



Building EU risk assessment community: PhD exchange & Fellowship programme

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PHD EXCHANGE – FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME

Scientific Cooperation Roadmap

- Scientific capacity building
- Building EU risk assessment community
- Sharing expertise
 - stimulate exchange of staff
 - host PhD students



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Objectives

- Attract young scientists to RA
- Contribute to harmonising RA practices
- Strengthen Europe's RA capacity
- Intensify exchange / cooperation also with academic institutions

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Target audience

- PhD students from universities on Article 36 list or other public European Academic Institutions with research interests in EFSA's remit
- Participants should be enrolled in PhD programme of a public recognised higher education establishment from MS / EEA country



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Governance 1/2

- EFSA can not offer grants, participants should have own funding (e.g. Marie-Curie)
- Stay (<6 Mths) in EFSA under **Short-term Study Visit** scheme
- Application form available
(<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/jobs/traineeship.htm>)
- Applications open throughout year
- Agreement (e.g. confidentiality) will be signed
- EFSA will appoint 'research advisor'



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Governance 2/2

- Academic title sole responsibility of Academic institution (Certificate of stay by EFSA)
- Start Alumni network
- Topics to be proposed by applicants (possible topics based on EFSA's recommendations will follow)
- Start pilot year through AF / FP / Art 36 list
- Maximum length of stay currently 6 mths, need for extension?



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Who – target audience

- Life-sciences (biological and chemical disciplines)
- Young scientists
- Beginning / Mid-career professionals
- Attract Talents through Open Call



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What - content

- 1-year competency based fellowship programme (supervised learning-by-doing)
- Governance – EFSA Programme Committee with supervisors and tutors in MS
- 2 tracks
 - EU (different country of employment)
 - National (same country of employment)



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What - courses

- Induction (3 wks)
- 4 additional 1-week modules
- Supervisor & Tutor network
- Diploma and Certification – link to MSc



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When

2015

- Member States involvement
- Programme development and definition of selection criteria

2016

- EFSA Selection procedure through open call: 15 Fellows (+30 induction course) first year



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Why

- Build EU Risk Assessment capacity
- Attract young scientists to Risk Assessment
- Harmonise Risk Assessment methodologies
- Solid partnership with MS
- Alumni network