

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

AToUT Postdoctoral Programme (MSCA)

Programme Highlights

- **15 fellowships** of 24 months, starting September in 2026
- **Full-time employment contracts**
- **Competitive allowance** (salary + mobility + social security)
- Access to **world-class research infrastructures**
- Tailored **training programme** (scientific, transferable, and career development skills)

The AToUT programme, coordinated by the **University of Toulouse** and co-funded by the European Union under the **MSCA-COFUND Horizon Europe Grant Agreement No. 101216810**, supports postdoctoral research in the areas of Health and Well-being, Global Changes, and Sustainable Transitions. With a network of over 140 research units and strong partnerships in academia and the socio-economic sector, the programme aims to foster independent, high-quality research within an interdisciplinary and international framework. We are pleased to launch the first international call for applications to recruit postdoctoral fellows under this initiative.



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Eligibility Criteria (MSCA post-doctoral rules)

To be eligible:

- You must **hold a PhD** or equivalent doctoral degree **by the application deadline**.
- You must **comply with the MSCA mobility rule**:

Not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in **France** for more than **12 months in the 36 months** immediately before the call deadline.

- You must not **already be permanently employed** by the prospective host institution.
- The fellowship must be conducted **full-time**.
- Your project must not have already received **EU funding** (no double funding).

Scientific Scope

Postdoctoral projects must align with one of the following interdisciplinary themes:

1. **Understanding and promoting good health and well-being**
2. **Understanding global changes and their impact on societies**
3. **Accelerating sustainable transitions**

Or be rooted within one of the disciplinary clusters of the University of Toulouse:

- BABS (Biology, Agronomy, Biotechnology, Health)
- SDM (Chemistry, Matter Sciences)
- DSPEG (Law, Political Science, Economics, Finance)
- H-SHS (Humanities and Social Sciences)
- MST2I (Mathematics, science of information technology and engineering)
- UPEE (Universe, planet, space, environment)

Applicants must identify at least one **host research unit** affiliated with AToUT, using:

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

Timeline

Call opening: **3 November 2025**

Deadline for submission: **28 February 2026**

Phase 1 results : **22 May 2026**

Online interview : **1 July 2026**

Final results notification: **1 July 2026**

Fellowship start: **September 2026**



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Application Process

Applications must be submitted **online** via the AToUT platform:

You must submit the following documents **in PDF format**:

Application Form (mandatory fields):

- **Personal information**
- **PhD diploma / positive defense certificate**
- **Motivation letter**
- **CV**
- **Description of previous research experience**
- **Research proposal** (max. 10 pages):
 - Hypothesis and objectives
 - Methodology
 - Scientific, societal and ethical impact
 - Budget consumption
 - Alignment with AToUT priorities
 - Identified host(s) and supervisor(s)
- **Career Development Plan (CDP)**
- **Data management plan (DMP)**

Additional Information

- Summary slide
- Webinar flyer
- FAQ

Evaluation Process

Applications will be evaluated by a three-phase procedure:

1. **Eligibility check** by the AToUT executive committee to ensure all formal requirements and MSCA rules are met.

2. **External peer review**: Eligible proposals will be independently assessed by at least two international experts :
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3. **Interview phase**: Shortlisted candidates will be invited to a remote interview with an interdisciplinary experts committee

The interview will assess:

- The clarity and coherence of the proposed research
- The candidate's motivation, autonomy, and ability to communicate their project to a multidisciplinary panel
- The potential for scientific and societal impact
- The adequacy of the host environment and supervision plan

The interview may also include **short presentations and Q&A sessions**.



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