

Center for Policy Studies, Central European University

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowships
Call for Expressions of Interest

****Policy and politics in times of crisis****

The **Center for Policy Studies** at **Central European University** (Budapest, Hungary) is searching for an experienced researcher of any nationality interested in developing a collaborative MSCA Individual Fellowship application within the European Commission's **Horizon 2020** scheme. Further information about the scheme and eligibility: [H2020-MSCA-IF-2018](#).

The goal of MSCA IF is to enhance the creative and innovative potential of experienced researchers (post-doctoral or with 4 years of equivalent research experience) wishing to diversify their individual competence in terms of skill acquisition through advanced training, international and potentially intersectoral mobility. The research proposal can cover 12-24 months in scope and the EU grant provides a salary allowance, as well as generous funds to cover living, travel, and family costs. The grant also provides coverage for research and fieldwork expenditures. Applicants may not have resided, worked, or studied in Hungary for more than 12 months in the 3 years prior to the call deadline (12/09/2015 - 12/09/2018). The researcher and mentor from CEU CPS will develop the project proposal jointly with the candidate, and the proposal will be submitted by CEU CPS as the host organization.

We are looking for experienced researchers interested to develop a project proposal in the field of ***policy and politics in times of crisis***:

- ***Struggles for social justice***
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- ***European governance of equality and social issues***
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- ***Social policy and welfare regimes***
Contacts: Julia Szalai (szalaij@ceu.edu), Vera Messing (messingv@ceu.edu)
- ***Territorial justice***
Contacts: Andrew Cartwright (cartwrighta@ceu.edu), Sara Svensson (svenssons@ceu.edu)

Researchers who wish to cooperate with CEU CPS for the submission of a project proposal under this scheme should check that they fulfil the respective eligibility criteria and then send the following materials by email to jakobsl@ceu.edu:

- Academic CV (with a list of publications);
- Outline/summary of their research proposal;
- A recently published article or book chapter;
- A short cover letter outlining how a Marie Skłodowska-Curie individual fellowship will advance their career.

The deadline for submission is June 17, 2018. Proposals will be pre-selected based on internal evaluation and the availability of suitable mentoring/supervision. Candidates will be informed of the results of the pre-selection by **June 25, 2018**. The CEU CPS will support two candidates and help develop a project proposal. Submission deadline for the MSC Actions: **September 12, 2018**.

Central European University (CEU) is an internationally recognized, non-state institution of post-graduate education in social sciences and humanities accredited in the United States and Hungary. Founded in 1991 at a time when revolutionary changes in Central and Eastern Europe, CEU is based on the premise that human fallibility can be counterbalanced by the critical discussion of ideas and that this critical spirit can be sustained best in societies where citizens have the freedom to scrutinize competing theories and openly evaluate and change government policies. With approximately 1,400 students and 370 faculty members from more than 130 countries, CEU is one of the most densely international universities in the world. Its rare mix of nationalities, ethnicities, and cultures creates an ideal environment for examining such “open society” subjects as emerging democracies, transitional economies, media freedom, nationalism, human rights, gender equality and the rule of law.

Center for Policy Studies (CPS) is an academic unit within CEU dedicated to analyzing public policy. In recent years CPS has increasingly focused its policy research on various inequality grounds including ethnicity, gender, and disability; policies for social inclusion and integration of minorities, migrants, and refugees; labour relations and employment conditions of vulnerable groups; territorial justice. With 7 core staff members and additional 12 research staff, as well as 12 external affiliates, CPS pursues research projects that are applied, interdisciplinary and comparative in nature. Research is conducted using both quantitative and qualitative methods. Usually carried out in teams, the objective is to use perspectives and insights from a range of social science disciplines to investigate contemporary public problems. The CEU Center for Policy Studies has become a university research center that combines teaching and research, and occasionally acts as a university-based think tank managing topical platforms, monitoring social policy, and providing academic research support to policy innovations (<http://cps.ceu.edu>).