



REQUEST FOR HOST ORGANIZATION EIT FOOD RIS FELLOWSHIPS 2024



We invite all companies, start-ups, research institutes and universities whose activity is related to the agri-food sector or having departments related to work for the food industry, who would like to host Master of Science students and graduates and/or Ph.D. students and post-docs researchers, who would have an opportunity to participate in a 3-6 months unique professional internship within the framework of the EIT Food RIS Fellowships Activity Line. We assure important outreach to different academic institutions from EIT RIS countries, attracting best students and graduates to the food industry and presenting challenges and opportunities of the agri-food sector.



OUR GOAL

Submit your proposal and take part in the EIT Food RIS Fellowships Activity Line in 2024 (also: the “Program”, EIT Food RIS Fellowships AL). We will be looking for talented **Msc students and graduates (RIS Fellowships program) as well as Ph.D. students and researchers (RIS Talents program)** from the top universities among RIS countries (Regional Innovation Scheme), specializing in different areas of food and offer them **3-6 months internships**. The RIS Fellowships Activity Line targets candidates from all EIT RIS countries. RIS Fellowships interns will apply academic knowledge in practical real problematic situations of the hosting institution, as well as have an opportunity to develop their competences and job-related skills, while **RIS Talents** doctoral students and young post-docs will participate in innovative projects, Horizon Europe projects or R&D projects carried out by hosting institution. Participants will gain the job-related insight into the food sector, will be able to identify its challenges and will set their minds to answer them.

BENEFITS FOR YOUR ORGANIZATION

1. Preparing students to the internships.
2. Expanding brand awareness of host institution (company in the RIS countries).
3. Presenting interesting internship opportunities in the food industry.
4. Involvement in professional interns recruitment process.
5. Driving the competitiveness and innovativeness of European companies by attracting talents.
6. Access to well-educated, skillful, competent and passionate young interns.
7. Internship hosting, supporting R&D and innovations by investment in competences development.
8. Having talented researchers with fresh new ideas who support co-creation of innovations.

We welcome you to read more about the program below and consider joining our project!

INTERNS: WHO ARE THEY?

We will have two types of candidates: RIS Fellowships: MSc students, graduates and young entrepreneurs from EIT RIS countries. They will have the opportunity to apply academic knowledge in practice to spur a weave of entrepreneurial innovations in their home countries. RIS Talents: doctoral students and young postdocs. They will benefit from lessons learned in their own academic research and will also be encouraged to engage in industrial projects. RIS Talents interns will participate in innovation projects, HE projects or R&D projects



EIT Food RIS Fellowships AL is divided into complementary programs:

- **RIS Fellowships program is dedicated to MSc students, graduates and young entrepreneurs from EIT RIS countries.** They will have the opportunity to apply academic knowledge in practice to spur a weave of entrepreneurial innovations in their home countries. They will have an opportunity to gain new job-related skills and develop competences. RIS Fellowships interns will be engaged in learning-by-doing activities (internal projects and tasks) carried out by each host company.
- **RIS Talents program is dedicated to doctoral students and young postdocs.** They will benefit from lessons learned in their own academic research and will also be encouraged to engage in industrial projects. RIS Talents interns will participate in innovation projects, Horizon Europe projects or R&D projects by becoming involved in dedicated internships in the hosting organizations.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR INTERNS

Interns will obtain a monthly scholarship - a financial support depending on the mode of their internships.

EIT Food RIS Fellowships AL offers **3 possible internship modes: stationary, on-line or hybrid** (stationary & on-line).

A financial support will be provided:

1. In case of stationary mode of internship - to cover travel and accommodation expenses.
2. In case of on-line internship - to customize the internship workplace at their homes using all what is needed to use electronic means of communication during remote.

Due to the fact that the costs in each mode are different, EIT Food RIS Fellowships AL offers the following division of financial support:

- **Fellowships (Master students):**
 1. Stationary mode – 1500,00 EUR per month.
 2. On-line - 800,00 EUR per month.
- **Talents (Doctoral students):**
 1. Stationary mode – 2000,00 EUR per month.
 2. On-line mode - 950,00 EUR per month.

In Hybrid mode, financial support would be given pro rata according to the time spent on each form of internship. We allow the possibility of changing the internship mode during the month but only weekly (change only on Mondays). In this case, the costs will be calculated accordingly (part of the month in online mode, the rest in stationary mode).

The financial support will be paid in monthly installments after signing the consent form and monthly reports signed and provided by host organization's mentor. The financial support might be a subject of taxation depending on the legal requirements applying to the sides of the grant agreements.

PARTICIPATION CONDITIONS

Institution who would like to become host organization need to demonstrate if its activity is related to the agri-food sector or having departments related to work for the food industry, in particular linked to one of the 6 EIT Food focus areas including: **protein diversification, circular food systems, digital traceability, sustainable agriculture, sustainable aquaculture and targeted nutrition.**

Host organisation will be presented with a short list of applicants and will contribute to Programme development with one time **FEE** for matchmaking.

The **FEE** amounts are shown below:

Type of entity	EIT Food partners	Non-EIT Food partners
Start-up	500€	1500€
Other	1500€	3000€

APPLICATIONS TO THE EIT FOOD RIS FELLOWSHIPS AL

University of Warsaw as a lead partner of the EIT Food RIS Fellowships Action Line invites European **companies, start-ups, research institutes and universities** to submit their proposals to become the host organizations. Interested entities are invited to submit their applications using the "Request for host organizations EIT Food RIS Fellowships 2024".

[APPLY HERE](#)

[Deadline: 2nd of April 2024](#)

In case of any question, I will be pleased to answer you.

Looking forward to cooperation,

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