

MSCA MaRaThoN@University of Padua
Master your Research and Training Needs
20-22 May 2026, University of Padua, Italy

GOOGLE FORM APPLICATION GUIDELINES

These Guidelines are a tool we suggest you read carefully as to properly fill in the MaRaThoN@Unipd 2026 Application Form: <https://forms.gle/koAyPHMTKkRThHb96>

SECTION 1

Please enter the *e-mail* of the Applicant: this e-mail address will be used to share all the communications regarding the MSCA MaRaThoN@Unipd 2026.

SECTION 2 – APPLICANT’S INFORMATION

You will be asked to enter the following data:

- a) Gender (Woman/Man/Non binary)**
- b) Name of the Applicant**
- c) Family Name of the Applicant**
- d) Nationality**
- e) Date of birth**
- f) Country of residence**
- g) Passport number (or national ID, for EU candidates)**

SECTION 3 – ABOUT YOUR FELLOWSHIP

Please enter the following data:

- h) Type of Grant (choose between “European Fellowship” and “Global Fellowship”)**
 - *European Postdoctoral Fellowships* are open to researchers of any nationality who wish to engage in R&I projects at the University of Padua. They can last between 12 and 24 months.

- *Global Postdoctoral Fellowships* are open to European nationals or long-term residents¹ who wish to engage in R&I projects with organizations outside EU Member States and Horizon Europe Associated Countries. These fellowships require an outgoing phase of max. 24 months in a non-associated Third Country and a mandatory 12-month return phase to a Host Department at the University of Padua.

i) Proposed MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships (PF) PROJECT TITLE

The project title is not final and may be amended.

j) Proposed MSCA- PF PROJECT ACRONYM

The Acronym is a word formed by abbreviating and by combining certain letters of the title of your project. The acronym is provisional and may be amended eventually.

k) Estimated duration of the project (number of months)

- *European Fellowships*: the standard duration of these fellowships must be between 12 and 24 months;
- *Global Fellowships*: these fellowships require an outgoing phase of minimum 12 and maximum 24 months in a non-associated Third Country and a mandatory 12-month return phase to the University of Padua.

l) Name and Surname of Supervisor at Unipd

m) Department at Unipd that will host the research

n) Name of the Partner Institution in a Third Country

For Global Fellowships only, if you are applying for a European Fellowship, please write "N.A."

o) MSCA Scientific Panels

In Postdoctoral Fellowships, proposals will be evaluated by one of eight 'main evaluation panels'. Please choose one among: Chemistry (CHE), Social Sciences and Humanities (SOC), Economic Sciences (ECO), Information Science and Engineering (ENG), Environment and Geosciences (ENV), Life Sciences (LIF), Mathematics (MAT), Physics (PHY).

SECTION 4 – ELIGIBILITY CHECK

Research experience:

¹ Long-term residence means a period of legal and continuous residence within EU Member States or Horizon Europe Associated Countries of at least five consecutive years.

At the call deadline, researchers must have a maximum of 8 year full-time equivalent experience in research, measured from the date of the doctoral degree. Years of experience outside research and career breaks will not count towards the amount of research experience.

Mobility rule:

Recruited researchers must not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in Italy (for European Postdoctoral Fellowships), or the host organization for the outgoing phase (for Global Postdoctoral Fellowships) for more than 12 months in the 36 months immediately before the call deadline.

For researchers wishing to reintegrate from a third country, there must be a direct mobility to an EU Member State or Horizon Europe Associated Country. More information on the European Commission Funding & Tender opportunities portal.

p) Date of PhD Award

Fellows must be postdoctoral researchers at the date of the call deadline, i.e. in a possession of a doctoral degree². Applicants who have successfully defended their doctoral thesis but who have not yet formally been awarded the doctoral degree will also be considered as postdoctoral researchers and will be considered eligible to apply.

q) Career breaks (starting from the date of PhD award)

Please LIST the DATES of any career breaks (FROM dd/mm/aaaa -TO dd/mm/aaaa) and the REASON thereof (paternity/maternity leave, unemployment....).

E.g.

1. 13/07/2019 - 12/07/2020 for maternity leave;
2. 02/03/2022 – 03/03/2023 unemployed.

r) Experience outside research (starting from the date of PhD award)

Please LIST the dates of any Experience outside research (FROM dd/mm/aaaa -TO dd/mm/aaaa) and the REASON thereof (work as a teacher, ...).

E.g.

1. 08/12/2021 - 02/03/2022 worked for a private company;
2. 5/3/2022 – 14/09/2023 work as a teacher.

s) Experience in research in a Third Country (Non-EU Countries) (starting from the date of PhD award)

Please LIST the dates of your employment (FROM dd/mm/aaaa -TO dd/mm/aaaa) and the employer INSTITUTION.

E.g.

1. 01/01/2021 - 01/04/2022 at the Georgetown University – USA;
2. 05/05/2022 – 06/06/2022 at the University of Sydney – Australia.

² A medical doctor degree will be accepted only when it corresponds to a doctoral degree or if the researcher can demonstrate his/her appointment in a position that requires doctoral equivalency (e.g. professorship appointment). Medical doctor degrees corresponding to basic medical training as defined in Annex V of Directive 2005/36/EC will not be considered a doctoral degree.

t) Country (ies) in which you have legally resided and/or had your main activity (work, studies, etc) **during the last 5 years** (from 9 Sept 2021 to 9 Sept 2026, the whole period, according to the mobility rule of MSCA-PF)

Please LIST the dates of your stay (FROM dd/mm/aaaa -TO dd/mm/aaaa) and the COUNTRY.

Note: In case of remote work performed from country A for an employer located in country B, please specify both (e.g. 09/09/2021 – 01/07/2022 resided in Italy, working remotely for an Institution based in Spain).

E.g.

1. 09/09/2021 – 31/12/2021 resided in India, working remotely for University of Padua (Italy);
2. 01/01/2022- 01/07/2022 Italy;
3. 02/07/2022 - 02/02/2023 India;
4. 03/02/2023 – 09/09/2025 Italy.

u) Resubmission: Has your project proposal (or a very similar one) been submitted in the past 2 years in response to a call for proposals under any EU programme?

Please specify the year of the call(s), the proposal evaluation(s) and the Host Institution.

E.g.

2024, 79%, Unipd; 2025, 84%, Unipd.

SECTION 5 – COMPULSORY ATTACHMENTS

In this section applicants must submit the following documents, properly filled in and signed.

You can find all templates at this page: <https://www.unipd.it/msca-marathon26>

1. Curriculum Vitae

Please edit your CV using the guidelines provided

2. Short proposal

Max. 8000 characters

3. Researcher's Commitment

4. Supervisor's Acceptance Letter

Applicants **must contact a Supervisor at the University of Padua and ask for an official declaration of support** (the “Supervisor’s Acceptance Letter”). The acceptance Letter should be signed by both the supervisor and the Head of the Host Department.

5. Copy of valid passport or national ID (for EU candidates)

SECTION 6 – FINAL REQUIREMENTS

To apply for the MSCA MaRaThoN@Unipd 2026 you are asked to confirm you meet eligibility criteria established for the MSCA-PF 2026 call and authorize the University of Padua to handle your personal data in compliance with the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR, 27.04.2016 no. 679). A complete version of the University information notice on processing of personal data is available at <http://www.unipd.it/en/privacy>.