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Welcome…

… to today's webinar on iCARE-2 post-doctoral fellowships program.

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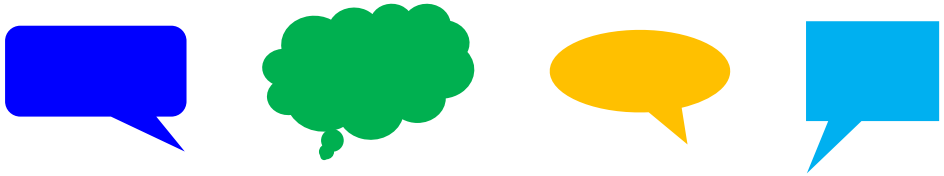


WEBINAR

~ 30min

QUESTIONS

- write them in the chat
- will be answered at the end of the webinar
- will be collected and reported in the FAQs section of iCARE-2 website

Questions concerning personal issues (such as CV and eligibility) must be sent to cofund@airc.it

The slides and the recording of this webinar will be available on iCARE-2 website

Who are we?

Founded in 1965,

AIRC

is a leading charity in Italy,

providing at least 40% of all

research funds invested in

CANCER research in Italy.

AIRC mission

- **support Italian scientific research on CANCER**, by funding cancer research projects and fellowships
- **raise awareness** on the results of national and international CANCER research
- **educate the public** on the importance of prevention

- **What is iCARE-2?**
- Who can apply?
- Evaluation steps
- Tips

iCARE-2 (international CAncer REsearch fellowships)

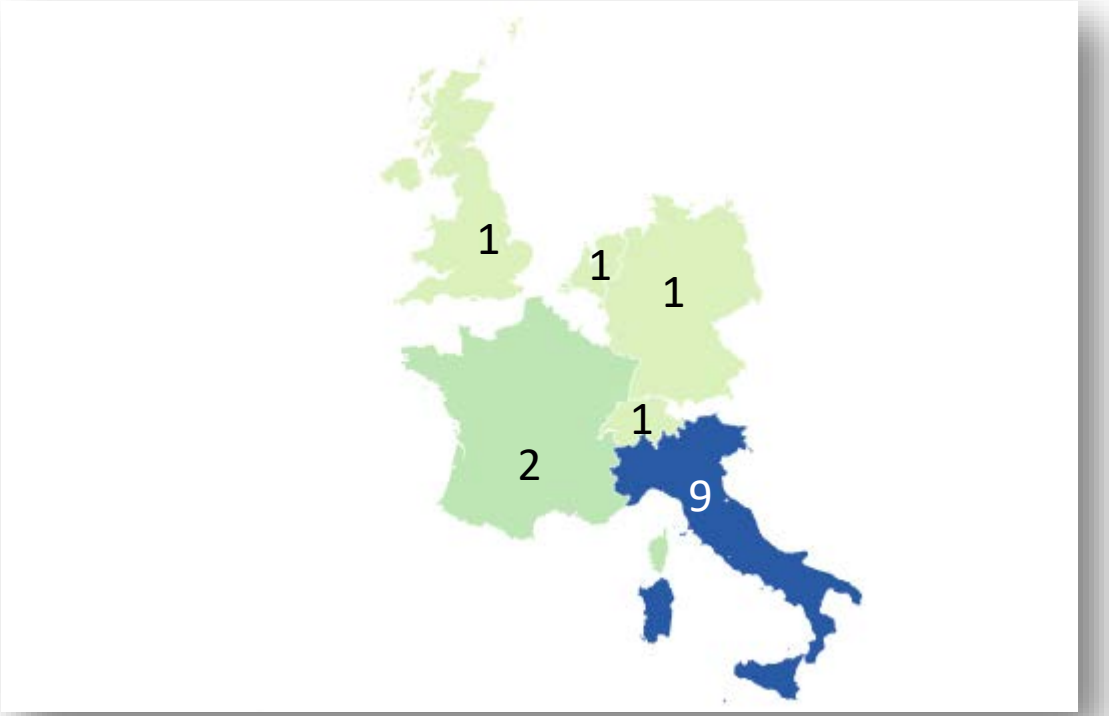
is a program for
mobility post-doctoral fellowships
co-funded by the Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions,
intended to foster worldwide **CANCER research**
by training competitive researchers.

