

Eligible Researchers

Cryoschool is designed for providing training to young researchers who are preparing a PhD, or having recently completed a PhD. Senior researchers can also apply, under restrictive conditions. For more details, please read carefully the explanations below.

Selection priorities:

It should be stressed that the organisers will give **priority to Early-stage researchers** when selecting the eligible researchers to attend an event.

The candidates must justify a real interest and their specific need for training in advanced cryogenics (letters of support from their University and Research institutions, for instance).

Experience criteria:

On the basis of the specific eligibility criteria for researchers in a Marie Curie Series of Events, **eligible researchers for SCF can be divided into 3 groups according to their level of experience:**

“This action will primarily be directed at early stage researchers. More experienced researchers will also be able to benefit from this action where the possibilities offered in the contract are not used for early stage researchers. Researchers with more than 10 years of research experience (full-time equivalent), counting from the time the degree/diploma was obtained giving access to embark on a doctorate in the country where it was awarded, will not be eligible for support, except in the case of researchers who are nationals of Member States, or Associated States active outside these states at the time of an event: these researchers shall be eligible, so that they may establish or strengthen links with the European research community (contact building effect for the transfer of knowledge).”

Marie Curie Handbook - Work Programme section 2.3.1.4

Thus, **the 3 groups of eligible researchers are:**

Group 1 Early Stage Researchers;

Group 2 Experienced Researchers with up to 10 years of experience;

Group 3 Experienced Researchers with more than 10 years of experience, who are nationals of Member States or Associated States and active outside these states at the time of the event (for contact-building effect).

The level of research experience :

Under the Marie Curie Actions, the different career pathways of researchers are taken into account by the adoption of new definitions that attach more importance to their research experience than simply their age.

Once a researcher has obtained a diploma that gives access to doctoral studies in the country in which the diploma was obtained (without having to acquire any further qualifications) the “clock” starts ticking. In the event that a researcher has taken a break from their research career for whatever reason (e.g. working outside research, family reasons, etc.), then the clock is stopped and only starts once they resume their research career.

“Early-stage researchers are defined as researchers in the first 4 years (fulltime equivalent) of their research activity, including the period of research training.

The reference period to qualify for an early stage training activity:

- is counted from the diploma giving access to doctoral studies (the degree must entitle the holder to embark on doctoral studies, without having to acquire any further qualifications) in the country in which the diploma was obtained,

- covers the first 4 years of experience in research or the period until a doctoral degree is obtained, whichever is shorter. Persons who have obtained a doctorate are ineligible for the early stage actions, independently of the time taken to acquire it.”

“Experienced researchers are defined as:

- i) researchers having at least 4 years of research experience (full-time equivalent) since gaining a university diploma giving them access to doctoral studies (the degree must entitle the holder to embark on doctoral studies, without having to acquire any further qualifications), in the country in which the degree/diploma was obtained or*
- ii) ii) researchers already in possession of a doctoral degree, independently of the time taken to acquire it.”*

Work Programme (section 2.5.3)