

16 Doctoral Candidate Positions (PhD students) in the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Doctoral Network INTEGRATE - Interdisciplinary Network for Training, Education, and Growing Research into Applications of and Therapeutic Expertise around Psychedelics

ORGANIZATION/COMPANY

INTEGRATE consortium / Horizon Europe MSCA Doctoral Network (DN) Project / Coordinating Institute: University Medical Center Groningen (UMCG), The Netherlands

RESEARCH FIELD

Health Sciences, Neuroscience, Psychology, Psychiatry, Ethics, Law, Pharmacology, Anthropology, Regulatory Science, Cell Biology, Health Economics

RESEARCHER PROFILE

First Stage Researcher (R1)

APPLICATION DEADLINE

11/02/2026, 23:59 CET

LOCATION

Multiple locations across Europe (see positions below)

TYPE OF CONTRACT

Temporary (36 months)

JOB STATUS

Full-time

HOURS PER WEEK

40 (full-time; exact weekly hours may vary by country)

OFFER STARTING DATE

From 01/09/2026 (exact date may vary)

EU RESEARCH FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME

Horizon Europe / Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

MARIE CURIE GRANT AGREEMENT NUMBER

101226862

OFFER DESCRIPTION

Project Overview:

INTEGRATE is a Marie Skłodowska-Curie Doctoral Network funded by the European Commission under Horizon Europe. The project will provide PhD training to 16 Doctoral Candidates (DCs) within three-year fixed-term positions.








INTEGRATE tackles the urgent need for better mental health treatments by advancing psychedelic therapy (PT) as a promising new therapy. INTEGRATE will train a new generation of interdisciplinary experts in PT, addressing four major challenges that currently hamper the implementation of PT in healthcare: unknown mechanisms of action; lack of clinical gold standards; legal/regulatory obstacles; and ethical/societal challenges.








The consortium includes 11 academic beneficiaries in nine European countries, and 23 associated partners across Europe and beyond. Through interdisciplinary research and collaboration, the project aims to develop evidence-based protocols, regulatory pathways, and ethical guidelines for safe and effective implementation of PT into healthcare.


More information about the network can be found on the project website: www.integrate-dn.eu.

Available Positions:

The following DC positions are available:

| Work Package | DC positions |
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| <p>WP2: Foundational Research - Mechanisms of Action & Understanding Psychedelic Experiences</p> | <p> DC1: The antidepressant efficacy of psilocybin from a pathophysiological perspective Main supervisor: Jens van Dalftsen, PhD Location: University Medical Center Groningen, the Netherlands</p> <p> DC2: Understanding the neurobiology of psychedelic therapy from synapse to behavior Main supervisor: Mia Lindskog, PhD Location: Uppsala University, Sweden</p> <p> DC3: Identification of EEG and fMRI biomarkers with potential predictive value for psychedelics' antidepressant effects Main supervisor: Tomáš Páleníček, MD PhD Location: National Institute of Mental Health, Prague, Czechia</p> <p> DC4: Mapping the subjective phenomenology of therapeutic and challenging experiences in psychedelic therapy Main supervisor: Joost Breeksema, PhD Location: University Medical Center Groningen, The Netherlands</p> <p> DC5: Psychedelics, attachment-related changes, and mental health outcomes Main supervisor: Prof. Pehr Granqvist, PhD Location: Stockholm University, Sweden</p> <p> DC6: Sex/gender differences in psychedelic psychopharmacology Main supervisor: Prof Christina Dalla, PhD Location: National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece</p> |
| <p>WP3: Clinical Research - Optimizing Safety and Efficacy</p> | <p> DC7#: The role of music and psychotherapeutic support in psychedelic therapy Main supervisor: Dea Stenbaek, PhD Location: University of Copenhagen, Denmark</p> |

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| | <p> DC8: Set and setting in clinical psychedelic research Main supervisor: David Dupuis, PhD Location: Institut National de la Santé et de la Recherche Médicale, Paris, France</p> <p> DC9: Psychotherapy process and psychological intervention techniques in psychedelic therapy: safety and efficacy Main supervisor: Carolina Seybert, PhD Location: Champalimaud Foundation, Lisbon, Portugal</p> <p> DC10: Methodological challenges in clinical psychedelic research Main supervisor: Prof. Michiel van Elk, PhD Location: Leiden University, The Netherlands</p> <p> DC11: Health economics of psychedelic therapy Main supervisor: Prof. Filipa Sampaio, PhD Location: Uppsala University, Sweden</p> <p> DC12#: Analyzing the obstacles and opportunities of different regulatory pathways to patient access for psychedelic therapies Main supervisor: Prof. Christine Erikstrup Hallgreen, PhD Location: University of Copenhagen, Denmark</p> <p> DC15*: Evaluating the impact of controlled self-experience with psychedelics in therapist training. A clinical trial Main supervisor: Prof. Felix Müller Location: University of Basel, Switzerland</p> <p> DC16*: Untangling addiction with DMT/Harmine-based formulations: transdiagnostic processes and mechanisms Main supervisor: Milan Scheidegger, MD PhD Location: University of Zürich, Switzerland</p> |
| <p>WP4: Ethical, Legal, Societal Implications</p> | <p> DC13: Identifying ethical, legal and societal challenges and opportunities for applying psychedelic therapy Main supervisor: Prof. Brigit Toebes, LL.M PhD Location: University of Groningen, The Netherlands</p> |

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| |  DC14: Harmonizing Ethical Regulation of Psychedelic Therapy with Broader Medical Practices Main supervisor: Dimitris Repantis, MD Location: Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin, Germany |
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**Swiss-funded positions*

#Positions advertised via the University of Copenhagen job portal

For more information about the DC positions, please refer to the project website: www.integrate-dn.eu where the INTEGRATE project and DC positions are described in more detail.