iCARE-2 2018 - Results

2018

57 applications received

15 fellowships awarded



2019

at least 15 fellowships will be awarded

iCARE-2 fellowships

3-year fellowships

3 types of fellowships

INCOMING:
To bring to Italy the most promising foreign researchers

REINTEGRATION:
To favour the return of Italian scientists after a successful research experience abroad

OUTGOING:
To support fellows interested in a research experience in a competitive laboratory outside of Italy

Focus on training on SCIENCE

Adapted from Hanahan and Weinberg, 2011

in the field of **CANCER RESEARCH**

BOTTOM UP approach.
Any project applied to CANCER in any field can be submitted.

INTERDISCIPLINARITY is welcome, since CANCER can be studied from different points of view.

Focus on training on TRANSFERABLE SKILLS

Research Integrity

Intellectual Property Rights

Data protection

Leadership

Grant writing

Entrepreneurship

Science Communication

iCARE-2 program adopts **SEVERAL STRATEGIES** to train fellows in transferable skills:

- ✓ **Hosting Institutions** are requested to provide fellows with training opportunities
- ✓ A **dedicated budget** (€ 1800/year) to be used for meetings and/or training events
- ✓ Advertisement of **publicly available training events** on transferable skills
- ✓ **iCARE-2 meetings** in Milan

See «The European Charter for Researchers»
https://www.euraxess.at/sites/default/files/am509774cee_en_e4.pdf

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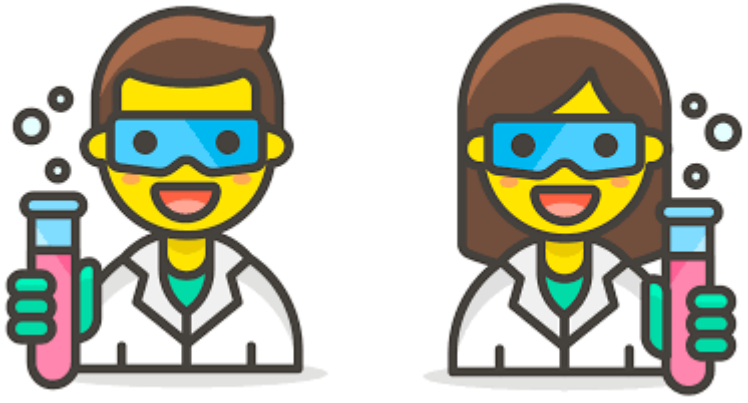
Applicants

must be EXPERIENCED RESEARCHERS

i.e. at the time of the submission deadline, applicants MUST either be in possession of a **doctoral degree** or have at least **four years of full-time equivalent research experience** after the degree which formally allowed them to embark on a doctorate



Mobility rules

FOR ALL FELLOWSHIPS

Applicants must not have resided or carried out their main activity in the Country of the Hosting Institution for more than 12 months in the 3 years prior to the Call deadline

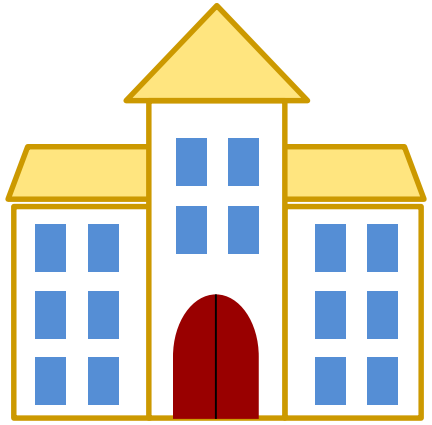
FOR OUTGOING FELLOWSHIPS

Applicants must have legally resided/worked in Italy for at least 3 out of the last 4 years prior to the Call deadline

Hosting Institution

must be research organisations, organised under public or private law, whose primary goal is to independently conduct non-economic biomedical research and to disseminate its results.

