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PLANTED ACADEMY

► The COST Action PlantEd (CA18111) is looking for a candidate to develop the PlantEd Academy. If you are interested, please send your CV to the Action Chair and the WG5 leaders (contact information below) not later than 2 July 2021.

The PlantEd Academy

We will develop the PlantEd Academy, an online platform to promote the Action through various communication and tutorial activities. It will be a training resource, delivering multimedia information, webinars, class tutorials and protocols. This will greatly support the continued dynamic and momentum of our Action, which is challenged by the Covid-19 pandemic. An example of a successful Academy [has been developed in the COST Action INDEPTH \(CA16212\)](#).

We currently have funding in the 2nd Grant Period to develop the PlantEd Academy, and the intention is that budget will continue to be allocated (depending on MC decision) until the end of the Action.

The PlantEd Academy Manager

The PlantEd Academy Manager will provide support for the PlantEd community through generation of online content that promotes integration of outputs, dissemination, and interaction among the Action participants. The work will be reimbursed at an hourly rate, up to a maximum total of EUR 5,000 in the 2nd Grant Period (until 31.10.2021). In addition to this, EUR 4,000 is available as a [Virtual Networking Support \(VNS\) grant](#) for the qualified candidate, subject to Management Committee decision. An additional budget is available for delivering specific output, including protocols (EUR 1,000), videos (EUR 1,000) and PlantEd presentation material (EUR 2,000).

Tasks:

1. Develop a series of web-based tutorials on specific topics relevant for the PlantEd WGs, supported by experts from within the PlantEd community (and occasionally beyond, if relevant).
2. Continue developing the PlantEd open webinar series, including the planning and arrangement of new webinars.
3. Assemble the PlantEd Academy material on the [PlantEd website](#).
4. Promote the PlantEd Academy via social media.

Specific for the VNS grant:

5. Support the work with Virtual Mobility grants.

Optional, with additional funding:

6. Develop, or facilitate the access to, technical protocols related to plant genome editing (in collaboration with the Action WG1 leaders).
7. Develop PlantEd-related videos.
8. Develop PlantEd presentation material.

The work will be carried out in close interaction with the Action Chair and the WG5 leaders (and ad hoc with other WG leaders). The work described in this announcement will take place before 31 Oct 2021. A continuation will be discussed, potentially with additional funding in the next grant period.

Qualifications of the candidate

- ✓ Experience with communications (internal, external).
- ✓ Experience in arranging events, such as webinars/seminars.
- ✓ Experience in working with multimedia tools, including video.
- ✓ Preferably experience with website management.
- ✓ Scientific understanding of plant genome editing is highly desirable.

Contributions to Action Deliverables and Objectives

A PlantEd Academy will contribute to the Action Deliverables 8 (Presentation material...), 14 (Video productions), 23 (Publicly available body of literature, including layman-style popularised material, to promote public learning), and possibly also 24 (MOOC). It will also contribute to the Action Objectives 9 (Coordinate outreach activities...), 11 (Promote mutually beneficial interactions...) and 17 (Disseminate knowledge obtained in the Action...).

Application

Deadline: 2 July 2021.

If you are interested in the position as PlantEd Academy Manager, please send your CV to the Action Chair, Action vice Chair, and WG5 leaders at the contact information below. The decision will be taken by the PlantEd Core Group shortly after deadline.

For the VNS grant, a specific application via e-COST is necessary, and will be subject to Management Committee decision.

Please feel free to forward this note to anyone you may think is suitable as candidate for the role as PlantEd Academy Manager, including any non-Action participant.

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