

# MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowship Hosting Offer

## European Fellowship at FIIT STU in Bratislava, Slovakia

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The Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava, Faculty of Informatics and Information Technologies, welcomes expressions of interest from excellent postdoctoral researchers who would like to jointly prepare a Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) Postdoctoral Fellowship proposal, with FIIT STU as host institution.

**Research focus:** cybersecurity, cryptography, and artificial intelligence, including fault attacks, side-channel attacks, security of cryptographic and neural network implementations, AI-enabled security, and related interdisciplinary topics.

**Expressions of interest**  
 Welcome year-round

**MSCA deadline**  
 Usually early September

**Duration**  
 Typically 12–24 months

### Fellowship at a glance

- Open to researchers of any nationality
- Host: Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava, Slovakia
- Joint proposal preparation with the host supervisor
- European Fellowship hosted at FIIT STU
- Optional secondments and/or non-academic placements may be included where relevant

### Eligibility highlights

- Applicants must hold a PhD, or have successfully defended their doctoral thesis, by the MSCA call deadline
- No more than 8 years of full-time equivalent research experience after the PhD
- Mobility rule for Slovakia: applicants must not have resided or carried out their main activity in Slovakia for more than 12 months during the 36 months before the MSCA call deadline

### Indicative MSCA allowances

- Living allowance: EUR 6,350/month before country correction
  - Slovakia correction coefficient: 82.9%; adjusted living allowance approx. EUR 5,264/month
  - Mobility allowance: EUR 710/month
  - Family allowance, if applicable: EUR 660/month
- Indicative gross monthly amount: approx. EUR 5,974, or EUR 6,634 with family allowance. Rates may vary by call year; final net salary depends on applicable rules.

### Application support

- Scientific support in shaping a competitive proposal
- Feedback on project idea, research objectives, methodology, and expected impact
- Guidance from the Slovak National Contact Point for MSCA, where appropriate
- Administrative and proposal support from the faculty project office

**ERA Fellowship opportunity.** Slovakia is eligible under the Horizon Europe Widening Participation mechanism. Eligible MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowship proposals hosted by institutions in Widening Countries may also be considered for ERA Fellowship funding.

### Expression of interest

Interested researchers are encouraged to contact the supervisor well before the official MSCA deadline, ideally several months in advance. Please send a CV, publication list, and a brief description of research interests and possible MSCA project direction.

### Contact

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### Useful links

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