



# MSCA Ud'A Research Talent lab

Turning research ideas  
Into competitive MSCA-PF Proposals



"Gabriele d'Annunzio" University  
Chieti - Pescara



<b>Organising Institution:</b>	G. d'Annunzio University Chieti-Pescara
<b>Application deadline:</b>	<b>16 April 2026, 1:00 p.m. Italian time zone</b>
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<b>Online registration form:</b>	<a href="https://www.unich.it/form/ud-a-research-talent-lab-msca">https://www.unich.it/form/ud-a-research-talent-lab-msca</a>

## About the training programme

researchers preparing to apply for the **Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions – Postdoctoral Fellowships (MSCA-PF) 2026 call**, choosing **Ud'A as their Host Institution**.

The **MSCA-PF scheme**, funded under the **Horizon Europe (HE) Framework Programme for Research and Innovation**, is widely recognised as a **major career booster**. It enables researchers to pursue **ambitious scientific ideas** through close, structured collaboration with a **Supervisor at the selected Host Institution**, while benefiting from **international mobility**, exposure to **new research environments**, and **high-quality working conditions** that foster excellence and independence.

If you are an **ambitious researcher** aiming to submit a proposal for the **MSCA-PF 2026 call** with the **G. d'Annunzio University Chieti-Pescara** as your Host Institution, the **MSCA Ud'A Research Talent Lab** offers a great opportunity to strengthen your project concept and enhance your competitiveness in the selection process. This initiative provides targeted guidance through

- **Training sessions** on MSCA-PF structure, evaluation process and proposal design
- **Hands-on workshops** to refine project ideas
- **Interviews** with Ud'A MSCA Fellows and expert evaluators
- **One-to-one meetings** with Ud'A Supervisors.

The training is **entirely in English, fully online** and **free of charge**. Only **20 participants** will be selected.

## Ud'A Seal of Excellence Initiative

Ud'A is launching an institutional programme supporting MSCA-PF proposals in which it is Host Institution, receiving the "Seal of Excellence – MSC Actions". In the framework of and according to its Strategic Plan 2024 -2026, the University will offer MSCA Seal of Excellence Awardees an opportunity for alternative funding. All updates available here: [en.unich.it/mscatalentlab](https://en.unich.it/mscatalentlab) (in English) | [www.unich.it/mscatalentlab](http://www.unich.it/mscatalentlab) (in Italian).

## Who Can Apply

In order to take part in the MSCA Ud'A Research Talent Lab, applicants must:

- Hold a **Doctoral degree** by the MSCA-PF 2026 call deadline
- Have no more than **8 years** of full-time research experience after the doctorate
- Comply with the **MSCA Mobility Rule**
- Select **Ud'A as their Host Institution**
- Choose the **European Fellowship (EF)** or **Global Fellowship (GF)** scheme and meet the corresponding eligibility requirements
  - EF: open to researchers of **any nationality**
  - GF: open to **nationals or long-term residents in a EU Member State or HE Associated Country**

## Types of Actions

- **European Fellowships (EF)**  
Mobility within or to Europe for **1–2 years**; open to researchers of any nationality.
- **Global Fellowships (GF)**  
An **outgoing phase (1–2 years)** in a non-Associated Country, followed by a **12-month mandatory return phase** in Europe. Reserved for **nationals or long-term residents in a European Member State or Horizon Europe Associated Country**.

## How to apply

Applications must be submitted by filling out the dedicated [online registration form](#) and include:

- CV
- Short Proposal
- Supervisor's Acceptance Letter signed by the Supervisor and the Head of Department
- Copy of a valid ID or passport

All templates will be available on the official web page of the programme: [en.unich.it/mscatalentlab](https://en.unich.it/mscatalentlab) (in English) | [www.unich.it/mscatalentlab](https://www.unich.it/mscatalentlab) (in Italian).

Applicants must independently contact their preferred Ud'A Supervisor. A regularly updated **list of potential Supervisors** and the full list of **University Departments** are available on the [programme web page](#).

## Selection procedure and results

Selection of participants will be based on their CV and Short Proposal. Please note that no applications are admitted to the MSCA Ud'A Research Talent Lab without either a local Supervisor or any of the attachments listed above. Selection results will be notified to all applicants by e-mail.

Applicants not selected for the training programme will still benefit from administrative support to submit a MSCA-PF Proposal with Ud'A as their Host Institution.

As the training is fully online, a **stable internet connection is required**; its costs are borne by the participant.

## Important Deadlines

- Applications to the MSCA Ud'A Research Talent Lab must be submitted **no later than Thursday, 16 April 2026 at 1:00 p.m. (Italian time zone)**.
- Selection results will be communicated by e-mail no later than **30 April 2026**.
- Selected candidates will have to confirm their acceptance to attend the programme by **5 May 2026**.