

Call for Expressions of Interest in Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellowships 2021 RETHINKIN_

Are you a talented and ambitious postdoc thinking about your next career move? The Scientific Research Network RETHINKIN_ at the University of Antwerp invites expressions of interest from researchers interested in submitting a Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellowship proposal with RETHINKIN_ as a host.

Who are we?

The [University of Antwerp](#) is a university in Belgium with about 20.000 students and 6.200 staff members in 9 faculties. The university is a strong research university with more than 3.650 scientific papers per year and ranks fifth in the ranking of young universities (Times HigherEducation Millennials).

[RETHINKIN_](#) steers the scientific redefinition of family law in the Low Countries and aims at taking up an international leading role from there. Three research questions underlie the activities of RETHINKIN_:

- Which is the competence of the State, both in substantive and procedural law, to regulate the family as actor besides the market and social security?
- What should be the content of State intervention, from the perspectives of citizenship, police power and the *parens patriae*-doctrine?
- How can law and policy be better tuned to social practices and perceptions?

Redefining family law is necessary due to societal evolutions that have undermined the fundamentals of traditional family law. RETHINKIN_ aims at pioneering in legal research in the Low Countries by redefining family law in a constant dialogue with other scientific disciplines (intra- and interdisciplinary research) and with civil society (transdisciplinary).

Our offer

We invite expressions of interest for proposals to undertake postdoctoral research in the broad area of family law, specifically kinship and family studies. We will provide support and guidance to develop those proposals that we judge to be promising. In developing your proposal, you will be able to rely on your supervisor for the necessary support. The Grants Office provides administrative support, an MSCA starter pack and a dedicated training on 'Preparing for an Horizon Europe MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowship'.

About the MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowship scheme and your profile

An MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowship implies that a researcher travels to an institution in another country (host), where he/she works with a supervisor to deliver a specific research project.

European Postdoctoral Fellowships must last between 12 and 24 months. Global Postdoctoral Fellowships must last between 24 and 36 months (12 to 24 months for the outgoing phase, outside Europe, and 12 months for the return phase, back to Europe). The salary consists of a combined living, mobility and family allowance. The deadline for full proposals is expected to be October 2021. We expect candidates to be promising, innovative researchers with an excellent track record appropriate to career stage, as evidenced by academic publications and other scientific output.

Only expressions of interest that meet the following MSCA eligibility criteria will be considered:

- You must have a completed PhD at the time of the call deadline (expected October 2021).
- You can only apply up to eight years after the completion of your PhD (excluding experience outside research and career breaks (e.g. due to parental leave)).
- You must not have resided or worked in Belgium for more than 12 months during the three years up to the call deadline.

Please ensure that you consult the [MSCA website](#) and the European Commission's Participant Portal for further details on the call.

Apply

Send in your application to prof. dr. [Frederik Swennen](#) (frederik.swennen@uantwerpen.be), who can also be contacted for further inquiries.