

AgreenSkills: Pathways for inventive researchers

AgreenSkills is an open programme of **international mobility**. It supports inventive, talented and experienced young researchers, from all disciplines and from all over the world, to develop challenging basic or targeted research projects in the fields of **agriculture, environment, food and nutrition, and animal health**. AgreenSkills offers **incoming and outgoing fellowships** with attractive conditions in terms of salary, optimal research conditions, training, networking opportunities as well as personalized support for career development plan. AgreenSkills is based on flexibility and openness with a **continuous open call** over the period 2012-2015, broad range of topics and assistance in finding the most suitable receiving laboratory.

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AgreenSkills features

Openness

- No discrimination in terms of nationality and country of origin;
- Researchers freely propose their topics, construct their basic or targeted research projects and identify the laboratories they wish to work in;
- Careful attention to the ethical principles in research.

High flexibility

- Continuous recruitment process with two selection rounds per year;
- Taking into consideration the Bologna process semester system and career breaks;
- Support in finding the appropriate hosting laboratory.

Attractive conditions

- Very attractive mobility allowance and salary conditions;
- Optimal research conditions;
- Complementary training and workshops;
- Support for an individual Career Development Plan.

AgreenSkills eligibility criteria

- Holding a PhD (or PhD awarded by mobility start date);
- Having a maximum of ten years research experience after Master's degree;
- Having published in a peer-reviewed journal;
- Not having spent more than 12 months in the last 3 years in the country of host organisation;
- For outgoing fellows: being a researcher working for an Agreenium member organization.

● ● ● ● key figures

- AgreenSkills offers **142 fellow years over 4 years** (recruiting from 2012 to 2015);
- Mobility period from **6 to 24 months** (for outgoing fellows) or **12 to 24 months** (for incoming);
- Access to **more than 300 research units** spread all over France for incoming mobility;
- Salaries conditions **almost 60% over and above French state salaries** for young researchers.

Scientific fields

AgreenSkills is open in terms of disciplinary fields welcoming all kind of proposals and original research projects within the large field of agriculture, food, nutrition, environment, animal health and veterinary public health.

Exemples of types and extent of AgreenSkills topics based on research divisions of Inra and Cirad:

- 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

Hosting institutions: *funding members of*



Application schedule and modalities

AgreenSkills programme is implemented through a continuous call for submission with two selection rounds per year. Applications for eligibility check and matching process will be analysed all year long. Applications must be submitted through the online secure application system in the AgreenSkills web portal www.agreenskills.eu

Opening of AgreenSkills continuous call – March 15th 2012

	Full application collection cutting date	Publication of selection results	Expected date of fellows' recruitment and publication of the list
<i>1st selection round</i>	May 15th 2012	30th June 2012	September 2012
<i>2nd selection round</i>	November 15th 2012	31st December 2012	31st March 2013

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