

FP7 People: The Marie Curie Scheme, a personal perspective.... or



...EU funding for the Terrified!



Marie Curie – The Basics

- You choose the topic
- One call per year per scheme
- Two stage
- Very competitive (approx 8-10% success rate overall)
- Several options

Marie Curie Options

- MPhil/PhD Students
 - Initial Training Network (similar to EST)
 - **3 or more centres (Universities/ SMEs) involved as partners**
 - **Single site but with other European site involvement**
 - **Intersectorial involvement (industry)**
 - **3 months - 3 yrs (5 years or less research experience)**

Marie Curie Options cont...

- Postdoctoral Fellows – or more than 4 years research experience
 - Being altruistic :
 - *International Outgoing Fellowships (IOF)* – 1-2 years in a non-EU country, plus 1 year back in the EU
 - Being selfish:
 - *European Reintegration Grant (ERG)* – for those who have spent at least 18 mths in a Marie Curie scheme (eg ITN). Lasts 2-3 yrs, fellows can return to their country of origin.
 - *International Reintegration Grant (IRG)* – for those with more than 3 years research outside of the EU. Lasts 2-4 years.
 - *Intra-European Fellowship (EIF)* – move from one member state to another, lasts 1-2 years.
 - *International Incoming Fellowship (IIF)* – knowledge acquisition, 1-2 years and possibly 1 year back in third country
 - *Industry Academia Pathways and Partnerships (IAPP)* – knowledge transfer. Secondments for students, staff or technicians (of at least 1 year employment) or 2-24 mths. At least 2 countries involved.

Money Matters

- Fellows Salary
- Consumables - no tuition fees
- Travel
- Career development allowance
- Management (3-7%)
- Overheads – 10% of total budget

Just Do It!

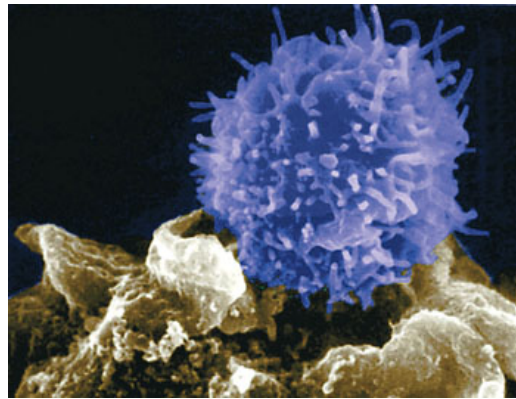
- Decide what you want to achieve
- Think about Training provision (ITN) and career progression (EIF etc)
- For ITN identify a partner/ network (people who you can and want to work with)
- For EIF etc find a good candidate
- Look at the work programme – it tells you how to succeed
- Write it – Keep it Simple Stupid!
- Learn Eurobabble – do not reinvent the wheel

What I wanted to achieve - Understanding Chronic Inflammation

**Physico-chemical
factors**

Survival

Retention



Recruitment

**Stromal
influences**

Eye

Liver

Joints

Heart

Cytokines

TRIFID – The Grant Wot I wrote!



- EU funded training scheme based at UoB
- 9 fellows (6 x 3 year + 3 x 1 year; all non-UK)
- 3 year fellows spend 6-9 months in a partner EU lab
- Began July 1st 2006 for 4 years
- Annual workshops – Big pharma , EU partners and SME
- 1.3 million euros

Pitfalls and Paperwork

- Advertising and recruitment
- Contract Negotiation (smooth but lengthy), standard formulae)
- Personal Learning plan (UoB)
- Career development plan (EU)
- Time sheets (EU)
- Annual reports (JML)
- Final report (JML)