



The International Post doc Fellowship Programme in Plant Sciences

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PLANT FELLOWS is an international **post doc fellowship programme in the field of plant sciences** co-funded by the SEVENTH FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME (FP7) Marie Curie Actions – People, Co-funding of Regional, National and International Programmes (COFUND).

PLANT FELLOWS is centrally managed at the Zurich-Basel Plant Science Center (www.plantsciences.ch)

Eligibility conditions:

The general eligibility criteria are set out in the PLANT FELLOWS guide for applicants available at the PLANT FELLOWS website: www.plantfellows.ch.

PLANT FELLOWS is open to **all fields of research in plant sciences** and to **applicants of any nationality** fulfilling the following eligibility criteria:

- Only **experienced researcher** can benefit from the PLANT FELLOWS programme. Thus the applicant must, at the time of recruitment be in possession of a doctoral degree or have at least four years of full-time equivalent research experience. Both options need to be verified by certificates, which will be reviewed by the selection committee.
- At the date for application submission, the applicant must not have resided or carried out his/her main activity (e.g. work, studies) in the country of the host organisation for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately prior to the application submission.
- The transnational mobility shall come under one of the following 3 fellowship schemes, any of which may be intersectorial, between academia and industry or vice versa; but this is a decision driven by the applicant and is not a specific requirement. Applicants of any nationality must comply with either of the mobility rules:
 - **Incoming mobility** to residents of EU Member States, Associate Countries or Third Countries who want to benefit from the broad and excellent training and research capacities of the diverse research groups at the Zurich-Basel Plant Science Center.

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- **Outgoing mobility** to residents of EU Member States or Associated Countries. This mobility has to be carried out by moving to a host organisation in another EU Member State, Associate Country or Third Country. Outgoing mobility for a stay in a Third Country should be coupled to a return phase to a EU Member State or Associated Country. The return phase should be appropriate in value and duration (not over-weighted compared to the outgoing phase). The return phase can be carried out in another EU Member State or Associated Country than the country of residence before the outgoing phase.
- **Re-integration** of EU Member State or Associated Country residents having carried out research in a Third Country for at least the last 3 years and who wish to take up a research position in a host organisation located within the EU Member States or Associated Countries.

The applicant shall be available for the post within 5 months after receiving the notification of acceptance of application.

The application for a PLANT FELLOWS post doc fellowship needs to be submitted electronically via an **online application system at the PLANT FELLOWS website**.

The application has to be made **jointly** by the applicant and the principal investigator (PI) from the chosen host organisation.

Host organisations must be active in research and approved by the PLANT FELLOWS programme office. A list of all approved host organisations can be found in the PLANT FELLOWS guide for applicants or at the PLANT FELLOWS website: www.plantfellows.ch

Awarded fellowship duration is between 12 months (minimum) and 24 months according to the proposed research project. (full-time equivalent).

Evaluation procedure:

- The evaluation criteria (including weights and thresholds) and sub-criteria together with the eligibility, selection and award criteria, for a PLANT FELLOWS application are set out in the PLANT FELLOWS guide for applicants.
- Applicants must ensure that the research proposal conforms to the page limits and layout given in the template for research proposal and the PLANT FELLOWS guide for applicants, and at the online application portal of the PLANT FELLOWS website.
- Applications are allocated to one of two panels: panel “Molecular Biology” or either panel “Ecology”. For each panel a ranked list will be established. There is no predefined budget allocation among the panels. The budget will be distributed over the panels based on the proportion of approved applications in each panel.

Indicative evaluation and contractual timetable:

- Evaluation results are estimated to be available within 3 months after the relevant deadline for submission.



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- Fellowship agreement signature: expected from within 5 months after receiving the notification of acceptance of application.

Forms of grants and maximum reimbursement rates:

- The forms of grants and maximum reimbursement rates, which will be offered, are specified in the PLANT FELLOWS guide for applicants.

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