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The following information is about *Marie Curie Action: “Industry-Academia Partnerships and Pathways” (IAPP)* which is open to interested researchers from third countries.

This action seeks to open and foster dynamic pathways between public research organisations and private commercial enterprises, in particular SMEs, based on longer term co-operation programmes of both the industrial and academic sectors.

The action is implemented between at least two organisations, one from each sector and from at least two different Member States or Associated countries.

Participants under this action are on the one hand, one or more universities/research centres and on the other, one or more enterprises, in particular SMEs, that propose a project based on a joint cooperation programme.

Support is provided for the creation, development, reinforcement and execution of strategic partnerships aimed at knowledge sharing and inter-sector mobility, based on targeted human resources interaction. Such partnership can be co-ordinated either by an industrial or an academic participant.

Exchange of research staff can be for *early-stage* or *experienced researchers'* level and can also include technical and research managerial staff. To be eligible for exchange, staff members of a participant institution must have been active continuously for at least 1 year (full time equivalent) at that institution. The support granted to eligible researchers will be for periods of between two months to 2 years.

Researchers must be nationals of a Member State, Associated country or *third country*. Above the minimum of organisation in the consortia, the participation of *third countries* and of international organisations is foreseen under the conditions provided by the Rules for Participation.

Eligible expenses for the activities carried out by the researchers:

- Monthly living allowance: €1,500 - €4,300 per month (depending on the category of researchers and what kind of employment contract/fellowship has been chosen within the national legislation);
- Monthly mobility allowance: €500 - €800 per month (depending on the family situation of the researcher);
- Travel allowances: €250 - €2,500 per year (depending on the direct distance between the place of origin and the host institution of the researcher, up to 10,000 km);
- Fixed amount of EUR 2 000 for each researcher with a stay of at least one year.

Eligible expenses for the activities carried out by the host organizations:

- Contribution for the execution of the training project (publication of vacant positions, internal joint training actions, teaching material, etc) and contribution to the expenses related to the coordination between participants; contribution for the organisation of international conferences, workshops and events open to participants outside the network;
- Small equipment expenses up to a maximum of 10% of the total contribution to the SME participant;
- Management activities (including audit certificate); and contribution to overheads.

More information can be found at the CORDIS web-page: http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/people/industry-academia_en.html.

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