

MSCA POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP

AT FACULTY OF ARTS PALACKÝ UNIVERSITY OLOMOUC:

Understanding Public Economic Knowledge Through Interpretive Social Science Research

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The **Department of Economic and Managerial Studies** seeks an innovative researcher to investigate how different communities understand and engage with economic knowledge. Building on recent methodological developments in qualitative research on public understanding of economics, this project will examine how economic expertise is understood, contested, and potentially bridged across different social groups. The research will combine rigorous qualitative methods with theoretical insights from science and technology studies, economic sociology, and political economy.

JOB DESCRIPTION

The successful candidate will:

- Design and conduct qualitative research including interviews, focus groups, and deliberative methods
- Develop methodological innovations in studying economic knowledge
- Produce high-quality academic publications
- Engage with policy communities and public audiences
- Collaborate with researchers at Palacký University and its international partners

DESIRED EXPERIENCE

- Experience with participatory or deliberative research methods
- Background in studying public understanding of expert knowledge
- Familiarity with economic concepts and debates
- Track record of policy-relevant research
- Experience in research dissemination to non-academic audiences

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

- PhD in social sciences (e.g., sociology, political economy, science and technology studies) for no longer than 8 years by 9/2025
- Strong background in qualitative research methods
- Demonstrated experience with interview-based research and/or focus groups
- Track record of engaging with economic and policy issues
- Excellent communication skills

Submit a **research outline** (including research questions and objectives, methodological approach and expected impact and dissemination strategy, max. 5 pages), **CV** including publications and research experience, **letter of motivation** and **two academic references** to: pavel.kuchar@upol.cz by **23.3.2025**.

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 **websites** of:



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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**

GRANT OFFICE FF UP

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



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MSCA PF 2025 TIMELINE AT FF UP