Applicants can choose
the most suitable
Hosting Institution and Hosting Lab
for their project!!!



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Peer Review evaluation steps

Step 1
Admissibility & eligibility check

Formal requirements of the applicant and of the Hosting Institution will be verified

Education records (PhD or 4 years)

Mobility check
(it takes time!!!...there is a video tutorial!!!)

Peer Review evaluation steps

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Step 2
Assignment to reviewers

Each application will be assigned to reviewers

Three reviewers per fellowship application

Each application is evaluated in an

independent manner by

3 reviewers with specific expertise

in the research area of the application.

Evaluation criteria

- **Quality of the Hosting Institution/laboratory and training**
- **Curriculum vitae of the applicant**
- **Research project**

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- Education records
- «Publications of the applicant»
- «Letter of presentation»

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- «Abstract and Proposal main body»

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Evaluation and ranking

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Peer Review evaluation steps

Step 4
Notification of preliminary results

Out of the **preliminary ranking**

- the top 15 applications will be the FINALISTS
- the following 10 applications will be RESERVISTS

Step 5
Interviews and ethics review

FINALISTS and RESERVISTS will undergo:

- A **phone interview** with two of the three reviewers
- An **ethics review** of their application

Ethics Self Assessment!!!
We ask information about the procedures.

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Step 6
Notification of award

Finalists with positive interviews and ethics review will be awarded an iCARE-2 fellowship.

