

MIRAI 3.0 Skillset Training Webinars: Research and Innovation Collaboration

During spring 2026, KAU Grants & Innovation Office will offer a webinar series covering topics relevant for cooperation between researchers at Swedish and Japanese universities, with a particular focus on EU funding. These are open, free of charge, to staff at all MIRAI partner universities.

Each webinar will run from 09.00–10.30 (CET/CEST) with time for discussion and questions. **Participants must register by emailing GIO@kau.se at least one week before the webinar which they wish to attend. They will then be sent the Zoom invitation for the event.**

Webinar schedule 2026

- **6 March: *An Introduction to Horizon Europe, the EU's Research and Innovation Funding Programme***

This webinar gives a broad overview of the Horizon Europe funding programme, exploring budget pillars, proposal structures, evaluation criteria and strategic alignment. Participants will develop an understanding of which Horizon areas could be valuable for their future research and innovation collaborations and gain practical insights into navigating calls and EU platforms.
- **25 March: *Developing Competitive Proposals for the Marie Curie Postdoctoral Fellowships***

The session is relevant for early career researchers and potential host supervisors of postdoctoral fellows, both in Sweden and Japan. Participants will be introduced to the two main strands of the Marie Curie Postdoctoral Fellowships action (Global and European) and will learn about its overarching objectives and how these can be addressed in proposals. This includes showcasing career development plans, incorporating optional secondments and highlighting the value of mobility and training aspects in proposed projects.
- **10 April: *Societal Impact of Research: Understanding a Key EU Funding Policy***

The need for research to have societal impact beyond academia is a major component of both EU policy and that of national funders in many countries. This session's topics include impact pathways in project planning, stakeholder engagement and evaluation metrics. Participants will learn how to articulate and maximise the possibility of societal impact in research proposals, enabling them to craft narratives that convincingly demonstrate potential the societal benefits and policy relevance accruing from their research.
- **12 May: *Research Data Management***

This webinar guides researchers through best practices in data management and addresses the entire data life cycle from collection to sharing and archiving. Attendees will learn how to develop data management plans for their research projects and to implement FAIR data management principles. The session will also highlight the importance of ethical considerations in data management and compliance with EU open science practices.