



CLARIFICATION N°1

Call reference: EUBA-EFSA-2024-ENREL-01

Call title: Selection of hosting sites and fellows for EFSA's European Food Risk Assessment Fellowship (EU-FORA) Programme

Question 1: Is a potential fellow eligible if they are in their 3rd year of a 4 year PhD in a relevant food safety area?

Is a potential fellow eligible if they are in their 4th year of a 4 year PhD in a relevant food safety area?

Is a potential fellow eligible if they have completed 3 years of a self-funded 4 year PhD in a relevant food safety area?

Answer: As indicated in Section 2.4.B.7 of the Call for Proposals, fellows must have a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 15 years in performing scientific work or tasks related to food safety before their fellowship. In this Call, 'food safety' is to be understood as a comprehensive expression including risk assessment, risk management and risk communication activities in any of the fields under EFSA's remit. Although this experience does not need to be paid experience, it needs to be provable. Moreover, as required in the Call (under Criterion No. 2.4.B, section 'Evidence requested for requirement 4-7'), the fellow will need to provide in the CV clear statement of the following (for each experience declared as evidence):

- starting and ending dates.
- whether the experience was part or full time.
- tasks and responsibilities.

It should all add up to a minimum of 36 months altogether before their fellowship.

Question 2: If a potential fellow completed their PhD in 2012 (not scientific work or tasks related to food safety) and has then worked in a relevant food safety area for most of the proceeding years, do they exceed the maximum of 15 years of experience?

Answer: As indicated in Section 2.4.B.7 of the Call for Proposals, the limit of maximum 15 years of experience refers to scientific work or tasks related to food safety.

Question 3: If a person applies to be a supervisor in a hosting organisation for one work programme can that same person also apply as a fellow in a different proposal. If both of these proposals were successful can a person be both a fellow and a supervisor presuming the 3 month placements do not occur at the same time.

Answer: The Call for proposals does not require that the hosting site provides individual named supervisors at the time of submission (see footnote 11, page 7). However, Section 1.2.3 'Obligations and benefits of becoming a fellow sending organisation' clearly indicates that "*The sending organisation shall ensure that the appointed fellow be released from their regular duties in order to perform the work programme, including participation in the common scheduled training activities where the fellow is obliged to take part, i.e. the induction training and the four one-week training modules spread throughout the 12-month fellowship period. The fellow sending organisation will ensure that any activity performed by the fellow will not prevent them from performing the work programme and following the mandatory trainings.*"

It would be therefore incompatible for a fellow to be supervisor of another fellow in the same cycle and to fully meet the obligations indicated in Section 1.2.2 'Obligations and benefits of the fellow hosting site supervisor'.

Question 4: I have been asked whether the 3 month placement has to be a block or can it be broken into smaller time periods (for example 3 x 1month).

Answer: As indicated in the Call for proposals Section 1.2.1 'Obligations and benefits of becoming a fellow hosting site': *"The stay at the hosting site can be split into several shorter periods with no limitation as long as the total length of the stay remains within the stated range (minimum of 3 months, no maximum prescribed). However, splitting the placement in shorter periods should not jeopardise its ultimate objective of enhancing networking and supporting the learning by doing."*