External Guidance on Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellowships at MIT

Dear Fellow/Sending Institution,

Thank you for your request that MIT host a Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellow. Please be advised that for MIT to host the Fellow, the sending institution must agree to the terms and conditions of MIT’s Marie Skłodowska-Curie Visitor Agreement (MCVA), and to the following terms:

1. The sending institution will need to advise MIT that it agrees with MIT’s understanding from the European Commission’s Research Executive Agency (REA) that:
   a. All intellectual Property (IP) generated by the fellow while working at MIT can be jointly owned by the EU beneficiary sending institution and MIT, and
   b. The REA’s right under the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Grant Agreement to object to transfers of ownership and exclusive licensing of results to entities established in non-associated third countries (Annex 5) applies only to the ownership share of the beneficiary in the results generated in the secondment phase, and does not extend to the ownership share of MIT in the results generated in the secondment phase.

2. The sending institution agrees that:
   a. All IP created by the Fellow while s/he is working on his/her Fellowship project at MIT will be owned JOINTLY by the sending institution and MIT
   b. All IP created by the Fellow while working on activities outside his/her Fellowship project while at MIT will be owned SOLELY by MIT*

3. The Fellow will work on his/her own defined project, the subject of which does not overlap with that of any current or foreseeable (non-federal) sponsored research project conducted in the host faculty member’s lab

4. The sending institution agrees to pay to MIT all Institutional Unit Costs applicable to the outgoing phase of the Fellowship, including (i) Research, Training and Networking Costs and (ii) Management and Indirect Costs contributions

If the sending institution cannot accept these conditions and enter into MIT’s MCVA, MIT regrettably will not be able to host the Fellow. MIT has successfully entered into our MCVA with sending institutions across Europe and beyond based on these required terms. We hope that they will be acceptable to your institution as well.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact Sharon Ray, Associate Director and International Liaison, Research Administration Services at sharay@mit.edu or +1- 617-324-2216.

*MIT does not intend or encourage that any MS-C Fellow perform research outside her/his MS-C Research while at MIT, but with its open campus MIT cannot directly control this. Section 2.b above protects MIT’s ability to meet its obligations to other research sponsors.