

# BioEco Graduate School

## Call for applications - Doctoral funding

### Award of four half PhD Scholarships

#### 1. Purpose of the call

As part of its mission to promote research excellence, the BioEco Graduate School develops an integrated five-year training pathway accompanying students from master's level through to the completion of the doctoral degree. This framework provides a coherent, interdisciplinary, and internationally oriented environment, combining high-level scientific training with strong support for professional development.

The present call for applications seeks to support outstanding doctoral research projects that are fully aligned with the scientific themes of the BioEco Graduate School. By encouraging ambitious and original research initiatives, the Graduate School aims to strengthen the quality, visibility, and impact of doctoral research, while contributing to the emergence of a new generation of highly qualified researchers capable of addressing major scientific and societal challenges.

#### 2. Nature and modalities of the funding

**The BioEco Graduate School provides partial financial support to selected doctoral projects through the award of half PhD scholarships.** This funding is intended to contribute to the overall financing of doctoral training and to support the implementation of high-quality research projects aligned with the Graduate School's scientific priorities.

The funding is allocated within a clearly identified budgetary framework and must comply with applicable financial management and reporting rules<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> the funding for the half PhD scholarship must be clearly identified, monitored, and auditable within the budget lines, with an effective start date taking priority to ensure it falls within the eligible period of the relevant ANR project

### 3. Eligibility conditions

#### 3.1 Applicant

The doctoral project is submitted by the future PhD candidate. The call is open to candidates from the 2025 graduating cohort and the ongoing 2026 M2 MSc BioTechEco cohort, provided that they meet all academic and administrative requirements for doctoral enrolment.

#### 3.2 Scientific and institutional framework

Proposed projects must be within one of the scientific themes of BioEco Graduate School<sup>2</sup>.

They must also provide for enrolment in one of the [Doctoral Schools partnering with BioEco Graduate School](#) and be hosted by a partner institution<sup>3</sup>.

The research work must be carried out within one of [the laboratories partnering with BioEco graduate school](#), in a scientific environment consistent with the objectives and research axes of the Graduate School.

Applicants and prospective supervisors are reminded to comply with the internal procedures and administrative requirements of the host laboratories and the relevant doctoral schools.

#### 3.3 Co-funding requirements

**Complementary funding is a mandatory eligibility condition and must be secured and formally certified at the time of application submission.**

This co-funding must ensure financial continuity throughout the doctoral period and, at a minimum, from April/May 2028 to October/November 2029, complementary to the period funded by BioEco Graduate School (from October/November 2026 to March/April 2028). Co-funding may be academic, institutional or industrial one, subject to compliance with the rules and procedures of the registration institution and the relevant Doctoral School.

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<sup>2</sup> Annex 1: Scoping document for PhD certification

<sup>3</sup> INSA Toulouse, Toulouse INP, IMT Mines Albi, University of Toulouse, TSE

## 4. Application file

The application file must be complete and include the following documents.

### 4.1 Documents related to the candidate

Applicants must submit a curriculum vitae (1 page) and a statement of motivation (15-20 lines). This statement must outline the candidate's career objectives, justify the choice of the PhD topic, and demonstrate the coherence between the doctoral project and the candidate's academic background and professional perspectives.

Letters of recommendation from external supervisors may be included on an optional basis.

### 4.2 Documents related to the supervisors

The application file must include a justification of the hosting context (maximum 10 lines), specifying how the project fits within the research axis of the host team and laboratory. The prospective PhD supervisor must provide a description of the proposed co-funding (maximum 10 lines), as well as a reasoned assessment of the candidate (maximum 10 lines).

### 4.3 PhD project

Applicants must submit a PhD research proposal, limited to one page. This document must present the scientific context of the project, a concise state of the art, the main scientific questions, and a provisional work plan.

### 4.4 Summary of required application documents

- curriculum vitae (1 page)
- statement of motivation (15-20 lines)
- Justification of the hosting context (maximum 10 lines)
- Description of the proposed co-funding (maximum 10 lines)
- reasoned assessment of the candidate (maximum 10 lines)
- Letters of recommendation (optional)

The total length of the application file is limited to three pages, excluding letters of recommendation.

## 5. Submission modalities

Application must be submitted exclusively by email, as one PDF file.

Application file must be sent to the following address: [cd-bioeco@insa-toulouse.fr](mailto:cd-bioeco@insa-toulouse.fr), no later than 7 September 2026 at noon (French time).

The file must be named as follows: LastName\_FirstName\_PhD\_Call\_BioEcoGS\_2026.pdf

Any incomplete application or application submitted after the deadline will not be considered.

## Call timeline

- Call opening: 7 February 2026
- Application deadline: 7 September 2026
- Selection committee meeting: week of 14 September 2026
- Notification of results: no later than the following week
- Start of PhD projects: October / November 2026

## 6. Selection procedure

Applications will be reviewed by a selection committee appointed by BioEco Graduate School. Evaluation will be based in particular on the scientific quality of the project, its alignment with the themes of the BioEco Graduate School, the candidate's academic background and career objectives, the quality of the supervision and research environment, and the robustness and compliance of the co-funding.

The decisions of the selection committee are final and not subject to appeal.

## 7. Information and contact

For any questions regarding this call for applications, candidates are invited to contact:

[cd-bioeco@insa-toulouse.fr](mailto:cd-bioeco@insa-toulouse.fr)