

FAQs

In case you had concerns, here are some frequently asked questions and answers about AToUT Postdoctoral Program

1. WHAT IS THE ATOUT PROGRAMME?

AToUT (Health and Wellbeing, Global Changes, Sustainable Transitions) is a 24-month postdoctoral fellowship programme coordinated by the University of Toulouse and co-funded by the European Union under the MSCA COFUND scheme (Grant Agreement No. 101216810). It aims to foster international, interdisciplinary research and support early-career researchers through training, mentoring, and mobility.

2. HOW MANY FELLOWSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE?

A total of 15 fellowships will be awarded in this first call for applications.

3. WHAT ARE THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS?

Applicants must:

- Hold a PhD (or equivalent) by the application deadline.
- Comply with the MSCA mobility rule: not have resided or carried out their main activity in France for more than 12 months in the 36 months prior to the deadline.
- Not hold a permanent position in the proposed host institution.
- Not receive EU funding for the same project.

4. WHAT IS THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROVIDED?

Fellows will receive a competitive salary, a mobility allowance, and full social security coverage. The exact amount will follow national standards and institutional practices.

5. CAN I CHOOSE MY HOST INSTITUTION?

Yes. Applicants must identify at least one eligible host research unit affiliated with AToUT. Tools for this include:

- [Lab Connect](#)
- [Guide to Research in Occitania](#)

6. DO I NEED A SUPERVISOR BEFORE APPLYING?

It is not mandatory, but strongly recommended. It will strengthen your application.

7. ARE SECONDMENTS ALLOWED?

Yes. International, intersectoral or inter-institutional secondments are optional and should be described in the research proposal.

8. DOES DOING MY PHD IN FRANCE MAKE ME INELIGIBLE?

No, doing your PhD in France is not a problem.

You are eligible as long as you haven't spent more than 12 months in France in the last 36 months before the call deadline.

9. I DEFENDED MY PHD BUT HAVEN'T GRADUATED YET. AM I ELIGIBLE?

Yes, as long as you can provide official proof of your successful PhD defence by the application deadline.

10. CAN I APPLY IF I ALREADY HAVE SEVERAL YEARS OF POSTDOC EXPERIENCE?

Yes, there is no maximum time since PhD. However, you must still meet the mobility and employment criteria.

11. I AM CURRENTLY LIVING IN FRANCE. CAN I APPLY?

You can apply if you haven't lived or worked in France for more than 12 months in the last 36 months before the deadline.

12. CAN I SUBMIT MORE THAN ONE PROJECT?

No, only one application per person is allowed.

13. DO I NEED TO SPEAK FRENCH?

No, the working language of the programme and the application process is English.

14. I HAVE FRENCH NATIONALITY . CAN I APPLY?

You can apply if you haven't lived or worked in France for more than 12 months in the last 36 months before the deadline.



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