



GREEN ERA-HUB

on Agri-Food and Biotechnology

CALL FOR APPLICATION

OPPORTUNITY: Early Career Researcher

- Mobility and Knowledge Exchange -

Grants for Internships

**Short-term Visits at research institutes or public organisations for
Early Career Researchers**

**Submission deadline extended
- new date: 10th October 2023
15:00 (CEST)**



GREEN ERA-HUB - ABOUT:

The GEH (Green ERA Hub – Coordination of national research programmes on Agri-Food and Biotechnology) is a Coordination and Support Action (CSA) funded under Horizon Europe, the EU's funding programme for research and innovation. The project started in September 2022. The consortium is built of Coordinators from former and ongoing ERA-NETs of multiple disciplines in the area of agri-food and biotechnology.

Aim of the GEH is to use the momentum of the European Research Area Networks (ERA-NETs) and to tackle the current challenges, like climate change, resource scarcities, pandemics and migration in a multidisciplinary and transnational way using systems approach. The cooperation between the different ERA NET initiatives creates opportunities for broader systems approach and views to contribute actively to solutions for mitigation and adaptation.

Besides the funding of research and innovation projects, enhancing networking and knowledge exchange are also key objectives of the GEH. **The support of early career researchers (ECRs) represents an important aspect to enhance networking and knowledge exchange activities.**

Find here more information about the GEH: <https://greenerahub.eu>

The GEH aims to support capacity building of Early Career Researchers (ECRs) by providing them with opportunities to gain experience, enhance their skills and competences and broaden their professional network to better prepare ECRs for transnational and multidisciplinary collaboration.

WHAT DOES THE GEH OFFER?

Successful applicants will:

- Receive a financial support of max. 3,000 Euro giving ECRs the possibility to stay for a short time period at an institution of his/her interest in order to gain experiences in a new environment and exchange with researchers and/or other professionals.
- Participate in the ECRs' final seminar to present and exchange their experiences during the visit allowing to further increase their network. Most probably this seminar will be held online. In case it will be organized as physical event, the travel costs will be covered by the GEH.

➔ Take the opportunity and apply for an EARLY CAREER RESEARCHER VISIT at an organisation of your interest

KEY- REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATION – ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

The ECR should apply in accordance with the following requirements – non-compliance with these requirements may result in exclusion of the application:

- The ECRs' academic qualification such as master degree (minimum) or PhD must not date back longer than five years.
- The ECR must be a permanent resident of an EU or EU-associated country or UK.
- Host institutions have to be located in EU or EU-associated country or UK. These can be either research institutes and universities or public organisations involved in policy-making and research funding (e.g. ministries or agencies) – list of possible institutions/organisations - see Annex A.
- Prior to the application, the ECR has to obtain the agreement of the Host institution, that it is willing to host the ECR.
- The visit has to be in a country other than the ECR's country of permanent residence, i.e. he/she must cross a state border (no commuting foreseen).

- The visit must be in the remit of the GEH: topics and disciplines have to be relevant to the GEH.¹
- Visits must take place in the period from November 2023 to December 2024.
- The GEH financial support is max. 3,000 Euro. This budget is meant to cover expenses for travel, accommodation and subsistence for the visit of the ECR during his/her permanence at a host institution. Any costs exceeding the max. amount of 3,000 Euro, must be covered by the ECR him/herself.
- The duration of the visit should last a minimum of 2 weeks (without intercalations).

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR APPLICATION (all documents have to be merged in one pdf (max. 3 MB)):

The ECR has to provide the following documents for the application process - all application documents have to be written in English:

- Copy of certificate of the highest academic degree.
- Letter of support from the host institution: The letter should include information about the envisaged activities, the timeframe of visit and a short description of possible tasks (max. 1 page) (see template as example in Annex B).
- Letter of reference from a previous supervisor/advisor would be an asset.
- Curriculum Vitae of max. 1 page.
- Motivation letter specifying, among others, the expected benefits for the ECR's career (max. 1 page).
- Reasonable calculation of expected expenses for accommodation, travel and subsistence - along with the envisaged timeline.

TIMELINE OF THE CALL:

The preliminary timeline for the application and selection process is as follows:

¹ GEH topics and disciplines: Agriculture, animal health, animal production, aquaculture, biotechnology, climate change, crop and food production, forestry, green-house gases, ICT in agriculture, nutrition, organic agriculture, plant health, plant science, soil management, etc.

Call launch: July 2023

- Submission: ~~3rd October 2023 15:00 (CEST)~~ – **Deadline extended until 10th October 2023 15:00 (CEST)**
- Selection: October 2023
- Communication to the applicants: Beginning of November 2023
- Visits: between Mid November 2023 and December 2024²
- Final seminar: Early 2025

EVALUATION CRITERIA:

The appropriateness and quality of the application will be reviewed by a dedicated team of experts. Each application will be evaluated against following criteria:

- Qualification/motivation of the applicant.
- Value of the visit –networking and knowledge exchange opportunities and benefits for the ECR, the host institution and - if applicable - his/her home institution; quality of the envisaged tasks and activities.
- Compatibility with GEH topics and disciplines
- Reasonable budget calculation

REPORTING:

Each successful applicant selected for GEH funding must submit a short written report of their visit to the GEH WP7 Call Team four weeks after their return. This report should include the following (a template for the report will be provided within due time (max. 10 pages):

- Brief scientific summary
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² Liability exclusion: The GEH consortium partners cannot be held liable, jointly or severally, for any damage caused to any ECR or to third parties as a consequence of the ECR's visit at the host institution concerned. Selected ECRs are responsible to be sufficiently insured before leaving the country of residence (travel insurance, health insurance etc.).

- Expected and unexpected benefits of the visit
- Scientific and personal values
- Pictures
- Overview and justification of expenses

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Submission of application:

The application must be submitted per e-mail as one merged pdf file (max. 3 MB) to:

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Please ensure to submit the application in time. Applications submitted after the deadline will be excluded from the application process.



Annex A: List of possible Host institutions:

- Public Research performing Organisations
- Public Universities
- Private Universities
- Public Project Management Agencies/Offices
- Federal Offices/Agencies
- Ministries
- Inter-governmental organizations (European Commission, EFSA, FAO etc.)

Annex B: Template for a Letter of Support from the Host Institution:

- Name of the Institution and the relevant unit where the ECR will be hosted
- Name and address of the ECR/applicant; degree of graduation, discipline (s)
- Short description of the unit – e.g. research area, expertise/competences, activities
- Expectations towards the ECR/applicant: Envisaged activities during the visit and short description of the tasks, which can be performed by the ECR/applicant
- Timeframe: The timeframe (duration and period) the ECR/applicant can be hosted