

## AgreenSkills & AgreenSkills+ Postdoctoral Research Fellowships

**Next application deadline: 5 May 2014, 24:00 CET**

AgreenSkills and AgreenSkills+ are excellence-oriented programmes, accepting applications for postdoctoral fellowships from experienced international young and independent researchers in the fields of **life, agricultural, nutrition, and environmental sciences**. Proposals are accepted, without any topic guideline, for basic or applied sciences.

AgreenSkills' incoming fellows are offered 1-2 year positions at a French agricultural higher education institution, including INRA and Cirad; while outgoing fellows, already employed by one of these very institutions, spend their 6-24 month mobility period at a research unit outside France. Independent researchers with 7-10 years' experience, applying to AgreenSkills+ as incoming fellows, can be offered appointments up to a maximum of 3 years.

As European Union co-funded mobility programmes, AgreenSkills and AgreenSkills+ strive to offer their fellows competitive salary and career development packages, within first-rate research environments. Fellowships are tailored to meet the needs of each fellow, with a particular focus on training, networking and flexibility.

AgreenSkills and AgreenSkills+ have a continuous call for submissions, with the next evaluation deadline on the 5<sup>th</sup> of May 2014 at 24:00 CET.

### *Who is eligible for an AgreenSkills or AgreenSkills+ fellowship?*

**AgreenSkills** is open to young researchers who have defended their PhD thesis (by the start date of their fellowship) and who have less than 6 year's postdoctoral research experience (excluding career breaks).

**AgreenSkills+** is open to independent researchers with between 7 and 10 years' postdoctoral research experience.

Fluent **English or French** is a prerequisite, as is the publication of **one article in an international peer-reviewed journal** per every two years of postdoctoral research. The full list of eligibility requirements can be found [here](#).

### *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

You can view individual research projects and profiles of existing AgreenSkills fellows by visiting the [AgreenSkills fellows' webpages](#).

### *How do the AgreenSkills and AgreenSkills+ fellowship programmes work?*

5 steps define the AgreenSkills and AgreenSkills+ application and evaluation process:

1. **ELIGIBILITY:** Interested candidates complete an online form to assess their eligibility to the programme.
2. **LAB SEARCH/MATCHING:** 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 or AgreenSkills+ programmes, 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.

Learn more about the programmes and the application process by visiting the AgreenSkills website: [www.agreenskills.eu](http://www.agreenskills.eu)

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