



## Press release

### Université PSL (Paris Sciences & Lettres) is organizing the 25th MSCA<sup>1</sup> conference on emerging challenges in European research.

*Paris, May 12, 2022 – As part of the French Presidency of the European Union, Université PSL (Paris Sciences & Lettres), under the aegis of France's Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation, is organizing the 25th MSCA conference, "MSCA 2022: Next Generation MSCA: Opening a New Era for Change". This conference will take place on May 23 and 24 at the Institut Curie and ESPCI Paris-PSL, two venues closely linked to the memory of Marie Curie.*

#### **MSCA, a flagship of the Horizon Europe program**

MSCA (Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions) forms part of Horizon Europe, the 9th European Union framework program for research and innovation.

Geared specifically to doctoral and post-doctoral training, it supports researchers' careers by promoting their mobility between countries, sectors and disciplinary fields in the context of research projects and advanced training programs.

#### **MSCA 2022, new challenges for the next 25 years**

The aim of this conference is to highlight the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions program through a series of presentations and debates around doctoral training, international mobility for researchers and career advancement.

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions provide funding for interdisciplinary research, international partnerships and public-private sector cooperation. The program lends its support not only to scientists in a European context, but throughout the world. Each conference focuses on specific aspects of the program, with a view to providing the European Commission with recommendations to ensure optimal conditions for researchers to carry out their work.

This 2022 edition marks a turning point in the history of MSCA, as it will provide an opportunity to consider how the program will support future generations of beneficiary researchers in the years to come. Throughout this two-day event, several issues will be explored, such as how to strengthen the relationship between science and society, how to raise awareness of gender equality in research, implement more environmentally-friendly research methods and support academics at risk in the exercise of their profession.

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<sup>1</sup> MSCA: Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions  
In French: AMSC : Actions Marie Skłodowska-Curie

To address these issues, the MSCA Fellows network will have the opportunity to participate in discussions and debates in a variety of formats (conferences, workshops) and led by major figures from the world of research. On May 23, participants will be invited to end the day with a visit to the Pantheon and to explore Marie Curie's legacy within PSL Schools. The MSCA Falling Walls Lab prizes will be awarded on Tuesday, May 24. This world-class competition provides an opportunity for MSCA winners to present their ideas and innovative projects to the scientific community. It showcases the quality, diversity and passion of the most innovative minds participating in the MSCA.

The conclusions drawn from these two days of presentations and workshops will form the basis for the drafting of a series of practical recommendations to enrich the program.

*“The University lies at the crossroads of the major cultural, socio-economic, health and environmental challenges our societies are currently facing. Enabling the movement of ideas and minds throughout Europe and the rest of the world, contributing to the spread of science, technology and knowledge to all levels of society, and defending academic freedom wherever it is under threat; such are the aims of this event which will unfold in the same places where Marie Skłodowska-Curie brought science forward”, Alain Fuchs, President of Université PSL.*

#### **About PSL**

PSL is a global university. Its eleven schools inspire dialog among and between all areas of knowledge, innovation and creativity in Sciences, Humanities and Social Sciences, Engineering and the Arts. Selective and committed to equal opportunity, PSL draws directly from current research to train researchers, entrepreneurs, artists and managers who are aware of their social responsibility, both individual and collective. With 2,900 researchers, 17,000 students, 140 laboratories and 10 incubators, fab labs and co-working spaces, PSL is a human-scale university. It ranks among the world's top 50 universities according to the Shanghai, THE (Times Higher Education), CWUR and QS (Quacquarelli Symonds) rankings, and number 1 among young universities less than 50 years old according to the THE Young ranking.

#### **Université PSL**

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