European researchers can learn a lot from conducting high-level research in other parts of the world. The knowledge that they acquire in Third Countries can then be brought back and used in Europe.

To encourage European researchers to venture further abroad (and then to come back), Marie Curie Actions offers International Outgoing Fellowships for Career Development (IOFs).

Who can apply?

IOFs are for researchers from EU Member States and Associated Countries. To apply, you must have either a doctoral degree or at least 4 years' full-time equivalent research experience, after obtaining a degree permitting you to embark on a doctorate. But more experienced is welcomed, it will not affect your chances of obtaining an IOF.

Which topics can be funded?

IOF proposals are welcomed from all areas of scientific and technological research that are of interest to the EU. But there is one exception: research areas covered by the EURATOM Treaty cannot be funded.

For more information, please consult the European Commission's Web site.