



**CPVO**

Community Plant Variety Office

## European IP Institutes Network Innovation Society (EIPIN-Innovation Society)

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#### Introduction

The CPVO is a Partner Organization to the **EIPIN-Innovation Society Joint-Doctorate** funded by the European Commission within the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions, International Training Networks (ITN), European Joint Doctorates (EJD). The funding period is March 1, 2017 until February 28, 2021, [Grant Agreement number 721733](#)-EIPIN IS-MSCA-ITN-EJD, European IP Institutes Network-Innovation Society — H2020-MSCA-ITN-2016. The Coordinator of the project is the **University of Maastricht** (Netherlands). Other participants are the University of Strasbourg, Universidad de Alicante, Universitaet Augsburg and Queen Mary University of London.

#### Scope of the program

The program aims at awarding a joint or double doctoral degree to **15** Doctorates called "**Early Stage Researchers**" ("ESR").

**One (1) ESR will do research in the field of plant related innovation under the coordination of the Maastricht University (Primary Institution) in cooperation with the University of Alicante (Secondary Institution), the CPVO and ESA (Partners Organizations). The proposed topic for investigation in the field of plant breeding is:**

**"The future of plant breeding in patent and plant breeders protection"**

#### Requirements for researchers

Researchers can be of **any nationality** (world-wide, including non-EU countries). They are required to undertake transnational mobility (i.e. move from one country to another) when taking up their appointment.

Nationality is therefore not a criterion. Rather the location of the researcher's residence or main activity during the 3 years prior to their recruitment is determining.

Example: *Dutch nationals can be eligible for recruitment at a beneficiary located in the Netherlands if they have resided or carried out their main activity outside of the Netherlands for more than 24 months in the 3 years immediately prior to their recruitment.*

Researchers shall at the time of recruitment by the Primary Institution be in the first four years (full-time equivalent research experience) of their research careers and **have not been awarded a doctoral degree**.

Candidates shall have:

- a master's degree in law, the humanities or social sciences, **or sciences** relevant for the individual research topics, such as pharmacology, nanotechnology, **agricultural studies**, information and telecommunication technology;
- a demonstrable affinity with intellectual property law; and
- the ability to speak, read and write in **English**.

The application has to contain the following documents in electronic form: (a) written documentation concerning prior education; (b) an English language test, unless the ESRs first language is English or s/he has studied at an English-speaking university; all non-native English students have to pass the Academic IELTS (minimum score: 7) or the internet-based TOEFL (minimum score: 95) or equivalent; (c) a personal letter of motivation; (d) a curriculum vitae, (e) **a draft project proposal including a timeline**; (f) two names of referees; and (g) a substantial piece of writing (such as a master thesis).

Once selected, ESRs are enrolled at the Primary Institution that has been assigned to them at the end of the selection procedure.

The duration of the project is limited to **three years from the start date of the project (September 2017)**.

#### **Researcher's salary**

Salary includes (living allowance), mobility and possibly family allowance. These gross amounts are approximately 3.600 EUR per month if (s)he has no family.

**Deadline for submission applications: 29 March 2017, 23:59 CET**

#### **Useful Links**

<http://www.eipin-innovationsociety.org/index>

[mail to:info@eipin-innovationsociety.org](mailto:info@eipin-innovationsociety.org)

[http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/other/guides\\_for\\_applicants/h2020-guide-appl16-msca-itn\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/other/guides_for_applicants/h2020-guide-appl16-msca-itn_en.pdf) (**Guide for Applicants**)

