WHAT IS EUTOPIA-SIF?

EUTOPIA-SIF is an international post-doctoral fellowship program funded by the H2020 MSCA-COFUND scheme and the six partner institutions of EUTOPIA European University.

EUTOPIA-SIF’s vocation is to train the next generation of high-profile scientists by offering attractive recruitment conditions and excellent career development perspectives for young top-level researchers within an international, multi-institutional and interdisciplinary academic environment.

Each EUTOPIA-SIF fellowship will be hosted by one of the universities of the EUTOPIA Alliance and co-hosted by a second university for a compulsory secondment of 2-6 months.

WHY APPLY?

You will have the opportunity to develop your post-doctoral research project in a stimulating academic environment with the support of a senior academic supervisor and to access an extensive training program for the development of transferable skills as well as career counselling.

EUTOPIA-SIF will allow you to enhance your interdisciplinary experience in one of five Key Research Areas in interaction with your EUTOPIA-SIF fellowship peers. International and inter-sectoral experience are central to the two compulsory secondment periods; one in your co-host university and a second in an external non-academic or academic partner institution.

Offered salary and benefits are highly competitive.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Recognised Researchers (stage 2 in the EURAXESS definition, https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/jobs/search), PhD holders or equivalent, of any nationality, complying with the MSCA-COFUND mobility rule. No seniority condition applies; however, candidates cannot have a permanent research position.

EUTOPIA-SIF contributes to the overarching ambition of the EUTOPIA Alliance to strengthen Europe’s human capital base. As such, it fosters the academic development of young, high-profile scientists and enables them to produce tangible research impact through innovation and entrepreneurship.

EUTOPIA-SIF fellows will prove their capacity to address major social challenges through the five Key Research Areas, as academic experts with an interdisciplinary approach, interacting with a vast network of academic and non-academic partners.

THE BENEFITS FOR EUTOPIA-SIF FELLOWS

2-year employment contract as a Marie Skłodowska-Curie COFUND fellow at one of the EUTOPIA universities, with a monthly average gross salary of 4,349 € and a supplementary budget for research and travel expenses.

Full academic freedom to pursue your research project in the state-of-the-art infrastructures of EUTOPIA research centres and a stimulating interdisciplinary and international academic community.

International and inter-sectoral mobility through secondment periods, at the fellow’s EUTOPIA-SIF co-host university and with an external secondment host (international academic institution or non-academic partner).

Extensive training program including transferable skills development, such as academic leadership, and active career mentoring by senior academic supervisors.

Attractive living conditions and high quality of life offered by the local environments of all EUTOPIA universities. Each university will actively support fellows and their families for mobility-related queries.
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Proposals for the EUTOPIA-SIF program 2021 must be submitted online via the dedicated application platform: www.eutopia.smapply.io

Applications will be assessed on their scientific quality, experience and prior results of the candidate, feasibility and potential impact of the proposal, and the candidate’s career development perspective as a EUTOPIA-SIF fellow, through a rigorous two-stage selection process including an external review of all eligible proposals by renowned experts and interviews with short-listed candidates.

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Candidates must select at least one Key Research Area linked to their research proposal. They are invited to put emphasis on the interdisciplinary dimension of their project. Applications of fellows from the Art and Humanities are welcomed in connection with the above-mentioned Key Research Areas.

The deadline for submission is 11 January 2021, 13:00 CET

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The EUTOPIA-SIF programme is managed by CY Cergy Paris Université on behalf of the EUTOPIA Alliance.

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