MSCA MaRaThoN@University of Padua
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- Ciro FRANCO, Head of the Fund Raising Office, University La Sapienza, Rome, Expert and Vice Chair for Marie Sklodowska Curie Actions
- Antonio OPROMOLLA, Researcher at Link Campus University, Rome
- Egill BOCCANERA, Head of the Area of Internationalisation, Research, Third Mission and Fund Raising, LUMSA University, Rome
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Application deadline: 21 April 2020

Contact: mariecurie.marathon@unipd.it
Website: http://www.unipd.it/en/msca-marathon20

Course Overview

MSCA MaRaThoN is an online training course addressed to top candidates who are getting ready to apply for the upcoming call Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions - Individual Fellowships (MSCA-IF) 2020 and intend to indicate the University of Padua as their Host Institution.

The European Commission promotes the MSCA-IF under the Horizon 2020 Framework Programme for Research and Innovation. Such action is a recognized career booster for experienced researchers, who develop innovative ideas through an intense collaboration with their Supervisor at the Host Institution, benefit from periods of mobility and enjoy very fair and favourable working conditions.

If you are a motivated researcher willing to compete for an MSCA-IF with the University of Padua as your working base, do not miss the chance to participate in the MSCA MaRaThoN@Unipd.

We offer you a detailed presentation of MSCA-IF and support you in writing and implementing a successful proposal. Invited experts and experienced MSC evaluators will provide specific advice and useful tips on how to best draft and communicate your project.
MSCA MaRaThoN@University of Padua - How to apply

Please note that the course is entirely held in English. The following application conditions apply.

Applicants
The course is open to 40 participants. There are no age or nationality restrictions.
In order to be admitted to the MSCA MaRaThoN, candidates must meet the following requirements:
- possess a PhD or have at least four years of full-time equivalent research experience (at the MSCA-IF closing date: 9 September 2020);
- comply with the MSCA mobility rule;
- commit to compete in the forthcoming MSCA-IF 2020 Call for applications and choose the University of Padua as Host Institution for their project.

Application process
Candidates interested in participating in the MSCA MaRaThoN must submit the following documents by email to: mariecurie.marathon@unipd.it
- Application form
- CV guidelines
- 1 page proposal
- Letter of acceptance duly signed by a Supervisor and his/her Head of Department at the University of Padua
- Researcher’s Declaration of Commitment
- A copy of valid ID or passport.
Templates are available for download on the MaRaThoN web page: http://www.unipd.it/en/msca-marathon20
Applicants will be notified by e-mail about the receipt of their application and selection results.

Submission deadline: 21 April 2020 at 1:00 p.m. (Italian time zone)

Participation costs
No participation costs are foreseen for selected participants. The course will be held entirely online. A stable internet connection is needed (internet connection costs are at the participants’ expense).

Selection procedure and results
Selection of participants will be based on their CV and research track record. The consistency between the candidate’s research interests and the University of Padua research teams, as well as the project feasibility will also be considered.
Please note that the letter of acceptance signed by the Supervisor (and his/her Head of Department) at the University of Padua is compulsory. No applicants will be admitted to the MSCA MaRaThoN without a local Supervisor.
Selection results will be notified to all applicants by e-mail no later than 30 April 2020.

If you are not funded but receive the MSCA Seal of Excellence...
In case you choose the University of Padua as your Host Institution within the MSCA-IF 2020 Call and your project is not selected for funding, but the European Commission awards you the “Seal of Excellence – MSC Actions”, our University offers you an alternative funding under the MSCA Seal of Excellence@University of Padua programme. Once the Seal of Excellence is issued, you may apply for a grant of 50,000 Euros per project year (covering an employment contract and a 10,000 Euros budget for research, networking and training activities). The University of Padua is the first University supporting SoE projects; learn more about our Programme: http://www.unipd.it/en/msca-seal-excellence.

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