including the score obtained;
- a copy of the “Seal of Excellence” certificate, if already issued by the European Commission at the time of application⁴;
- a presentation of the future MSCA-PF or ERC project to be prepared during the Sorb’Rising funding period, following the template provided in the attached .zip archive;
- a budget covering the duration of the Sorb’Rising funding period;
- for MSCA-PF projects only: a support letter from the scientific supervisor affiliated with a Paris 1 research laboratory;
- a hosting letter signed by the director of the Paris 1 laboratory;
- a written commitment to submit a new MSCA-PF or ERC proposal with as Host Institution:
 - for MSCA-PF applications, the beneficiary institution designated under the inter-institutional site agreement (Paris 1, CNRS, or IRD), and
 - for ERC applications, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne.

Submission and implementation timeline

- Application deadline: 30 June 2026;

³ In accordance with Article L. 412-4 of the French Research Code, a postdoctoral contract may be concluded no later than three years after the award of the doctoral degree. Beyond three years after obtaining the PhD, recruitment will be carried out under a project-based contract.

⁴ Submission of the “Seal of Excellence” certificate is a mandatory condition for the award of funding; as soon as it becomes available, it must be sent by email.

- Starting date of the contract: enabling submission of the new proposal within the first 12 months of the Sorb'Rising funding period;
- Indicative deadlines for submission to the European Commission:
 - MSCA PF : 8 September 2027 ;
 - ERC Starting grant : October 2027 ;
 - ERC Consolidator grant : January 2027 or January 2028.

Evaluation procedure

Applications will be selected by the strategic committee of Sorb'Rising upon recommendation of the steering committee.

Expected deliverables for selected applicants

Selected applicants will be required to provide:

- a short scientific report;
- proof of effective submission to the European call, including transmission of the submitted proposal;
- a public lecture or presentation.

Contact information

For further information and to submit an application, please contact:

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