

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions at the University of Graz (Austria)

Seal of Excellence position – a second chance

The MSCA PF program is very competitive and so the European Commission grants so called Seal of Excellence (SoE) to applicants who receive a very good evaluation (min.85%) but still don't get funded.

However, this SoE does not come along with any further support or funding. Yet, many young PostDocs are dependent on funding to be able to stay in academia and get the chance for a resubmission. Therefore, the University of Graz supplies up to three PostDoc positions to bridge the funding gap.

The ranking criteria for the positions are the following:

-) Eligibility and willingness for a resubmission (no more than 8 years full time equivalent of research at the next deadline and still fulfilling the mobility rule) and continuous approval of the mentor
-) Scoring in relation to the cut-off for funding of the respective panel

Set-Up of the position:

-) The position can be started at the earliest on the 1st of April (as the MSCA PF fellowship) after the announcement of the results. Regardless of the starting date it will run until the 31st of March of the following year (enabling a seamless transition from this position to a resubmitted MSCA PF fellowship) – regardless of the starting date.
-) It is a PostDoc position according to the collective agreement of the University of Graz (but without the MSCA benefits of a mobility allowance, family allowance, funding for trainings, travel costs or consumables).
-) The PostDoc is expected to resubmit an application to the MSCA PF program and other suitable funding programs. Else their tasks have to be aligned in accordance with the respective mentor with the underlying idea to strengthen their position (CV and collection of preliminary data) in academia and for grant applications.