



GREEN ERA-HUB

on Agri-Food and Biotechnology

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Green ERA-Hub Summer School

CIHEAM Bari, Italy

21. – 25. July 2025

Grants for travel, accommodation and attendance



GREEN ERA-HUB - ABOUT:

The [GEH](#) (Green ERA Hub – Coordination of national research programmes on Agri-Food and Biotechnology) is a Coordination and Support Action (CSA) funded under Horizon Europe, the EU's funding programme for research and innovation. The project started in September 2022. The consortium is built of Coordinators from former and ongoing ERA-NETs of multiple disciplines in the area of agri-food and biotechnology.

Aim of the GEH is to use the momentum of the European Research Area Networks (ERA-NETs) and to tackle the current challenges, like climate change, resource scarcities, pandemics and migration in a multidisciplinary and transnational way using systems approach. The cooperation between the different ERA NET initiatives creates opportunities for broader systems approach and views to contribute actively to solutions for mitigation and adaptation.

Besides the funding of research and innovation projects, enhancing networking & knowledge exchange and promoting capacity building are also key objectives of the GEH. Thus, in addition to the our previous mobility and knowledge exchange action for early career researcher in 2023, the **GEH now announces a call for early career researchers to join our Summer School at CIHEAM in Bari, Italy between 21.-25. July 2025.**

Take the opportunity and apply for a Grant to the GEH Summer School 2025!

1. THEMATIC AREAS

The GEH will organise a summer school for PhD students covering the following thematic areas of research:

1: Climate resilience in agricultural practices

- *Soil environmental monitoring*
- *Hydrology and irrigation systems*
- *Interactions at the soil-plant-environment interface in crop management systems*

2: Sustainable Agroecosystems

- *Organic Agriculture*
- *Agroecology*
- *Circularity, zero-Waste*

3: Plant pathology and emerging pests and diseases

- *Integrated Pest Management*
- *Epidemiology*
- *Post-harvest controls*

2. FORMAT AND PROGRAMME OF THE EVENT

The GEH Summer School will include keynote lectures, excursions, interactive workshops and training sessions as well as socialising and network activities during the event.

All participants are expected to present a poster about their PhD research project. Furthermore, a short-list of participants will be selected to give a short presentation of their PhD research.

A preliminary programme of the summer school is available online at <https://www.submission-greenerahub.eu/summerschool2025> under the Call Documents.

3. WHAT DOES THE GEH SUMMER SCHOOL OFFER?

Successful applicants will:

- have the expenses covered for travel and summer school participation (main meals included);

- be accommodated on the CIHEAM-Bari campus;
- have the chance to discuss their research and the research of others with high level experts in the different thematic fields (see above);
- have the chance to interact and network with a diverse set of stakeholders such as researchers from academia and industry, representatives of European funding organisations;
- participate in a broad set of planned activities (excursion, thematic workshop, career training etc),
- enjoy and experience social and cultural activities in the region of Bari.

4. KEY- REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATION – ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

The applicant should apply in accordance with the following requirements – non-compliance with these requirements may result in exclusion of the application:

- At the time of application, the applicant must reside and perform the PhD programme in one of the countries listed in Annex 1.
- Expenses will only be covered for travel from and to countries listed in Annex 1.
- The applicant must have officially started the PhD programme at the time of application (confirmation is mandatory, see below).
- The applicant must not have finished the PhD final examination (PhD thesis defence) before the date of the GEH Summer School 2025 (confirmation is mandatory, see below).
- The applicant’s PhD project must be in the remit of the topics of the GEH Summer School (see above).

5. REQUIRED INFORMATION FOR ONLINE APPLICATION:

The applicant has to provide the following information for the application process - all application documents have to be written in English:

- Motivation of applicant to join the summer school (to be filled in the applicant’s account);
- Curriculum Vitae of max. 1 page (PDF upload, no template provided);
- Official letter of reference from the PhD supervisor max. 2 pages (official letterhead, dated, signed, PDF upload, no template provided);
- Up-to-date and official certificate proving enrolment of the applicant in a PhD programme max. 2 pages (this letter must be officially issued from a graduate studies office or an

equivalent personnel section of the corresponding institution, official letterhead, dated, signed, PDF upload, no template provided);

- Short summary of PhD project (to be filled in the applicant's account)

6. ONLINE APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Application must be submitted via the available online submission platform at <https://www.submission-greenerahub.eu/summerschool2025>. Applications by email will not be accepted.

All online applications must be submitted by February 20, 2025 (CET 12:00 noon). The applications will be checked by the Call Office regarding the defined eligibility criteria (see section 4). Eligible application will be forwarded for expert evaluation (see section 8).

The online application procedure is fully described in the [online submission tool](#).

7. TIMELINE OF THE CALL:

The preliminary timeline for the application and selection process is as follows:

Call launch: November 2024

- Submission period of applications: 21.11.2024 - 20.2.2025, 12:00 (CET)
(Note that due to the holiday season, the Call Office will not be available between 18.12.2024 and 6.1.2025)
- Evaluation and selection of applications: February/March 2025
- Communication to the applicants: March 2025
- Arrangements for travel and accommodation by CIHEAM-Bari for successful applicants
- Summer school: 21.-25. July 2025

8. EVALUATION CRITERIA:

A dedicated team of experts will review the appropriateness and quality of the application. Each application will be evaluated against following criteria:

- Qualification of the applicant;
- Motivation of the applicant;
- Compatibility with GEH summer school topics.

9. ORGANISATION OF TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION:

The host institution CIHEAM-Bari will contact successful applicants to assist with suitable travel arrangement to and from the venue.

10. LIABILITY EXCLUSION

The GEH consortium partners cannot be held liable, jointly or severally, for any damage caused to any selected applicant or to third parties as a consequence of the applicant's participation at the GEH Summer School. Selected applicants are responsible to be sufficiently insured (travel insurance, health insurance etc.).

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Annex 1: Applicants must reside and perform their PhD programme in one of the following countries:

- Austria, Albania
- Belgium, Bulgaria, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Croatia, Republic of Cyprus, Czech Republic,
- Denmark,
- Estonia,
- Faroe Islands, Finland, France,
- Germany, Greece,
- Hungary,
- Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy,
- Kosovo,
- Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg,
- Malta, Moldova, Montenegro
- Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway
- Poland, Portugal,
- Romania,
- Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland
- Türkiye, Tunisia
- Ukraine, United Kingdom