

Call for early Expressions of Interest – MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships in ocean science 2026

The [Institut de Ciències del Mar \(ICM\)](http://www.icm.csic.es) is the most multidisciplinary research centre devoted to ocean science in Spain and the first and only one to have received the *Severo Ochoa Centre of Excellence Accreditation*. ICM's scientific strategy is shaped around four interdisciplinary [Research Hubs](#) designed to deliver the ocean knowledge needed for a healthy planet. Our goal is to develop **research of excellence** to inspire a society in harmony with the blue planet. This is in line with the values of the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030). In alignment with this goal, we are committed to attracting young international talent, promising new researchers who will lead our research in the future.

This call for early expressions of interest aims at attracting **outstanding postdoctoral candidates** who are willing to submit a proposal in the next MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships call in 2026, with ICM as the host institution.

Support for candidates

Looking for a hosting offer or a supervisor at ICM:

The MSCA PF grant initiative aims to foster the creativity and innovation of PhD-holding researchers seeking to acquire new skills through advanced training, international collaboration, interdisciplinary work, and cross-sectoral mobility.

Interested postdoctoral candidates are encouraged to review the list of [Hosting offers](#) and [ICM research groups](#) to identify research areas that align with their interests and find an appropriate ICM supervisor.

Proposal preparation:

- Training on “How to write successful MSCA-PF proposals”. Sessions will be organized on **9th, 10th and 12th June 2026** (online). Register [here](#).



- Continuous guidance and feedback on the technical and scientific aspects of the proposal.
- Revision of the proposal.
- If the candidate is awarded, assistance in the hiring process.

All CSIC centers, including ICM, were awarded with the "[HR Excellence in Research](#)" seal in 2021. This recognition reflects our commitment to continuously improving our human resources policies in line with the [European Charter for Researchers and the Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers](#). Recruitment at ICM is open, transparent and merit-based, and all applicants compete on the same terms.

Eligible candidates* are encouraged to express their interest by emailing projectes-osr@icm.csic.es, with the subject: "**EOI MSCA-PF-2026 – NAME OF CANDIDATE**". Please, send the email with following information:

- a full CV accompanied by a motivation statement detailing your relevant experience.
- your interest in carrying out research in marine sciences with one of the [ICM research groups](#) and the name of an ICM researcher who will act as your initial scientific ambassador.

* The eligibility requirements can be checked on the [MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships 2026 website](#).

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