

COMMUNITY PLANT VARIETY OFFICE

The Community Plant Variety Office (CPVO) in Angers invites applications for a traineeship of 6 months.

Agricultural Sector (m/f) **(Ref: AS/2016)** Traineeship

The Agency:

Detailed information about the CPVO can be found at <http://www.cpvo.europa.eu/>. The CPVO is entirely self-financed and has an annual budget of 15M€ and an establishment plan of 46 posts.

The Traineeship Framework:

The Agricultural sector is part of the Technical Unit of the CPVO, and deals with applications for plant variety protection rights for agricultural species. The trainee will be assisting the Expert of the Agricultural Sector in Biomolecular Techniques and Research & Development projects, amongst other tasks. Please note that applications can be sent to the Office in any of the official EU languages; knowledge of multiple EU languages is considered an asset.

The Requirements:

- Candidates must have a recent degree linked to plant breeding, with emphasis on the use of molecular techniques;
- Experience in variety testing would be an advantage;
- Candidates have to be at ease in a multicultural environment where the main working languages are English and French;
- Candidates must have excellent IT skills;
- Candidates must have very good communication skills in English, knowledge of French would be an advantage;
- Candidates must be able to work well in a team.

Formal requirements

To be considered eligible, applicants must satisfy the following requirements on the closing date for the submission of applications:

- Be a national of an EU Member State;
- Enjoy full rights as a citizen;
- Have a university degree of at least 3 years of study (minimum a bachelor) linked to plant breeding, with emphasis on the use of molecular techniques;
- Have a thorough knowledge of one of the languages of the Communities and satisfactory knowledge of another official language of the Community.

Candidates who fulfill the above requirements will be contacted for a telephone interview.

Contractual Conditions:

The successful candidate will be offered a traineeship of 6 months.

Start date: 3 October 2016

Place: Angers (France)

Deadline: 30 May 2016

The applications (application form, letter of motivation & CV) should be addressed by e-mail only to, Vacances@cpvo.europa.eu. **Incomplete applications will automatically be excluded from the selection procedure.**

Disclaimer:

Due to the high number of applications expected, applicants who are not shortlisted will not be contacted. Therefore, if you have not been contacted by mid-June for a traineeship due to begin in September or by mid-November for a traineeship to begin in March, you have not been shortlisted and may re-apply for a traineeship at a future date.

