



Open Call for 2 Doctoral positions in MSCA Doctoral Network "ViroiDoc"

OPEN CALL COMING SOON

ViroiDoc - Advanced Research on Viroid Pathogenesis and Control for Agricultural Sustainability

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The ViroiDoc Doctoral Network is currently seeking for **2 highly motivated Doctoral Candidates (DC)** to join research laboratories in Italy. The successful candidates will have the opportunity to participate in the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Action (MSCA).

Open positions will be available to candidates who hold a university degree (MSc or equivalent) in plant biology, genetics, cell biology, biology, bioinformatics, biochemistry, chemistry or a related discipline, completed no later than the start of the PhD project. The successful candidate should have a strong interest in conducting collaborative research.

The Doctoral Network ViroiDoc offers:

- Exciting projects on viroids, the smallest plant pathogens, and viroid-like RNAs that have only recently been discovered outside the plant kingdom.
- The programme includes secondments to partner laboratories or companies involved in plant breeding and plant protection located in Slovenia and Spain.
- A competitive salary.
- The opportunity to pursue a PhD in one of Europe's top research centres with an outstanding mentoring and career support.
- A comprehensive network-wide training and internship program, both in academia and industry.

Specific eligibility criteria:

- ☒ You have not yet defended a thesis or obtained your doctoral degree prior to the recruitment date.
- ☒ You can communicate in both written and spoken English (language certificate required).
- ☒ You have not resided or carried out your main activity (work, studies, etc.) at an institution within the country of the selected host laboratory for more than 12 months during the 3 years immediately before the recruitment date.

Application procedure:

The detailed descriptions of the DC positions, the work locations, the training programme and the application process will be available via the following link:

www.viroidoc.eu

Indicative Open call timeline is as follows:

July 2025	September 2025	September-October 2025	October 2025	From October 2025
Launch of the open call.	Deadline for submitting applications.	Evaluation of candidates.	Notification of selected candidates.	Start participation in ViroiDoc Network.



Should you require any additional information about the vacancies, please contact the coordinator of the ViroiDoc DN at info@viroidoc.eu.

Application deadline: September 2025.
For more information, please visit www.viroidoc.eu.



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