



Office of the Chief Scientist 2017 Traineeship Programme

Applications are invited for the Traineeship Programme at the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC), within the Office of the Chief Scientist (OCS).

Description of the Office of the Chief Scientist

With high-level expertise in the main specific disease areas as well as in some important generic determinants of infectious diseases, the Office of the Chief Scientist drives the scientific agenda of the ECDC, and oversees the quality of the scientific output of the Centre.

The Office works in three sections:

Disease Programmes: Comprising the Heads of the seven Disease Programmes: antibiotic resistance and healthcare-associated infections; emerging and vector borne diseases; food- and waterborne diseases; HIV, sexually transmitted infections and hepatitis; influenza; tuberculosis and vaccine-preventable diseases. Leading the specific activities and projects linked to individual diseases or disease areas.

Scientific Advice Coordination: Developing, maintaining, and improving the quality, consistency and transparency of the Centre's scientific advice procedures and outputs; fostering information exchange between ECDC and European public health scientists/stakeholders on questions related to scientific advice processes and research coordination; and developing and promoting evidence-based methods and tools for public health, including burden of disease.

Microbiology Coordination: Providing leadership in ECDC activities to strengthen the capacity and capability of the EU public health microbiology system to provide timely and reliable information for infectious disease prevention and control at Member State and EU levels.

Description of the Traineeship

The Office of the Chief scientist has the opportunity to welcome two Trainees to any of the above listed sections.

Minimum Requirements

In order to be an eligible candidate you must fulfil the following requirements:

- Be a national of an EU Member State, Norway, Iceland or Liechtenstein;
- Have completed your studies and been awarded a full university degree by the closing date for applications;
- Have a very good command of English (the working language of ECDC). Knowledge of any additional EU languages is considered an asset;
- Have not have previously participated in a formal traineeship or employment (paid or unpaid) within a European institution, agency or body.

Application procedure

To apply please send a completed Application Form, in Word or PDF format, together with a copy of your degree award to traineeship@ecdc.europa.eu.

The email subject line should be written as **"Traineeship-OCS-Surname"**. The application will be rejected if the form has not been completed in full or if you fail to attach proof of your awarded degree.

No additional documents should be sent other than the documents specified above. Any false statement or omission, even if unintended, may lead to a cancellation of the application or termination of the traineeship.

Applications for the 2017 Traineeship Programme may be submitted between: **1st December 2016 and 31st January 2017**. Only applications submitted during this period will be considered.

Due to the large volume of applications only applicants selected for interviews will be notified.

The Selection process

Candidates will be selected based on their education and experience relevant to the work of the Unit. For detailed information regarding the traineeship programme at ECDC, please refer to the *Rules governing traineeships of the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control* available at the following link:

<http://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/aboutus/jobs/Pages/traineeships.aspx>

Equal opportunities

ECDC applies equal opportunities and accepts applications without distinction on the grounds of age, race, political, philosophical or religious conviction, sex or sexual orientation and regardless of disabilities, marital status or family situation.

Protection of personal data

Please note that the personal information ECDC requests from applicants will be processed in line with Regulation (EC) N° 45/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2000 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data. The purpose of processing of your personal data is to support the selection procedures at ECDC. This processing may involve distribution of this data to other Community institutions. For further information or exercise of your rights (such as the right to access or the right to correct your data), contact can be made with the Human Resources section.