BENEFITS AND SALARY

- Employment contract with social security coverage and a competitive salary;
- Enrolment in local PhD training program;
- Outstanding interdisciplinary training aimed at fostering scientific, technical and transferable (e.g. project management, communication and networking) skills;
- An innovative and well-organized training program (incl. mobility to INTEGRATE network partners, network-wide training schools, thematic workshops, online courses);
- A solid mentoring strategy, followed up through a personalized career development plan;
- Access to a broad network of innovative enterprises and organizations;
- Access to international conferences and collaborations;
- PhD funding for 36 months (potential extension through alternative funding, to be decided by the hiring institutes)

For further information about the EU MSCA, please visit the EU MSCA website:

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions>.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Please ensure that you fulfil the following eligibility criteria for DC positions in Horizon Europe MSCA Doctoral Networks. Ineligible candidates will not be considered.

- The position is open to candidates of any nationality (European and non-European), as long as they fulfill the requirements set for the Doctoral Candidates (DCs) funded by Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions;
- Applicants must hold a Master's degree in a relevant academic field, or a Medical Degree allowing enrolment in a PhD program at the hiring beneficiary;

- Applicants must not have been awarded a PhD degree;
- Applicants must not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in the country in which the DC project for which they are applying is based for **more than 12 months in the 3 years prior to recruitment**. This excludes short stays such as holidays, compulsory national service or time spent as part of a procedure for obtaining refugee status under the Geneva Convention;
- Applicants must be willing to undertake secondments at another institute of the network during the DC project, including at institutes in other countries;
- Applicants must be able to demonstrate their ability to understand and express themselves in both written and spoken English at a level that is sufficiently high to fully benefit from the network training (C1/C2 level).

Additional Skills/Qualifications:

- Applicants are expected to be motivated to work in the field of psychedelic therapy;
- Applicants are expected to work independently, well-structured and collaboratively in a multidisciplinary consortium;
- Additional requirements may be necessary to comply with specific institution's rules of the hiring beneficiaries. Where applicable, this will be specified in the description of the DC positions on the project website: www.integrate-dn.eu.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Vacancy opening: **26 January 2026**

Vacancy closing: **11 February 2026**

Please visit our project website www.integrate-dn.eu for more information about the INTEGRATE project and detailed descriptions for all DC positions.

Application

You can submit your application via the University Medical Center of Groningen (UMCG) job portal and/or the University of Copenhagen (UCPH) job portal:

- Applications for DC positions DC1-DC6, DC8-DC11 and DC13-DC16 are to be submitted through the UMCG job portal via the following link:
[INTEGRATE DC positions DC1-DC6, DC8-DC11 and DC13-DC16 - Apply here](#)
- Applications for DC positions DC7 and DC12 are to be submitted through the UCPH job portal via the following links:

[INTEGRATE DC position DC7 - Apply here](#)

[INTEGRATE DC position DC12 - Apply here](#)

You may indicate up to three DC positions of interest. In case of interest in multiple DC positions, a single application suffices, *unless* this includes one (or both) DC positions at the University of Copenhagen. In that case, please submit your application via both channels. Also, in case you would like to apply for both DC positions located at the University of Copenhagen, please submit your application to both positions separately.

Required documents:

- Motivation letter: clearly specify the DC position(s) of interest
- CV: please include your residence history, including country and duration of residency
- Two recommendation letters
- *For required documents for DC positions DC7 and DC12 at the University of Copenhagen: please refer to the respective vacancies*

Please note that all applications will be stored at the UMCG (The Netherlands) and applications for DC7 and DC12 will also be stored at the University of Copenhagen (Denmark). They will be jointly processed by the beneficiaries of the INTEGRATE consortium according to the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

SELECTION PROCEDURE

The INTEGRATE selection committee will evaluate the applications in a fair, transparent, and inclusive way, according to the following steps:

- Eligibility check: all applications are checked for compliance with the eligibility criteria;
- Scoring: applications that meet the eligibility criteria are scored to determine the suitability of the applicant for the advertised DC position. This includes scoring on academic excellence, requested skills and experience, and motivation for the DC position of interest;
- Interviews: top candidates are invited for an online interview by the DC supervisors. This interview will take place online;
- Selection of DC candidates: after the interview, the DC candidates are selected. Please note that when it is not possible to select a DC candidate based on the first round of interviews, either a follow-up interview for candidates of the first round, or a second round of interviews may be organized;

- Communication: all candidates are informed about the decision or the need for follow-up interviews within three weeks after the online interview.

If you would like more information or have specific questions, please contact us via integrate@umcg.nl.

We look forward to receiving your application!