

Alliance4Life Databases of Thesis Committee Members and Co-Mentors

[Alliance4Life BRIDGE](#) is the Horizon Europe project that involves 12 partner institutions, which are leaders in the field of life sciences in Central and Eastern Europe. The Alliance4Life partners are committed to promoting collaboration between A4L institutions. This includes improvement of mentorship in institutional graduate programs by training young mentors and helping PhD students to have prominent international academics from Alliance4Life partners that will guide them in their doctoral thesis work.

Scientists and academic citizens who are willing to serve as thesis committee members and/or co-mentors in the Alliance4Life partner institution are invited to fill out the short online form. If selected, their name will appear in the Alliance4Life Database of Thesis Committee Members and/or the Alliance4Life Database of Co-mentors. Only individuals associated with Alliance4Life partner institutions can apply. Databases will be available to graduate schools in the Alliance4Life partners and these individuals may be appointed to serve as a thesis committee member or/and a co-mentor to a PhD student in the partner institution. This not only benefits the students, but it also provides international recognition to individuals serving in PhD education abroad and helps them in targeted networking, establishing new collaborations and identifying new talents.

The rules and form of the involvement of selected co-mentors or thesis committee members depend on the rules and regulations of the student's institution. The PhD diploma will be issued by the parent institution of the PhD student. It is expected that the PhD thesis and all the official paperwork will be in English language, unless the co-mentor or thesis committee members speaks the official language of the graduate school enrolled by the student.

It is anticipated that these databases will become a permanent instrument boosting collaboration among our institutions, beyond the Alliance4Life_BRIDGE project.

IMPORTANT! Thesis committee members must commit to participation in thesis committee meetings in person. Travel expenses for a limited number of selected thesis committee members will be covered by the Alliance4Life_BRIDGE project.

Database of Thesis Committee Members

Graduate schools in Alliance4Life partners can use this database to seek individuals from partner institutions who can serve as a thesis committee member to a PhD student. The Alliance4Life_BRIDGE project will cover travel expenses of a limited number of thesis committee members attending thesis committee meetings such as thesis proposal defense, thesis progression, doctoral dissertation defense or similar thesis committee meetings related to doctoral thesis work. Thesis committee members need to provide evidence that they have attended an official thesis committee meeting, which includes travel tickets and an official announcement of the meeting or a similar document.

Database of Co-Mentors

PhD students, their mentors and graduate schools in Alliance4Life partners can use this database to seek individuals from partner institutions who can serve as a co-mentor to a PhD student. The Alliance4Life_BRIDGE project can cover the cost of one week-long visit for a limited number of PhD students attending the laboratory of the co-mentor. Potential remuneration of co-mentors for their work and potentially travel costs need to be covered by the parent institution. It is advised that the co-mentor, mentor, PhD student and a graduate school define in advance obligations and expectations from the co-mentor and a PhD student.