Timeline of iCARE-2 fellowships 2019

17 APRIL 2019
CALL OPEN

5 JUNE 2019
SUMBISSION DEADLINE

7 OCTOBER 2019
NOTIFICATION OF PRELIMINARY RESULTS

OCTOBER 2019
INTERVIEW AND ETHICS REVIEW

5 NOVEMBER 2019
NOTIFICATION OF FINAL RESULTS

2 JANUARY 2020
START OF FELLOWSHIPS

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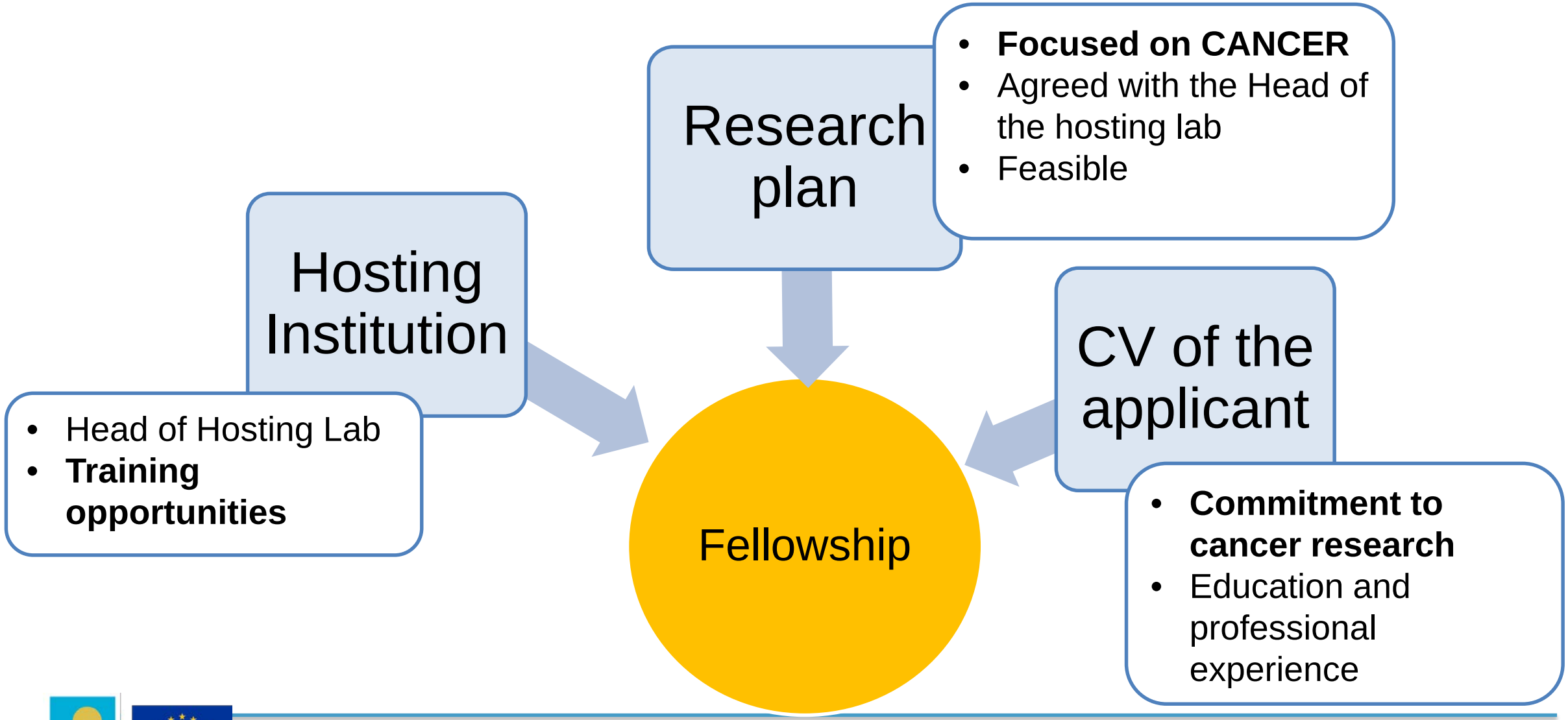
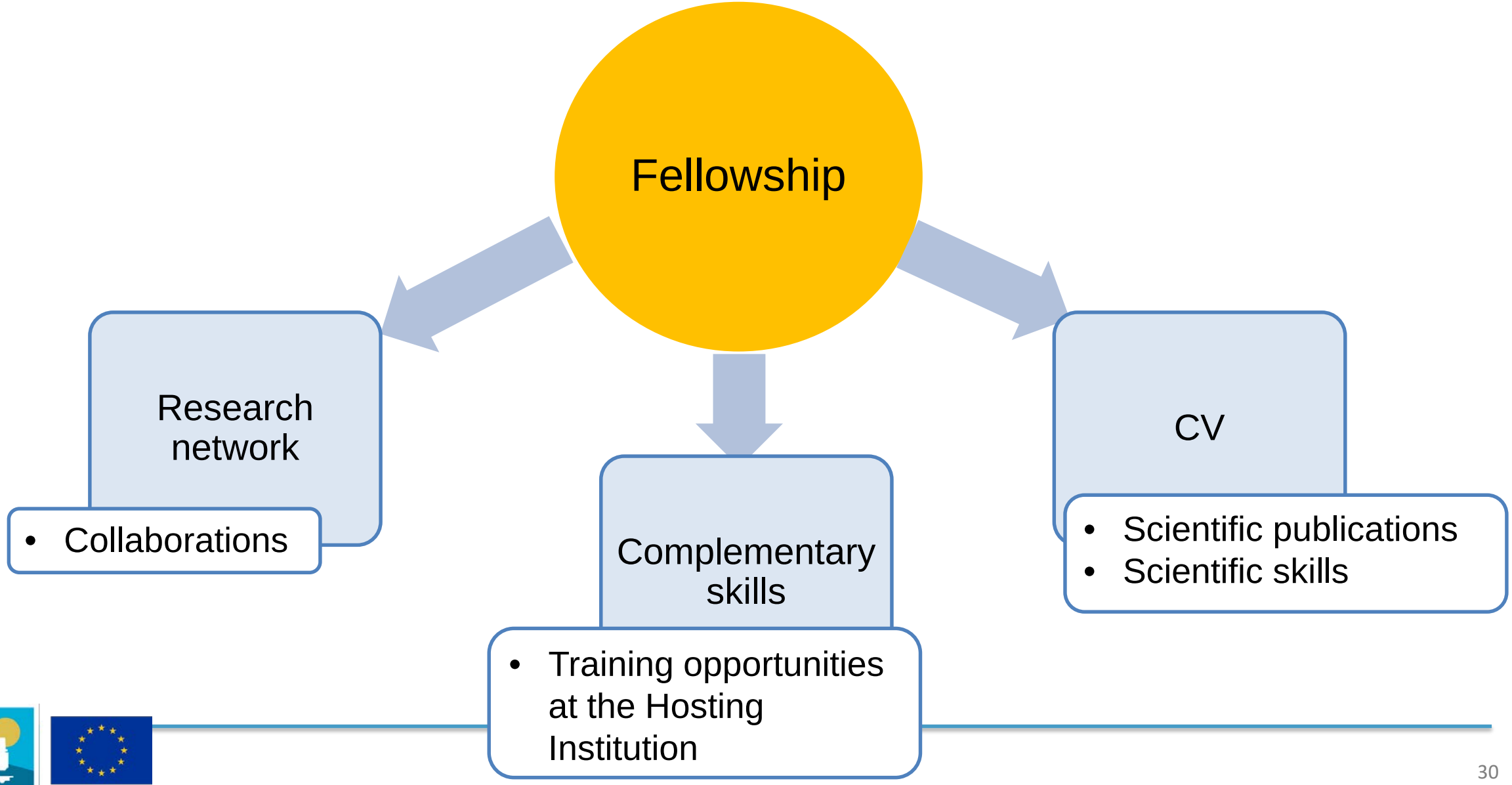
Ingredients for a successful fellowship

