



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

23 July - 5 September 2025

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

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The ViroiDoc Doctoral Network is seeking for **2 highly motivated Doctoral Candidates (DC)** to join our 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 in international and cross-sectoral contexts.

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.) 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 is available at:

www.viroidoc.eu

Indicative Open call timeline is as follows:



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

Application deadline: 5 September 2025, 23:59 CET.
For more information, please visit www.viroidoc.eu.



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