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MSCA POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP IN LYON, FRANCE

DISCOVER YOUR NEXT RESEARCH
ADVENTURE IN LYON

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Why choose Lyon for your MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowship?



Lyon stands as one of France's leading academic and scientific hubs, offering an exceptional environment for research and innovation, just two hours away from Paris by train.

The city brings together a large and diverse academic community across all major disciplines :

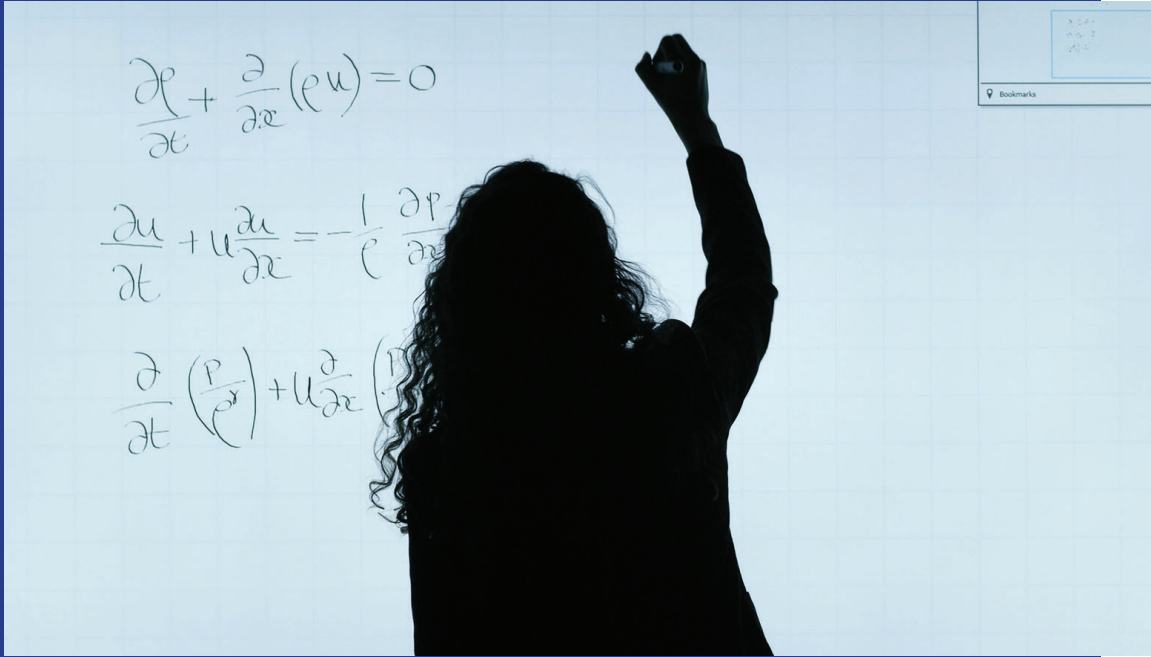
- 160 research laboratories
- 6,400 researchers and lecturers
- 175,000 students

The academic landscape of Lyon is characterized by a rich network of institutions working in synergy.

Universities such as Lyon 1 Université, Université Lumière Lyon 2, Université Jean Moulin Lyon 3, and the École Normale Supérieure de Lyon collaborate closely with national research organizations including the CNRS (National Center for Scientific Research), INSERM (National Institute of Health and

Medical Research), INRAE (National Research Institute for Agriculture, Food and Environment), INRIA (National Institute for Research in Digital Science and Technology), and Université Gustave Eiffel.

Other key institutions include INSA Lyon (National Institute of Applied Sciences), CPE Lyon (Chemistry, Physics, and Electronics School), VetAgro Sup (National Veterinary School) and École Centrale Lyon.



An ecosystem of excellence and collaboration

This comprehensive network is distributed across multiple campuses located throughout the city and its surrounding areas, offering easy access to advanced research infrastructure and fostering daily collaboration between disciplines and institutions.

Lyon's excellence in research is reflected in its internationally recognized achievements, from prestigious distinctions such as Cédric Villani's Fields Medal to more than 75 ERC grants and 150 European collaborative projects awarded since 2014.

The research ecosystem in Lyon thrives on a culture of collaboration and excellence programs, providing researchers with state-of-the-art facilities and shared resources.

Scientists benefit from access to remarkable research infrastructure including specialized libraries, advanced technological platforms, and unique collections such as historical archives, rare manuscripts, and internationally recognized herbaria and scientific collections.

These diverse resources are particularly valuable for interdisciplinary research in the humanities and life sciences.

Life in Lyon: culture, cuisine and more

The Lyon region, renowned for its rich gastronomy, is a culinary paradise that boasts a variety of traditional dishes and vibrant markets. Culturally, it thrives with events like the Biennale of Contemporary Art and the Biennale of Dance, alongside numerous museums and exhibitions that showcase its artistic heritage.

