

European Junior Project officer (4-5 days a week)

The European Forum of Farm Animal Breeders (EFFAB) has a job opening for an enthusiastic Project Officer in Animal Breeding. If you feel familiar with topics including phenotype, functional annotation, breeding program, genomics, genome editing, germinal products, nucleus farm, semen collection and CASA systems, apply now to join our team!

Job description and capabilities

EFFAB participates in European research projects by disseminating results and transferring knowledge. EFFAB and FABRE TP engage with members and other research Technology Platforms (TPs) to draft Research Strategic Agendas and vision papers in the field of Livestock and Aquaculture breeding and farming. In this position, you will support both types of activities and work in close collaboration with the rest of the [team](#).

Your main duties and responsibilities will be :

- Collaborating with the project team in the overall implementation of the projects;
- Collaborating with the EFFAB team in the overall implementation of EFFAB/FABRE-TP activities;
- Co-writing/advising on EU project proposals (Horizon Europe, COST actions...)
- Preparation of project communication materials (website, brochures, fact sheets, newsletters, etc) including translation of scientific language to layman's terms on animal breeding and reproduction targeting different level stakeholders (policy makers, companies, producers, farmers, sector professionals, researchers and general public),
- Communicating research projects' outcomes on Animal Genetics, Breeding and Reproduction to a variety of audience via different media channels and events thus ensuring knowledge transfer
- Participating in EFFAB and FABRE TP activities specifically on animal genetics topics and scientific communication, as well in organizational issues,
- Co-writing research priorities papers and strategic research agenda with members
- Improving the networking of researchers and animal breeding & reproduction companies to build collaborative European and regional projects
- Monitoring the European research agenda
- Managing the social media account of FABRE TP
- Reporting accurately and on-time to meet project deadlines,
- Liaising effectively with multi-disciplinary research teams,
- Attending virtual and in person scientific conferences related to Animal Genetics

We are searching a passionate person aiming to work with researchers on animal breeding, reproduction, genetics and farming with the following profile :

- Bachelor's degree in Animal Sciences or related topics.
- Preferably graduate or enrolled to a Master or PhD in Animal Breeding and Reproduction or related topics. Additional knowledge or experience in Cartagena and Nagoya Protocol and management in genetic resources would be an important asset.
- Knowledge in Office software package, basic design and media editing tools.
- Strong communications skills both with research and private sector.
- Experienced or highly motivated to learn the translation of research to layman's terms, website development and maintenance, social media engagement, and contenting communication materials.
- Fluent written and spoken English; knowledge of another EU languages would be an asset.
- Motivated, well organised team player, able to deliver on time, proactive and can take responsibility for own work.
- Flexible and can adapt to changing priorities as required.

We offer you :

A challenging job in a European Association with a large range of nationalities and scientific profiles. A variety of topics related to livestock and aquaculture breeding but also animal science at the EU level. The place of work is Brussels; regular travels to The Netherlands could be considered during the training period, if the Covid19 situation allows it. A lot of flexibility to work from home. The position requires occasional travelling to meetings organized by EFFAB, FABRE TP and scientific conferences including those of projects in which EFFAB participates. We are offering a contract under Belgian Law. Salary and extra-legal conditions will be considered depending on the experience of the candidate.

Interested ? You can send us your application until the 25 February 2021 (effab@effab.info).

Our organisation

[EFFAB](#) is a branch organisation of the European animal breeding and reproduction sector. Our [members](#) are national and international cattle, pig, poultry, aquaculture and insect breeding businesses and (national) associations. EFFAB promotes the political interests of the members at EU level (Commission, Parliament, Council, NGO's, Stakeholders) and supports sustainable farm animal breeding and reproduction across animal breeding and reproduction sectors. In this respect, EFFAB is responsible for the code of good breeding and reproduction practice, the Code EFABAR (www.responsiblebreeding.eu).

EFFAB also stimulates research and innovation by providing the secretariat of the EU Technology Platform 'Farm Animal Breeding and Reproduction' ([FABRE TP](#)). FABRE TP promotes funding of research in breeding and reproduction, collaboration between private sector and research institutions and knowledge transfer within and to the animal breeding and reproduction sector.