

# My personal experience with Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Individual Fellowship at ETH Zurich

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# Overview

- I am a *Climate Scientist*, working on issues associated with climate projections and policies by using global climate models.

## Full-time work experiences

Months/Years	Universities/Institutes	Countries
09/2014 – present	<i>National Institute for Environmental Studies (NIES)</i>	JAPAN (Tsukuba)
09/2013 – 04/2014	<i>Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS)</i>	GERMANY (Potsdam)
05/2011 – 04/2013	<i>Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH Zurich)</i>	SWITZERLAND (Zurich)
01/2010 – 04/2011	<i>Center for International Climate and Environmental Research – Oslo (CICERO)</i>	NORWAY (Oslo)
04/2007 – 12/2009	<i>International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA)</i>	AUSTRIA (Vienna)

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## Educations

Months/Years	Universities/Institutes	Countries
04/2007	<i>Max Planck Institute for Meteorology</i>	GERMANY (Hamburg)
12/2002	<i>University of Hawaii at Manoa</i>	US (Honolulu)
03/1998	<i>Keio University</i>	JAPAN (Tokyo)

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# My Marie Skłodowska-Curie Experience

- *Type of Grant:* Intra-European Individual Fellowship
- *Period:* May 2011 – April 2013
- *Host institution:* ETH Zurich, Switzerland
- *Project title:* “Quantifying Uncertainty in Climate Projections including Biogeochemical Feedbacks (ClimB)”
- *Pros:*
  - Great opportunities for scientific exchanges
  - Setup new collaboration projects (not limited to the fellowship project)
- *Cons:*
  - The short two-year period
  - Can be challenging to take leads of all the projects

# Points potentially useful for future applicants...

- How to draft a successful proposal?
  - First of all, identify an interesting scientific idea to pursue
  - Follow the application guideline precisely (seek advice from the Euraxess office of the prospective host country)
- Financial issue
  - Check if the fellowship amount is sufficient for a full-time employment.
- Language issue
  - I would highly recommend that fellows put efforts to learn the local language for a better social integration (even if not required for science).
- A tip for success
  - A prestigious fellowship is not a goal but a mean to achieve even more!