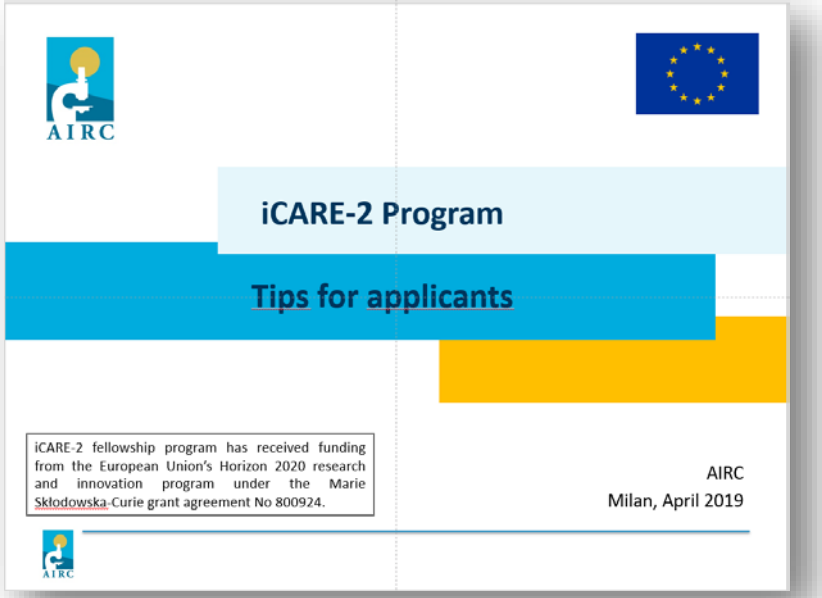


What to expect from a fellowship



Follow instructions

Please read the
"iCARE-2 Calls for applications 2019"
(Guide to proposal preparation 2019)



Make a plan

- Contact the **Hosting Institution**
- Collect all the **documents** and information
- Have your proposal read by a colleague
- Spend the needed time to fill in the “bureaucratic” part of the application

