

3. Eligibility Self-Assessment

from candidate for the MSCA PF-**EF** 2026 at ESO

(Marie Skłodowska-Curie **European** Postdoctoral Fellowship)

Purpose: This document is intended for candidates to assess and confirm their eligibility for the MSCA PF-**EF** 2026 at the European Southern Observatory (ESO). Candidates should review the [MSCA PF eligibility criteria](#), including the calculation of research experience and the mobility rules, before completing this form through the [guidelines on the calculation of 8-years research experience in Postdoctoral Fellowships under Horizon Europe](#) and the [self-assessment tool for the calculation of the 8-years research experience](#).

Candidate Information

First name(s), surname(s), gender (F/M/Diverse):

Current affiliation (dates):

Date of PhD award (month and year):

(Use the certified date of successful PhD defence, not the formal award date)

Title of PhD thesis, awarding institution, and PhD supervisor:

Countries of residence and period of stay (dates) in the last 3 years prior to the application deadline on 9 September 2026:

Previous MSCA PF applications (date, score, host institution, if applicable):

Candidate Declaration

I, the undersigned, hereby declare that I have read and understood the **eligibility criteria** for the Marie Skłodowska-Curie **European** Postdoctoral Fellowship (MSCA PF-EF 2026), and I confirm that, as of the submission deadline (9 September 2026):

- I hold a PhD degree, or have successfully defended my doctoral thesis and am awaiting formal award.
- I have a maximum of **eight years of research experience** from the date of my PhD award. Periods outside research, career breaks, and research in third countries for EU/Associated Country nationals do not count towards this maximum.
- I comply with the **mobility rule**: I have not resided or carried out my main activity (work, studies, etc.) in the country (Germany) of the host institution (ESO) for more than 12 months in the 36 months immediately before the call deadline.
- I am aware that resubmission restrictions apply for proposals scoring below 80% in previous calls, and that Seals of Excellence may be awarded for proposals scoring $\geq 85\%$ but unfunded due to budget limits.
- I am willing to submit my MSCA PF-**EF** 2026 proposal with **ESO as my Host Institution** if selected.

I confirm that all information provided is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Full name of MSCA PF-EF Candidate:

Date:

Signature: