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Hosting offer for Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellowships (PF) 2022 at University of Bremen / Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences (BIGSSS)

[MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships](#) are individual research grants offering excellent postdoctoral researchers the chance to develop their skills by means of international mobility. Through the implementation of an original and personalised research project, MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships aim to foster excellence through training and mobility and to equip researchers with new skills and competences in order to identify solutions to current and future challenges.

The Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences (BIGSSS) at the University of Bremen invites motivated postdoctoral researchers to jointly prepare an application for the [Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellowships](#) call ([MSCA-PF-2022](#)) with them as host organisation.

[The Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences \(BIGSSS\)](#) is one of Germany's leading schools of doctoral training in the social sciences. Today, BIGSSS hosts 80 fellows from about 30 countries. It is an interuniversity institution of the University of Bremen and Jacobs University Bremen. Until today, more than 200 fellows graduated with dissertations in political science, sociology, and psychology, or neighboring disciplines. The graduate school also hosts and closely works with postdoctoral researchers.

BIGSSS is thoroughly integrated into a high-level social science research landscape at the University of Bremen and [Jacobs University Bremen](#), with faculty from all associated institutes playing an important role in teaching and research. The "[Research Center on Inequality and Social Policy](#)" (SOCIUM), founded in 2015, unites sociologists, political scientists, and health economists into a unique research unit that tackles research questions at the intersection of social inequality and social policy. [The Collaborative Research Centre 1342 "Global Dynamics of Social Policy"](#), funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG) since January 2018, examines public social policy in a global and historical perspective. BIGSSS' internationally oriented social science relies on close ties with the [Research Center for Integration and Social Cohesion \(RISC\)](#), the [Deutsches Institut für Interdisziplinäre Sozialpolitikforschung](#) (DIFIS), the "[Institute for International and Intercultural Studies](#)" (InIIS), and the "[Research Centre for East European Studies](#)", the latter two comprising predominantly political scientists who focus on international relations.

BIGSSS is founded upon the core disciplines of political science, sociology and psychology. A key asset of BIGSSS' English language academic and research program is its interdisciplinarity, also integrating bordering social science disciplines and a broad spectrum from quantitative to qualitative methods. Given the complex intertwining of multiple inequalities, new political cleavages, technological changes, and environmental challenges in the early 21st century, "The Challenges of Social and Political Integration" might serve as an appropriate overarching title for working at BIGSSS. Our academic program aims to investigate the responses of individual and collective actors to these challenges and the manifold crises of social and political integration. In doing so, we seek not only to complement, but also to

integrate and further develop the research agendas that are being pursued in Bremen, thereby serving as a focal point where new perspectives can be explored.

Click here for a list of [faculty members](#).

Your profile

- For the MSCA postdoctoral programme, we seek candidates with strong research and academic abilities in political science, sociology, or psychology. Potential candidates with a degree in related social science disciplines are also welcome.
- You must have a completed PhD at the time of the call deadline (14 September 2022).
- Candidates must have a maximum of 8 years full-time research experience from the PhD award date until September 14, 2022. Periods of inactivity in research (e.g. unemployment, periods of employment outside research, parental or sick leave) do not count towards the time of research experience.
- For European fellowships, candidates can be of any nationality and must not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in Germany for more than 12 months in the 36 months immediately before September 14, 2022.
- Highly motivated candidate with an excellent research track record appropriate to career stage, as evidenced by academic publications and other scientific output.

What we offer

- Support and guidance for the preparation of your MSCA PF proposal, backed by the expertise of the Funding Advisory Service at the University of Bremen
- A stimulating, interdisciplinary environment for high-level social science research.
- Close collaboration with highly committed international doctoral students and integration into a broad-based international network of [leading social science research institutions](#).

How to apply?

Indicate your interest by contacting the host institution as follows:

Please contact [Dr. Christian Peters](#) by email with a short CV and motivation to indicate your interest to prepare a MSCA-PF application with the Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences. Please name a potential supervisor/mentor from our faculty list and indicate which research project(s) you are currently working on and also indicate the one(s) you want to deepen during the MSCA PF.

After the supervisor agrees to support you as a MSCA-PF candidate, you can start preparation of MSCA PF project proposal and will be supported further by the Funding Advisory Service of the host university.

For more information, please contact the MSCA coordinator of the host institution:

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