The city also hosts a dynamic sports scene, catering to enthusiasts of all kinds. Strategically located, Lyon offers easy access to the mountains for winter sports, is only three hours from the coast, and is conveniently close to Italy and Switzerland, with a well-connected airport. The diversity of its architecture and neighborhoods adds to its charm, making Lyon a captivating destination for both residents and visitors alike.



All you need to know about the MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowship Call

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Postdoctoral Fellowships (MSCA PF) fund the **international mobility of a postdoctoral researcher in a host organisation, under the supervision of a more experienced researcher.**

The objective of PFs is to support researchers' careers and foster excellence in research. The Postdoctoral Fellowships action targets researchers holding a PhD who wish to carry out their research activities abroad, acquire new skills and develop their careers. PFs help researchers gain experience in other countries, disciplines and non-academic sectors.

Types of fellowships

There are 2 types of MSCA PF; each type funds a different kind of international mobility:

- **European Postdoctoral Fellowships (EF):** these fellowships last from 12 to 24 months. They must take place in an EU member state, or an associated country to the Horizon Europe programme. The candidate can be of any nationality.
- **Global Postdoctoral Fellowships (GF):** these fellowships last from 24 to 36 months. They require:
 - An outgoing phase, lasting from 12 to 24 months in a third country (which is a country that is not an EU member state and not an associated country).
 - A mandatory return phase of 12 months, in an EU member state or an associated country.

At the call deadline, the candidate must have a **maximum of 8 years** full-time equivalent experience in research; or have successfully defended their doctoral degree (even if they have not been formally awarded their doctoral degree).

The successful defence must be unconditional and must take place before the call deadline. Please note that eligible extensions of the 8-year period do exist⁽¹⁾.

Candidates to GF Fellowships must be natives or long-term residents of the return phase country.

The candidate must not have resided or carried out their main activity (work or studies) in the country where their fellowship takes places for more than 12 months in the 36 months immediately before the call deadline.

- For EF: country of the host organisation
- For GF: country of the host organisation of the outgoing phase.

Resubmission restrictions will apply for applications that received a score below 70% the previous year.



(1) Maternity leave, paternity leave, long-term illness, national service, career breaks, time spent outside research or research performed in a third countries, for nationals or long-term residents of EU Members States or Horizon Europe Associated Countries who wish to reintegrate to Europe.

Overview

The **Lyon 1 Université** (Lyon 1) is a **French public university**, that is part of the University of Lyon, a Community of Universities and Establishments (ComUE) with 10 members and 25 associates, which coordinates the Lyon-Saint-Étienne academic site. The University of Lyon is **the leading French scientific center outside Paris area**.

Lyon 1 at a glance



61 laboratories



46 607 students



4 601 staff



68 cursus



479,3M€



84 start-ups



The training and research activities in the sectors of **health sciences, science and technology and sports sciences** place Lyon 1 among the highest-ranking French universities, whatever the criteria used.

[Check out Lyon 1's website!](#)

Overview

Lyon 1 campuses in Lyon



1 Lyon Tech La Doua Campus

2 Gratte-Ciel-Villeurbanne Campus

3 Rockefeller Domaine

4 La Buire Domaine

5 Gerland-ISFA Campus

6 Lyon Sud Charles Mérieux Campus

7 Campus Observatoire

8 INSPE – Croix Rousse

Welcome to Lyon 1 Université

University of excellence

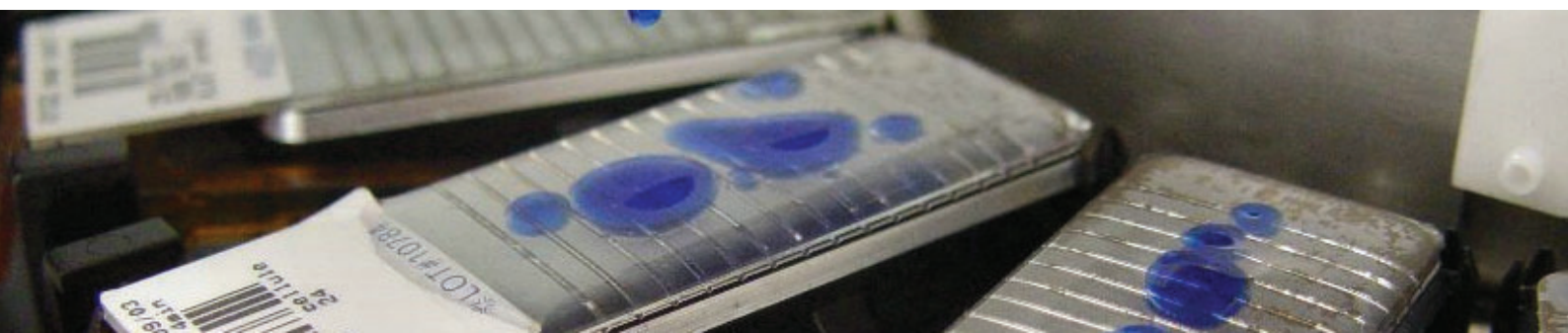
Boasting **84 research units** and producing **more than 6,000 publications annually**, the university drives scientific progress in numerous fields : health, mathematics, IT, physics, chemistry, earth and space sciences, life sciences, etc. Creator of emerging knowledge and new technologies, the University is consolidating its research excellence on a global level by developing inter- and multidisciplinary approaches targeting the major challenges facing society today.

