



DETECTIVE Doctoral Network 2026

14 Fully Funded PhD Positions Across Europe

Data-driven Excellence in Training of Epidemiological, Clinical, Technological and Innovative Virus Experts (DETECTIVE)



About the programme

DETECTIVE is a Horizon Europe Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) Doctoral Network coordinated by the University of Turku. The network brings together leading universities, public health institutes, research organisations, and industry partners across Europe to train the next generation of experts in emerging viruses, epidemic intelligence, and pandemic preparedness. Doctoral candidates will work at the intersection of virology, genomics, epidemiology, diagnostics, data science, artificial intelligence, and public health, developing skills needed to tackle future infectious disease threats.



Who can apply?

- Hold or obtain a Master's degree or equivalent that provides eligibility for doctoral studies before recruitment
- Be eligible for doctoral studies at the recruiting host institution
- Not hold a doctoral degree at the time of recruitment
- Comply with the MSCA mobility rule (not have resided or carried out their main activity in the recruiting country for more than 12 months during the previous 36 months)
- Demonstrate proficiency in English



Why to apply?

- Fully funded MSCA doctoral researcher position
- Three-year full-time employment contract
- International and interdisciplinary research environment
- World-class supervision and doctoral training
- International secondments with partner organisations
- Scientific workshops, conferences and networking opportunities
- Research with direct impact on future pandemic preparedness



Key details

- **14 doctoral candidate positions**
- **Locations: Finland, Denmark, the Netherlands, Spain, and the United Kingdom**
- **Contract duration: 3 years**
- **MSCA Funding Package**
 - Living allowance: €4,010/month*
 - Mobility allowance: €710/month
 - Family allowance: €660/month (if applicable)

*Subject to country correction coefficients and national employment regulations.



How to apply

- Apply for up to three PhD projects
- Indicate your order of preference in the application
- Follow the application instructions provided on the selected project page
- **Detailed project descriptions and application instructions are available on the project website.**

Application deadline: 8 October 2026.

Join DETECTIVE and become part of the next generation of researchers tackling emerging viruses, epidemics, and future pandemic threats.

Inquiries:

<https://virusdetective.eu/>

Details and project descriptions:

To apply scan the QR code or visit:

<https://virusdetective.eu/index.php/recruitment/doctoral-projects/>



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