

Call for candidates Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellowships 2026

(Apply by July 1st, 2026)

Are you a talented and ambitious postdoc thinking about your next career move? The Engineering Management research group (Faculty of Business and Economics - University of Antwerp, Belgium) invites expressions of interest from researchers interested in submitting a high-quality Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellowship proposal in the broad area of Engineering Management, with the Engineering Management Department as a host.

Who are we?

The [University of Antwerp](#) is a university in Belgium with about 20.000 students and 6.200 staff members in 9 faculties. The university is a strong research university with more than 3.650 scientific papers per year and ranks fifth in the ranking of young universities (Times Higher Education Millennials).

The mission of the [ENGINEERING MANAGEMENT research group](#) can be summarized as 'doing cutting-edge research on

- Explainable AI, see [research group ADM](#)
- Metaheuristics and OR, see [research group ANT/OR](#)
- Techno-sustainability assessment and environmental economics, see [research group EnvEcon](#)

Members of the research group are encouraged to do academic work that matches the high-quality standards in terms of conferences and international peer-reviewed journals with high impact.

Our offer?

We invite expressions of interest for proposals to undertake postdoctoral research in the area of our fields. Please check our website and the overview of supervisory capacity in the annex below for our specific expertise. We will provide support and guidance to develop those proposals that we judge to be promising. In developing your proposal, you will be able to rely on your supervisor for the necessary support. The Grants Office provides administrative support, an MSCA starter pack and a dedicated training on 'Preparing for a Horizon Europe MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowship'.

About the MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowship scheme and your profile

With a budget of €399.05 million, this call enhances the creative and innovative potential of researchers holding a PhD and wishing to acquire new skills through advanced training, international, interdisciplinary and inter-sectoral mobility. The funding is available to researchers ready to pursue frontier research and innovation projects in Europe and worldwide.

An MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowship implies that a researcher travels to an institution in another country (host), where he/she works with a supervisor to deliver a specific research project. European Postdoctoral Fellowships must last between 12 and 24 months. Global Postdoctoral Fellowships must last between 24 and 36 months (12 to 24 months for the outgoing phase, outside Europe, and 12 months for the return phase, back to Europe). The salary consists of a combined living, mobility and family allowance.

We expect candidates to be promising, innovative researchers with **an excellent track record** appropriate to career stage, as evidenced by academic publications and other scientific output. Only expressions of interest that meet the following MSCA eligibility criteria will be considered:

- You must have completed a PhD at the time of the call deadline (9 September 2026).
- You can only apply up to eight years after the completion of your PhD (excluding experience outside research and career breaks (e.g. due to parental leave)).

- You must not have resided or worked in Belgium for more than 12 months during the three years up to the call deadline.

The 2026 call will be launched on 9 April 2026, with a **deadline on 9 September 2026**. Please ensure that you consult the [MSCA website](#) and the [European Commission's Online Portal](#) for further details on the call.

Apply

To be considered applying with the department of Engineering Management (University of Antwerp) as host institution, you should supply the following in one PDF file:

- A 2-page project proposal, including the name of the department of Engineering Management supervisor and the type of fellowship (European or Global) you envision for the project
- A 2-page CV, including your full name, contact details, current position and institution, highest degree obtained and date of award, name of the institution conferring the degree, etc.
- Name and contact details of 2 references (who can testify about your academic skills)

Send in your application by July 1st 2026 to david.martens@uantwerpen.be (ADM), kenneth.sorensen@uantwerpen.be (ANT/OR) or philippe.nimmegeers@uantwerpen.be (EnvEcon) or one of the other professors of the department of Engineering Management.

Expressions of interest will be assessed by the envisioned supervisor, in consultation with the other members of the department of Engineering Management. The most promising applicant(s) based on the strength of CVs and proposals in relation to the MSCA award criteria will be provided with further guidance and support for the purpose of submitting a full MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowship application with the department of Engineering Management (University of Antwerp) as host. You will be notified of our decision on your application by July 7, 2026.

Contact

For further enquiries, contact Prof. Dr. David Martens (david.martens@uantwerpen.be) or one of the professors of the department of Engineering Management