



CALL FOR EXPERTS FOR TALENT4RURALSCIENCE PROGRAMME (SCIENTIFIC TALENT FOR THE PROMOTION OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT)

MSCA COFUND PROGRAMME (Grant Agreement No. 101217463)

INTRODUCTION

TALENT4RURALSCIENCE programme is seeking experts in the fields of **sustainable development, natural resources management, innovation in health, technology for rural development, education, inclusion and community development** to apply to become expert evaluators for the selection of postdoctoral researchers to be hired for the development of the programme.

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More information about TALENT4RURALSCIENCE programme on the website www.talent4ruralscience.eu

CONDITIONS

The University of Extremadura (TALENT4RURALSCIENCE coordinator and Implementing partner) will select the candidates with the most suitable profiles according to the published scale. The selected experts are hired for short-term tasks. The working days are not always consecutive and can be spread over several months.

The experts will evaluate the applications of postdoctoral researchers who will be hired by the University of Extremadura as part of the TALENT4RURALSCIENCE programme. To do this, they will score the applications submitted and exchange opinions with other evaluators.

The selected experts will be part of the TALENT4RURALSCIENCE Evaluation Panel (EP), who is the body responsible for evaluating all the proposals in Step 4 of the selection process of the TALENT4RURALSCIENCE programme. They will be led by the Panel Chair.



All the experts will be external to the recruiting organisation (University of Extremadura)

More information about the evaluation process in the TALENT4RURALSCIENCE Guide for Applicants (available on the website www.talent4ruralscience.eu)

REMUNERATION

- €450/day for full-time work.

Selected experts will be informed of the number of proposals to be evaluated and the estimated total number of hours of work before beginning the evaluation process.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Maximum score: 100 points

- Academic background and professional profile (20%)
- Specific knowledge and relevant experience related to the main research areas of the TALENT4RURALSCIENCE programme (50%)
- Previous experience in evaluating research projects (20%)
- Languages (10%)

SELECTION PROCESS

Applicants will be evaluated according to established criteria and given a score from 0 to 100. A list will be ranked from highest to lowest score for each of the three challenges in the TALENT4RURALSCIENCE programme. Once this list has been drawn up, researchers will be selected and contacted in order of score to confirm their availability and acceptance.


The number of experts selected for each challenge will depend on the number of applications submitted to the TALENT4RURALSCIENCE Call for Researchers, thus ensuring an evaluation process that meets the requirements and standards detailed in the programme.

DOCUMENTATION TO BE ATTACHED (IN PDF FILE)

- Application form (Annex I)
- Curriculum Vitae (max. 3 pages). Free format
Please include the necessary documentation for verification of the merits presented, taking into account the evaluation criteria.
- Short list of publications and projects. Free format
- Letter of motivation (optional, up to 500 words). Free format

Applicants who do not send all documents will be considered ineligible in the selection process and their application will not be evaluated.

DEADLINES AND WHERE TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS

 The deadline for submitting applications is 31 March 2026.

Applications should be sent to the following email address: info@talent4ruralscience.eu

Email subject: Application Form – Evaluator for TALENT4RURALSCIENCE programme

DATA PROTECTION

In accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (General Data Protection Regulation – GDPR) and Organic Law 3/2018 on the Protection of Personal Data and the Guarantee of Digital Rights, the personal data provided by applicants in the framework of this Call for Expert Evaluators will be processed by the University of Extremadura (UEx) as data controller.

Personal data will be processed exclusively for the following purposes:

- Managing participation in the selection procedure for expert evaluators of the TALENT4RURALSCIENCE programme.
- Assessing the suitability, expertise and availability of applicants to act as evaluators.
- Appointing and managing expert evaluators for the scientific and technical evaluation of postdoctoral researchers' applications.
- Ensuring compliance with conflict of interest, confidentiality and ethical requirements.
- Fulfilling legal, contractual and audit obligations arising from the MSCA COFUND Grant Agreement under the Horizon Europe Programme.

Personal data may be accessed by the TALENT4RURALSCIENCE Management Team, the Selection and Evaluation Committees, the University of Extremadura's administrative services and, where applicable, European Commission services or authorised auditors. Data will not be disclosed to third parties for purposes other than those described.

Personal data will be retained for the duration of the selection and evaluation process and thereafter for the periods required by applicable legislation and audit obligations linked to the Horizon Europe Programme.

Applicants may exercise their rights of access, rectification, erasure, restriction of processing, objection and data portability by contacting the Data Protection Officer of the University of Extremadura at dpd@unex.es.