AgreenSkills Post-doctoral Research Fellowships

Next application deadline: 15 November 2013

AgreenSkills is a European Commission co-funded fellowship programme, accepting applications for post-doctoral fellowships from international researchers, at the early stages of promising careers, in the fields of life, agricultural, nutrition, and environmental sciences. Proposals are accepted, without any topic guideline, for basic or applied sciences.

Fellows are offered 12-24 month positions at a laboratory based within one of Agreenium’s member organizations in France. These include, INRA (the French National Institute for Agricultural Research), Cirad (Centre for Agricultural Research for Development), AgroParisTech (Paris Institute of Technology for Life, Food and Environmental Sciences), Agrocampus Ouest (University College for Life, Environmental Sciences and Technologies), Montpellier SupAgro (International Centre for Higher Education in Agricultural Sciences), and INPT-ENVT (National Veterinary School in Toulouse).

Submissions are accepted from candidates of all nationalities and countries of origins.

AgreenSkills Fellows receive salaries almost 60% above those offered by the French state to young post-doctoral researchers. Moreover, each fellowship is tailored to the needs of the fellow, paying particular attention to personalized career development plans, networking, and flexibility.

Who is eligible for an AgreenSkills fellowship?

Eligible candidates must have defended their thesis by the start date of their fellowship and must have less than 10 year’s research experience (excluding career breaks). Fluent English or French is a prerequisite, as is the publication of (at least) one article in an international peer-reviewed journal. The full list of eligibility requirements can be found here.

How does the AgreenSkills fellowship programme work?

5 steps define AgreenSkills’ application and evaluation process:

1) **ELIGIBILITY**: Interested candidates complete an online form to assess their eligibility to the programme.

2) **LAB SEARCH**: An eligible candidate can then start approaching labs within Agreenium member organizations (see above) that complement his/her research interests. Lab proposals are also available to eligible candidates.

3) **APPLICATION**: Once a candidate finds a suitable lab interested in offering him/her a postdoctoral research position as part of the AgreenSkills programme, the candidate can submit an online application with his/her research project proposal.

4) **EVALUATION**: Each application is assessed by up to 3 international reviewers, and then by the AgreenSkills Scientific Committee.

5) **FUNDING**: The AgreenSkills Steering Committee decides which research projects to fund and the new AgreenSkills Fellows are announced!
Research areas covered by AgreenSkills’ Postdoctoral Fellowships

- Plant Biology
- Plant Breeding and Genetics
- Plant Health and Environment
- Environment and Agronomy
- Animal Genetics
- Animal Physiology and Livestock Systems
- Animal Health and Veterinary Public Health
- Biological Systems
- Performance of Tropical Production and Processing Systems
- Forest, Grassland and Freshwater Ecology
- Microbiology and the Food Chain
- Nutrition, Chemical Food Safety and Consumer Behaviour
- Science and Process Engineering of Agricultural Products
- Applied Mathematics and Informatics
- Science for Action and Sustainable Development
- Economy and Social Sciences, Agriculture and Food, Rural Development and Environment

AgreenSkills has a continuous call for submissions until 2015, with the next evaluation deadline on the 15th of November 2013.

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