Call for a PhD student to do a traineeship in EPSO

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Focus of the traineeship: RESEARCH AND INNOVATION Programme / FUNDS ANALYSES

EPSO is looking for a PhD student in life sciences to do a traineeship in EPSO starting preferably in September 2020. The traineeship is normally carried out remotely. However, subject to availability of desk facilities the trainee might be offered to join the EPSO team in the EPSO office, which would be announced before the start of the traineeship. Preference will be given to candidates from EPSO member institutions (www.epsoweb.org/membership/members).

The ideal candidate will have previous knowledge and experience, or a strong interest in European programmes such as Horizon 2020 / Horizon Europe, LIFE, ERASMUS+ or Structural funds.

TASKS
Analysis of EU programmes / funds relevant to research and innovation (R&I) in plant science
Elaboration of EPSO briefings tailored to plant scientists based on the findings
Monitoring of future funding opportunities for R&I in plant science
Preparation of quotes and messages about R&I in plant science for science communication

REQUIREMENTS
PhD candidate in a field relevant to plant science: biological, agricultural or food sciences
Excellent level of spoken and written English
Analytical mind and attention to detail
Outstanding writing skills
Fundamental computer skills

CONDITIONS
Grant / scholarship: mandatory only for office-based trainees who should have all their costs covered
Insurance: both remote and office-based trainees must be covered by their home institution
Availability: start anytime in September 2020
Duration of the traineeship: between three to six months

BENEFITS
Co-authoring EPSO publications (briefings and analyses) about European funding programmes tailored to plant scientists
Valuable knowledge of the available funds for R&I in life sciences essential for a future researcher
Unique working experience in a European organization
For traineeships in Brussels, the opportunity to immerse in an international and multilingual environment

Interested European based candidates are invited to send their CV, motivation letter and a letter of recommendation from their university to Alexandra.Barnoux@epsomail.org. The selected candidate will be informed in the month to come, while the other candidates will be kept in the database for future training opportunities.
Contacts
Questions from EPSO member organisations to Karin.Metzlaff@epsomail.org
Traineeship applications to Alexandra.Barnoux@epsomail.org

Useful links
EPSO communications: www.epsoweb.org/epso-communications
EPSO member institutes and universities: www.epsoweb.org/membership/members
EPSO representatives: www.epsoweb.org/membership/representatives

About EPSO
EPSO, the European Plant Science Organisation, is an independent academic organisation that represents more than 220 research institutes, departments and universities from 28 European countries, Australia, Japan and New Zealand. EPSO’s mission is to improve the impact and visibility of plant science in Europe.

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