Research

At Lyon 1, the **Department of Research and Doctoral Studies (DRED)** oversees cross-functional, administrative, and technical operations essential for implementing the institution's research strategy and ensuring the efficient management of its research units and technology platforms.

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Discover Lyon1's laboratories



University of excellence

Education

Working alongside scientific players, students at Lyon 1 **learn through research**. Faculty members share their **knowledge, work tools and facilities**: a hands-on educational approach, ensuring the quality of programme content and paving the way for successful entry to the workplace. Encouraging student mobility, the University is committed to reinforcing the **international dimension** of its programmes and providing genuine opportunities for students wishing to study abroad.



Fundamental and Natural Sciences

- Biology
- Chemistry & Biochemistry
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Earth Sciences
- Observatory of the Universe Sciences



Health and Life Sciences

- Medicine
- Midwifery
- Pharmaceutical and Biological Sciences
- Dentistry
- Rehabilitation Sciences and Techniques
- Human Biology



Science and Technology

- Electrical and Process Engineering
- Computer Science
- Mechanical Engineering
- Physical and Sports Science and Techniques (STAPS)
- University Institute of Technology (IUT)
- Financial and Insurance Sciences (ISFA)



Engineering Schools

- Polytech Lyon
- Graduate School of Chemistry, Physics and Electronics of Lyon (CPE Lyon)

University of innovation

Technological and industrial innovation

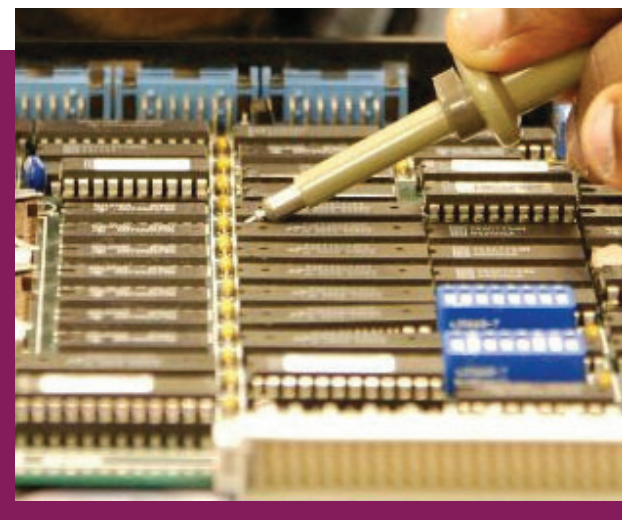
Lyon 1 Université's overarching goal is to bridge the gap between fundamental scientific research, interdisciplinary approaches to societal challenges, and **collaborative research with external partners towards innovation.**

Being the **leading French university in terms of the number of patents filed with industry**, Lyon 1 is an innovation factory. Ranked among the top 100 most innovative universities in the world (Reuters ranking), Lyon 1 forges solid, long-term relations with companies within the context of its proactive research transfer and partnership policy.

Each year, this collaborative approach leads to the creation of new start-ups and innovative research platforms as well as numerous original developments in cutting-edge fields : **medicine, environment, space, etc.**

Innovative educational approach

Lyon1 is also committed to innovation in terms of teaching methods. Students have access to a **latest generation educational platform, innovative practical work sessions and unique teaching facilities** : cutting-edge technical platforms, 3D simulation, simulation on life-like models, drones, MOOCs, virtual learning, etc.



Need help for your application ?

At the Lyon 1 Université, you can get support from **the Lyon Ingénierie Projets team !**

Subsidiary of Lyon 1 Université and the Hospices Civils de Lyon (Lyon University Hospital), Lyon Ingénierie Projets **specialises in the engineering and management of innovative projects.**



This structure is dedicated to helping the researchers of Lyon 1 and HCL apply for European or national funding opportunities. On the European side, the main goal is to **increase the participation and success rate of Lyon 1 and HCL researchers in European research programmes**, which have now become strategic in the research funding landscape.

Need help for your application ?

In this context, Lyon Ingénierie Projets supports the researchers by :



Identifying and raising awareness of **appropriate European funding opportunities**



Identifying and **detecting** the new project opportunities



Organising **information** and **training sessions** on European research programmes and projects



Supporting researchers in setting up their projects : setting up European networks, re-reading projects, reading project evaluation reports, improving project re-submission, etc.

Are you interested in MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowship at Lyon 1 ?

Take a look at its hosting offers !

If you don't find the perfect project, please contact us and we'll help you find a supervisor :



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