

A photograph of three diverse individuals (two women and one man) leaning over a table, looking at documents and a laptop. The man is wearing glasses and a brown scarf. The background is bright and slightly blurred.

## Take action on Food Innovation and join the Global Food Venture

an entrepreneurship program for talented  
PhD students across Europe, who want  
to boost their business creation skills and  
disrupt food & agriculture

# Global Food Venture Programme

The programme will educate upcoming innovators in the area of entrepreneurship and business creation through an intensive 3 – week curriculum of tailored seminars and workshops spread out over a period of 6 months, Jun to Dec 2018. During this period, PhD students will leverage the knowledge and expertise of a diverse consortium of EIT Food partners and benefit greatly from a virtual mentoring scheme on entrepreneurship and the challenges of building a start-up (online meetings, 2 hours / month).

GFV participants will additionally have the unique opportunity to gain insight into two international innovation ecosystems (Israel and the Silicon Valley) and network with key players from the food & agtech space, in order to build and validate their value propositions and fuel innovation across food & agriculture in Europe.

*EIT Food's Global Food Venture (GFV programme supports 30 highly-motivated PhD students from across Europe to turn their innovative ideas into successful business propositions in the food & agtech space. The programme targets PhD students with an innovative start-up idea or with an early stage start-up (pre-seed) from the food & agtech space. GFV is fully sponsored by EIT Food so that no financial contributions will be required by the participants*

## Key activities and time scope

- One-to-one virtual mentoring by a partner institute on how to start your start-up (time requirement 2 hours / month)
- 1 week bootcamp by TU Munich (starting 18.June)
- 1 week visit to Technion, Israel (starting 22.July)
- 1 week in San Francisco area visiting Silicon Valley and UC Davis (starting Nov 2018, TBD)
- 1 day conference in Paris with final pitches and best start-up awards (up to 50K Euro) by the EIT Food Business Creation (Dec 2018, TBD)



18-22 June 2018  
TU Munich



22-28 July 2018  
Technion, Haifa



1W Nov 2018  
San Francisco



1 Day conference Dec 2018  
Paris

Mentoring (twice a month)  
Skype meetings



# Who should apply?

PhD students from any European Institute or H2020 associated countries can enter the programme with a start-up idea or with an early stage start-up (pre-seed) in the food & agtech space.

PhD students who have completed their studies in the 2nd half of 2017 or students planning to join a PhD programme within 2018 are also eligible to apply for the Global Food Venture.

# Why should you apply?

The Global Food Venture programme will strengthen your entrepreneurial spirit and help you improve your entrepreneurship and business creation skills. You will learn about the process and challenges of building a start-up and be supported by a mentor for a period of at least 6 months. You will visit established agrifood companies, start-up incubators or accelerators and gain access to an international network of food & agtech experts, mentors and investors to help you validate your idea and embark on a journey to become yourself a successful entrepreneur.



# Fees and application timeline

The programme is independent of your PhD studies at your research institute and free of costs for the participants. For application we have the following document requirements: Motivation letter (max 1 page), CV (max 2 pages), Video pitch of 1 min and Start-up description (template to download). **Deadline for application is 7 May.**

Please, send your application documents to the [globalfoodventure@eitfood.eu](mailto:globalfoodventure@eitfood.eu)

# Contacts

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