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1. **Save the Date: KOWI National Info Day at JMU on 6 July 2020 – Marie-S.-Curie Individual Fellowships**

The University of Würzburg will host a national info day by KOWI, the European Liaison Office of the German Research Organisations, on **6 July 2020**. Representatives from KOWI and the Research Executive Agency will provide programme and background information about the **European Marie-Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowships (MSCA IF)**.

MSCA fellowships are open to postdoctoral researchers from all disciplines planning to boost their careers by working abroad. Calls for MSCA fellowships are issued once a year and the next deadline for applications is 9 September 2020.

MSCA Website: [https://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/actions/individual-fellowships_en](https://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/actions/individual-fellowships_en)

Link to: open call

Further information on the Würzburg event on 6 July will follow soon – please save the date!

**We would also like to invite current or former MSCA evaluators to share their experience with us at the event on 6 July. Please contact us if you are interested:**

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2. **BaCaTec: Bavaria-California High-Tech Initiative**

With the help of the Bavaria California Technology Center (BaCaTeC), the Free State of Bavaria supports cooperation between Scientists in Bayern and California within the “High-Tech Initiative Future Bavaria”. The activities of BaCaTeC are focused in the high-tech fields of **life sciences, new materials, information and communications technologies, environmental technology and mechanical engineering**. The initial funding provided by BaCaTeC will mainly cover travel expenses. The upper limit of financial support from BaCaTeC is **€ 10,000 per project** (partial funding). **The next deadline for applications will be on 15 April 2020.**


3. **Initiating International Cooperations: BayIntAn Travel Funds**

The Bavarian Funding Programme for the initiation of international projects (BayIntAn) provides assistance for establishing and strengthening scientific cooperation between scientists at Bavarian state and state-supported non-state universities and international research institutes. The objective of the programme is to further strengthen Bavaria as a centre for science and innovation by promoting international scientific cooperation. Bavarian researchers can apply for **up to €10,000** (partial funding) for travel to international project partners. **The next deadlines for BayIntAn will be on 10 March and 9 June 2020.**


Please also note the university’s internal procedure for BayIntAn proposals: [https://www.uni-wuerzburg.de/sft/forschungsfoerderung/anbahnungsfinanzierung-bayintan/](https://www.uni-wuerzburg.de/sft/forschungsfoerderung/anbahnungsfinanzierung-bayintan/)

The Sft will be happy to assist you with your application. Please contact us at angela.esgen@uni-wuerzburg.de or anna.rosenfeldt@uni-wuerzburg.de.

4. **Open Calls in Horizon 2020 with deadlines from May – December 2020, relevant for all disciplines**

**Future and Emerging Technologies (FET):**

- **FET-Open (Future and Emerging Technologies) Challenging Current Thinking** (RIA): 13 May 2020
- **FET Innovation Launchpad** (CSA): 14 October 2020
- **FET Proactive: emerging paradigms and communities** (RIA): 23 June 2020
- **Environmental Intelligence** (RIA): 23 June 2020
- **Quantum Flagship - ERA-NET Cofund**: 7 May 2020

**European Research Council (ERC):**

- **Call for proposals for ERC Proof of Concept Grant** (for ERC grantholders): 23 April and 17 September 2020

IA = Innovation Action, RIA = Research and Innovation Action, CSA = Coordination and Support Action
• ERC Advanced Grant: Call is not open yet, deadline will be on 26 August 2020. More info: https://erc.europa.eu/funding/advanced-grants

Marie Sklodowska Curie Actions (MSCA):

• Co-funding of regional, national and international programmes (doctoral programmes, fellowship programmes): 29 September 2020
• Individual Fellowships: 9 September 2020

Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation:

• Widening Fellowships: MSCA IF fellowships in „widening countries“ (Albania, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Faroe Islands, FYR of Macedonia, Georgia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Tunisia, Turkey and Ukraine), Deadline: 9 September 2020

For all other open and forthcoming calls (specific to disciplines):
Please be aware that the following links include all open calls, also those with deadlines in March or April 2020. We are happy to support your search for suitable calls, please get in touch.

• Industrial leadership
• Information and communication technologies
• Nanotechnologies, advanced materials, advanced manufacturing and processing, biotechnology
• Space
• Health, demographic change and well-being
• Secure, clean and efficient energy
• Smart, green and integrated transport
• Climate action, environment, resource efficiency and raw materials
• Europe in a changing world - inclusive, innovative and reflective societies
• Secure societies – protecting freedom and security of Europe and its citizens