



## “Universities for EU Projects”

Project financed as mobility project for traineeship for higher education students - KA1 Erasmus+

### CALL FOR HOST ORGANISATIONS

#### annex 1

to be filled in and sent to [info@eu-gen.org](mailto:info@eu-gen.org)

#### Organization profile

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Type of organisation	Government Research Institute	
Is your organisation a public body?	Yes	
Is your organisation a non-profit?	Yes	
Total number of staff	615	
Number of trainees hosted in 2015/2016	60	

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<i>Please tick the cell matching the income of the organization in the last year</i>	
Between 0 and 100.000 EUR	
Between 100.001 and 500.000 EUR	
More than 500.001 EUR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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### Background and experience

1. Please provide a brief description of your organisation (e.g. mission, areas of specific expertise, specific social context, target group, regular activities, etc.).

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(max 1000 characters with spaces)

The Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute (AFBI) is a government funded research institute employing just over 600 staff. It is the second largest agricultural research institute in the UK. AFBI undertakes assigned testing and research work programmes on behalf of the Northern Ireland Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA). In addition, AFBI carries out scientific work on a commercial basis with approximately a third of its income coming from external and commercial contracts.

The agri-food sector plays a significant role in the Northern Ireland (NI) economy. Although it represents only 5.6% of the UK land area, NI is responsible for 15% of cattle and milk production, 10% of pork and 11% of poultry and egg production in the UK. 70% of all sales from food and drinks processing in NI are exports.

2. What are the activities and experience of your organisation, which are relevant to EU funded projects? (max 1000 characters with spaces).

AFBI's core functions are to deliver a programme of statutory testing, surveillance, emergency response, research and development and scientific advice in relation to animal and plant disease, the environment, food safety, freshwater and marine fisheries and rural and agri-food and rural economics. Aspects of this scientific programme enable DARD and Northern Ireland to comply with national and EU legislation. AFBI has offices and facilities at seven sites in Northern Ireland, supporting regional agriculture and related areas.

3. Have you applied for/received a grant from any European Union programme in the 3 years preceding this application? Yes

If so, please indicate:

<b>Title of the project approved</b>	<b>EU funding Programme</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Applicant organisation</b>
PIGRISK Contract no: 659961	H2020 MSCA-IF	2014	AFBI
AquaSpace Contract No. 633476	H2020 SFS-11a-2014	2014	AFBI
EU Pig	H2020 RUR-10-2016	2016	AFBI
WaterPro	Interreg VB NPA	2016	AFBI



COMPASS	Interreg VA	2017	AFBI (coordinator)
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4. Does your organization plan to apply for any EU funded projects in the next year?  
(If so, please specify under which Programme, if you already know, or in which field of activity)

Yes – Horizon 2020 SC2 calls

### Candidates' profile

5. What is the trainees' ideal personality, qualifications and skills?

Good interpersonal and communications skills; willingness to learn; Self-motivated; experienced in web-searching; well organised; able to maintain good record of own work;

6. Which working language is required? English

7. Please give a rough description of the main daily tasks

We have positions in two areas:

- Administrative support to existing and new projects – within the Finance section of the Research Support Office, primarily supporting the preparation of financial claims and audits. This will require use of MS Excel spreadsheets.
- General support to project development - Administrative tasks finding information for EU funding applicants – documents, people, funding information; attending regular meetings with the NI Contact Point (Horizon 2020 Agri-food) to discuss applicants' needs to refine proposals.

8. How many trainees are you willing to host at the same time? 2








9. What is your favourite length of the mobility period? Minimum 3 months; 4+ months preferred

10. What kind of logistical support are you able to provide? Office desk, computer, internet connection, printer, telephone, etc.









11. Do you provide any economic support? No
12. Do you provide any linguistic support? Applicants will be expected to have a good working proficiency in English. Two members of staff working within a short distance of the research support office have Italian as a mother tongue.
13. Where would the trainee(s) work from? Positions are based at Headquarters (Newforge Lane, Belfast)
14. Is there any possibility for the trainees to be hired after a successful traineeship experience?  
Trainees would have to apply for any jobs arising, along with other external candidates.
15. Would you be interested in being contacted for future traineeship projects? yes

#### MAIN FIELDS OF ACTIVITY

 1. <i>Agriculture, Fisheries and Foods</i>	X
 2. <i>Economy, Finance and Tax</i>	
 3. <i>Education, Training, Culture and Youth</i>	
 4. <i>Employment and Social Affairs</i>	
 5. <i>Energy and Natural Resources</i>	
 6. <i>Enterprise and Industry</i>	
 7. <i>Environment, Consumers and Health</i>	



	8. <i>External Relations and Foreign Affairs</i>	
	9. <i>Information, Communication and Media</i>	
	10. <i>Justice, Fundamental Rights and Home Affairs</i>	
	11. <i>Regions and Local Development</i>	
	12. <i>Research, Innovation and Technology</i>	
	13. <i>Transport, Tourism and Travel</i>	