



Hosting offer for Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellowships (PF) 2022 at University of Cyprus / Cyprus Acquisition Team

[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.

University of Cyprus / Cyprus Acquisition Team (CAT) invites motivated postdoctoral researchers to jointly prepare an application for the [MSCA-PF-2022 call Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellowships](#) call ([MSCA-PF-2022](#)) with them as host organisation.

Description of Hosting organisation/group

At the CAT Lab, the Cyprus Acquisition Team explores language acquisition and development, with emphasis on English, Greek, and Russian. CAT is engaged in all kinds of research activities pertaining to first and second language acquisition in monolingual and bilingual typically developing and language-impaired children aged from around 2 to 7 years. We are also investigating older children and teenagers for particular aspects of language.

Some of the areas we have worked on are:

- first language acquisition of Cypriot Greek by monolingual typically developing children
- first language acquisition of Cypriot Greek by children with language impairment
- (first or second) language acquisition by bilingual and multilingual children
- second language acquisition by children, adolescents, and adults alike
- developmental differences between Cypriot and Standard Greek
- language development in Russian-Cypriot Greek bilinguals

The research conducted at the CAT Lab covers a wide range of topics: lightverbhood, narratives, non-word narratives, present perfect, quantifiers, relatives clauses, scalar implicatures, tense, wh-questions and clefts.

Members of the CAT Lab meet regularly at the fully equipped lab space provided to work on your research project with monthly presentations and readings discussions. The lab offers a place to collect data, to work on computer equipment, and to engage with other members in a collaborative atmosphere.

Link to the webpage of the Cyprus Acquisition Team:

<http://research.biolinguistics.eu/CAT/research.html>

Topics/expertise

The Cyprus Acquisition Team welcomes applications in any of the following areas in linguistics employing or combining different methodologies in any language that the applicant specializes in:

- syntax, semantics, morphology or pragmatics (bibliography-based or experimental)
- first language acquisition
- second or third language acquisition
- multilingualism, bilingualism, bilingualism, and diglossia
- sociolinguistic aspects of language development
- neurolinguistic or clinical aspects of language development
- endangered languages and fieldwork practices

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- Expected qualifications/expertise of the candidate:
 - Please specify the required PhD degrees if applicable :
Candidates should have a PhD title before embarking on a project, however we encourage applicants to express interest early, even before the completion of their PhD. Any PhD program offering partial or complete training in linguistics, languages, language disorders, philology, neurology, or brain studies or PhD titles combining any of these or other related areas are eligible to apply.
- 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 Cyprus 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
 - Feedback for the preparation of your application, proofreading, and editing
 - Online regular meetings during the preparation stage
 - Resources for proposal writing
 - Collaboration and guidance throughout the process

How to apply?

Indicate your interest by contacting the host institution as follows:

Please contact Kleanthes K. Grohmann (kleanthi@ucy.ac.cy) by email with a short CV and motivation to indicate your interest to prepare a MSCA-PF application with a supervisor at the Cyprus Acquisition Team.

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 Research Support Office of the host university.

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

1. Prof. Kleanthes K. Grohmann, kleanthi@ucy.ac.cy
2. Research Support Services, rss@ucy.ac.cy.