

Marie Curie Funding

The Council is pleased to advise that it has been successful in securing Marie Curie funding for a new postdoctoral Fellowship programme. We anticipate the first Call to open for applications in **September 2016**.

The programme is entitled CAROLINE – ‘Collaborative Research Fellowships for a Responsive and Innovative Europe’. 50 Fellowships over two Calls are proposed.

Inter-sectoral exposure will be key to the new programme. CAROLINE will aim to attract experienced researchers from any discipline to conduct research relevant to the overarching theme of global sustainable development as set out under the United Nations 2030 Agenda for shared economic prosperity, social development, and environmental protection, and that involves collaboration between the academic sector and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) or international organisations (IOs).

There will be two types of Fellowships under CAROLINE:

International Fellowships (Three Years)

Researchers awarded with an International Fellowship will spend the first two years at a partner NGO or IO outside Ireland, with a mandatory return year at a Research Performing Organisation in Ireland, with the potential for additional local secondments to an NGO or IO.

Irish Fellowships (Two Years)

Researchers awarded with an Irish Fellowship will be hosted by a Research Performing Organisation in Ireland for two years, with mandatory secondments during this time to NGO or IO partners for research and/or training.

Preparations for the implementation of the programme are now underway, including reaching out to the IO and NGO community in Ireland and abroad to flag the programme and register expressions of interest. The Council engaged with the IO and NGO community in the development of the proposal and received strong support for and interest in hosting a Fellow as part of the programme.