

MSCA POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP

AT PALACKÝ UNIVERSITY OLOMOUC



SUPERVISOR

Dr. Jan Halák

specializes in **classical and contemporary phenomenology**, with a particular focus on

Merleau-Ponty and 4E cognition, especially regarding the embodiment and its relation to cognition in general. His research bridges continental philosophy, philosophy of mind, cognitive science, and empirical fields such as neuroscience and physiology. He is also interested in philosophical applications in medicine, physiotherapy, and other practical domains.

CANDIDATE REQUIREMENTS

- Well-defined research focus
- Presence at Palacký University for most of the fellowship
- Strong publication record
- Professional-level German or French (in addition to English)
- Interdisciplinary interest
- Collegiality and collaboration – active participation in seminars, workshops, research discussions

Submit a **research outline** (including research objectives, novelty, state of the art and references), **CV** with **5 most important publications** of the 5 last years to: jan.halak@upol.cz by **30.3.2025**.

Potential candidates need to have held a doctoral degree (Ph.D.) for **no longer than 8 years** and have **not resided in the Czech Republic for more than 12 months** during the **last 3 years**, at the time of the deadline.

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

The Department of Philosophy at Palacký University Olomouc offers comprehensive teaching and research across a wide range of philosophical disciplines, including ethics, epistemology, metaphysics, and the history of philosophy from ancient Greece to contemporary thought in both continental and analytic traditions. It includes expertise in German and French phenomenology and philosophy of mind. Research also covers 4E cognition, environmental philosophy, and feminism. With an international environment, it fosters interdisciplinary and cross-traditional engagement in philosophical inquiry.

PREFERRED RESEARCH TOPICS

- Phenomenology in Contemporary Contexts
- Interdisciplinary Elaboration of Phenomenological Topics
- Embodied Cognition & Life-Mind Relations

GRANT OFFICE FF UP

- MSCA PF project management **support**
- **Anna Lukešová** (anna.lukesova@upol.cz)

ONE
PROPOSAL,
THREE
CHANCES TO
GET FUNDED!

1

MSCA Funding
score > 93 %

2

ERA Fellowship
score > 91 %

Funding chance for
applying at the
Widening country
(Czechia)

3

MSCA CZ
score > 70 %

Czech structural
funds.
Achieved by up to
80 % applicants

For more
information, see the
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WHAT IS MSCA PF?

The **Postdoctoral Fellowship** within the framework of **Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA PF)** is a program supporting postdoctoral researchers in **developing their careers** and fostering their **excellence in research**. To achieve this goal, the program offers **talented early-career scholars** to carry out their **research abroad** while covering the costs of such mobility. MSCA postdoctoral fellows realise individual projects in close **cooperation with a supervisor** at the host institution. Interdisciplinary projects and involvement of non-academic sector (through secondments) are encouraged.

MSCA PF CONDITIONS

- Postdocs with **no more than 8 years since PhD** termination at the time of submission deadline
- **Costs covered:** living and mobility allowance; family allowance (if applicable); research, training and networking activities; management and indirect costs related to the project
- Optional **short-term secondments** anywhere in the world within the duration of the project
- Optional additional **placement in a non-academic organisation** for max. 6 months after finishing the project

EUROPEAN FELLOWSHIP

- Project of 12-24 months realised directly at **Palacký University Olomouc** in Czechia
- For researchers of **any nationality**
- **Previous residence** in Czechia for max. 12 months in the past 3 years

GLOBAL FELLOWSHIP

- Project of 12-24 months realised **outside of the EU + return phase** of 12 months **to Palacký University**
- For **citizens** and **long-term residents** of the **EU** and Horizon Europe **Associated Countries** only
- **Previous residence** in the chosen third country for max. 12 months in the past 3 years

PALACKÝ UNIVERSITY OLOMOUC

- is **one of the top Czech universities** according to international rankings
- is holding the European Commission's **HR Excellence in Research Award**
- is part of **European universities networks** (AURORA) fostering international collaboration
- provides **modern infrastructure** in various disciplines of natural as well as social sciences
- offers essential **services to its employees**, including Social Security and Health insurance, childcare services or employees benefits
- **higher chances to succeed** in MSCA PF due to **WIDERA schemes** within Horizon Europe

FACULTY OF ARTS (FF UP)

- offers **interdisciplinary expertise** due to its specialisation in a wide range of **humanities and social sciences**
- provides with **modern facilities** in the heart of the beautiful **historical city of Olomouc**

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