



### **Call for submissions to the MCPF Fellowship**

The MCPF Center is excited to announce the availability of student and postdoc fellowships for research on population fragmentation for 2026. The goal of this fellowship is to support students that are supervised by PI members of the center, conducting research on questions aligned with the center's goals.

#### Fellowship and submission details:

**Fellowship funding:** €30,000 for a two years' period (€15,000 per year). The fellowship funding should cover no more than 75% of the scholarship of the student, with complementary funding provided by the PI supervisor or another funding source. Funding will commence on October 1<sup>st</sup> 2026.

**Eligibility:** Applicants must be PhD students or postdocs currently supervised by a PI member of the MCPF. An application can also be submitted by two or more PIs without naming a student or postdoc (see guidelines). Previous awardees of the fellowship are not eligible.

**Purpose:** The award is mainly intended to cover scholarship funding for the student/postdoc, but other research expenses can be requested.

#### **Application:**

1. A proposal may not exceed 3 pages. The proposal will include: (i) abstract, (ii) introduction to the proposed research, (iii) methods, and (iv) expected outcomes. Inclusion of explanatory figures is encouraged.
2. References, attached to the end of the proposal (not included in the 3-page limit).
3. CV of the applicant.
4. A support letter from the supervising PI member (to be sent directly to MCPF)

#### **Selection Criteria:**

1. Excellence of the proposal and of the applicant.
2. Alignment of the proposal with the center's goals.
3. Proposals that involve more than one PI member will be granted special consideration.

4. Proposals supervised by PI members who are especially active in the center (organization of workshops and other activities, teaching in courses, taking on leading roles in the center, etc.) will be granted special consideration.

**Requirements from MCFP fellows:**

- The fellow is required to attend center activities, including workshops and courses, for the duration of the fellowship.
- The fellow is required to actively participate, and is expected to take a leading role, in a working group of the center on a topic relevant to his/her research.
- At the conclusion of the duration of the fellowship, the fellow will submit a written 2-page summary of the research results to the center. The project summary will then be disseminated to all the center members, and presented by the fellow at one of the center's workshops (or similar venue).

**Application Deadline:** May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**How to Apply:** Please submit your application materials to [mcpopfrag@gmail.com](mailto:mcpopfrag@gmail.com), in a single PDF file. The PI member support letter should be sent to the same email address.