Deadlines are Deadlines

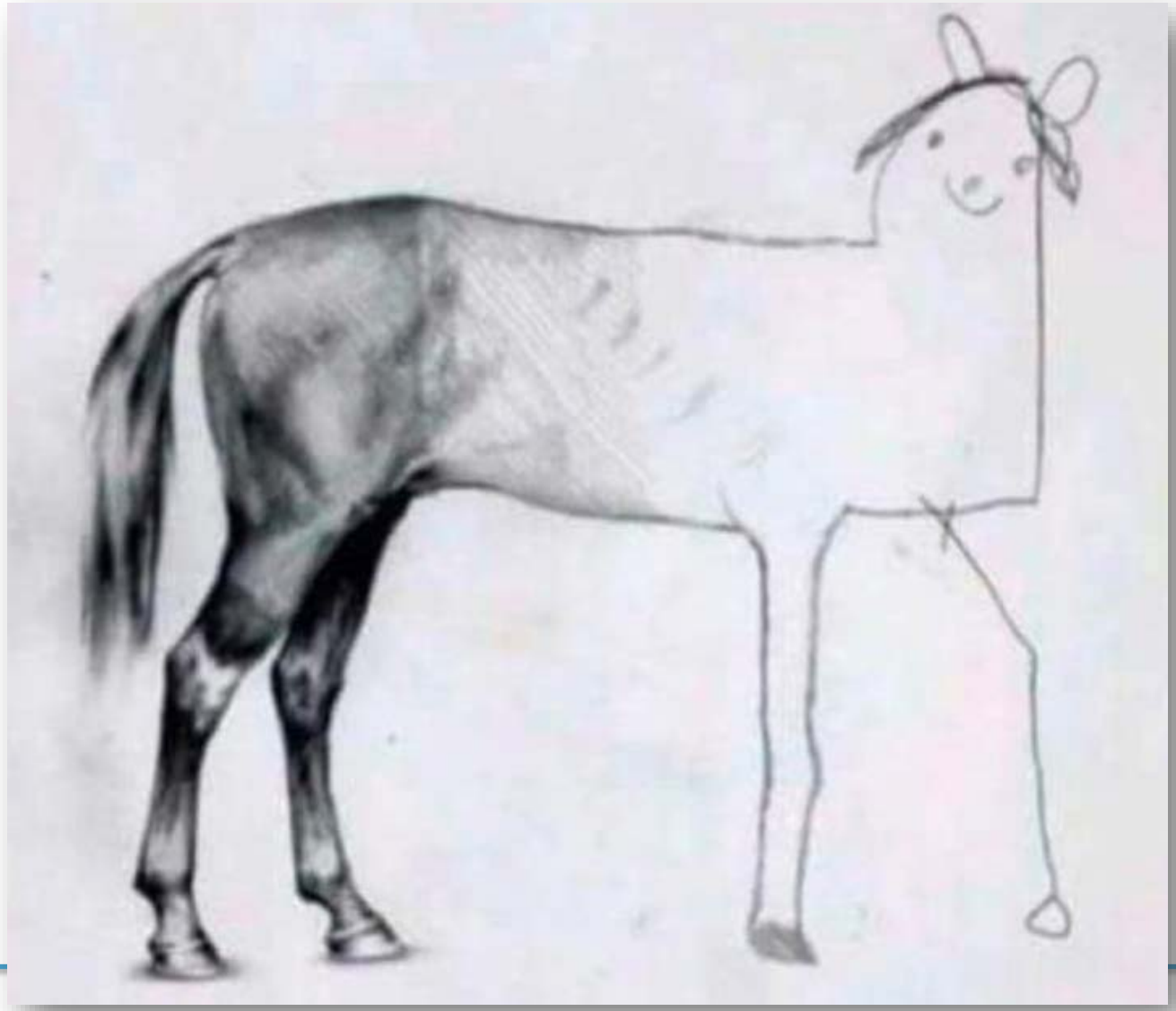
The application

cannot BE SUBMITTED and

CANNOT be modified

after the submission deadline

Don’t let your application look like this …



Adapted from https://twitter.com/LindorffLarsen/status/1084573194659479553

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AIRC Calls for proposals can be found at:
https://www.direzionescientifica.airc.it/

iCARE-2 Website
www.icare-2.airc.it

Thank you!

Questions
&
Answers