**Marie Sklodowska-Curie Individual Fellowships**

**Call for Expressions of Interest**

Situated within the Department of Political Science/School of Public Policy, the [Global Governance Institute](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/global-governance) (GGI) invites expressions of interest from potential postdoctoral researchers to apply jointly with a supervisor from the GGI and the Department of Political Science to the European Commission’s MSCA Individual Fellowship scheme. Selected candidates will be hosted at GGI.

The UCL Global Governance Institute undertakes cross-disciplinary study of crucial governance ‘deficits’ in order to explore the nature of the problem, the processes, structures and institutions involved, and potential solutions. The Institute brings to bear the distinctive strengths of UCL on such an enterprise: namely, our ability to integrate disciplines that draw from both a material base (from disciplines such as engineering, clinical medicine, and the physical and natural sciences) and a social sciences and humanities perspective.

The GGI builds on UCL’s track record as a recognised global leader in cross-disciplinary scholarship and research. To this end, the Institute facilitates collaboration with colleagues from across UCL, as well as engages with policy-makers, practitioners, civil society and other actors to promote informed public debate on possible solutions to global societal challenges.

**Award**

[MSCA Individual Fellowships](https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/topics/msca-if-2018.html) support career development activities, mobility, and training within and beyond Europe for up to three years. The scheme guidance states: ‘The goal of the Individual Fellowships is to enhance the creative and innovative potential of experienced researchers, wishing to diversify their individual competence in terms of skill acquisition through advanced training, international and intersectoral mobility. Individual Fellowships provide opportunities to researchers of any nationality to acquire and transfer new knowledge and to work on research and innovation in Europe (EU Member States and Horizon 2020 Associated Countries) and beyond. The scheme particularly supports the return and (re)integration of European researchers from outside Europe and those who have previously worked here, as well as researchers displaced by conflict outside the EU and Horizon 2020 Associated Countries. It also promotes the career restart of individual researchers who show great potential’

The deadline for final submission to the European Commission is 12 September 2018**.** Expressions of interest should be submitted to GGI by 15 June 2018.

All expressions of interest must meet the eligibility criteria of the scheme, which can be found [here](http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/wp/2018-2020/main/h2020-wp1820-msca_en.pdf). Please note that Fellows must be experienced researchers (ER), at the date of the call deadline; or be in possession of a doctoral degree; or have at least four years of full-time equivalent research experience. Please also note that researchers may not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc) in the country of their host organisation for more than 12 months in the three years immediately before the call deadline.

**Research areas**

GGI is committed to making a significant contribution to the advancement of what remains an emergent field of scholarship and particularly welcomes expressions of interest in the following research themes:

* Global governance: enhancing analytical specification of a pluralising and increasingly complex global governance landscape, with particular attention to theorising the effects of global governance arrangements
* International organisations: systematic research on the inner workings of international organisations, regime complexes, and other state and non-state governance structures with a view to advancing explanation on the creation, maintenance and management of multi-level governance systems
* Integrative cross-thematic application: research which seeks to generate productive comparative insight across substantive governance domains, with particular priority given to [GGI thematic tracks](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/global-governance/research): human rights (global justice), global economy, global security, global environmental sustainability and global public policy.

We are particularly interested in scholarship which advances theorising towards explaining global governance outcomes across policy issue-area domains, with particular emphasis placed on agency and authority, a more forensic approach to the structural dimension of global governance, related normative questions concerning legitimacy, accountability, equity and fairness, as well as attempts to better integrate global governance research into diverse social science and other disciplines.

A potential supervisor should be identified among faculty at the [Department of Political Science](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/political-science), who have wide-ranging expertise across governance areas. The GGI is also able to advise on identifying potential supervisors across its network of cross-disciplinary faculty, including geography, health, climate, engineering, and laws, among others.

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Application materials should include the following:

* Research proposal summary of no more than three pages. This proposal should outline the main research question, research context, research methods and a brief project plan.
* Copy of your CV.
* Cover letter, outlining in particular how the proposed research links with GGIs wider research agenda.
* Please submit your expression of interest by email: [t.pegram@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:t.pegram@ucl.ac.uk), copying in [m.barbone@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:m.barbone@ucl.ac.uk), by 15 June 2018, 5pm.

Expressions of interest will be evaluated based on the quality of the research proposal and the EC’s eligibility criteria. Decisions will be communicated by 22 June 2018. The candidate(s) will then be invited to make a formal application with the UCL supervisor to the European Commission by the call’s actual deadline of 12 September 2018.