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EAAE Mentoring Program Call for 2025

The European Association of Agricultural Economists (EAAE) is committed to contribute to the career development and success of all its members, particularly early career agricultural economists. Therefore, the EAAE Board decided to establish a Mentoring Program in 2022 matching more established and senior members of the Association with early career members. The primary goal is to help younger members to acquire critical skills to help them achieve their career goals. A secondary goal is to cultivate a spirit of collaboration and cooperation between different generations of EAAE members.

The EAAE is now launching its Mentoring Program for 2025/2026, offering an opportunity for up to 20 early career EAAE members to participate. By early career, we mean those that have graduated with PhD in the last 5 years and have research or teaching posts in Universities, public or private research or R&D departments in industry. Each participant will be matched, based on their areas of common interest, needs and psychometric profile. Examples of goals the mentees may want to develop, include, but are not limited to, areas such as: crafting research papers, grant writing, leadership, networking, project management, teaching, work-life balance and job market readiness.

This is a yearlong program and will start during the 18th EAAE Congress, to be held in Bonn, Germany, between the 26th and 29th of August 2025.

Mentors and mentees are expected to meet regularly (at least on a monthly basis), virtually and potentially in-person. The mentee and the mentor are encouraged to identify a set of goals to guide the discussions throughout the year. The goals should correspond to skills the mentee has identified and aims to improve upon. The goals can be ambitious but need to be realistic. Moreover, one-on-one meetings will be supplemented by a series of EAAE Webinars where topics of joint interests for young researchers will be presented and discussed (e.g. writing in plain English, how to publish good quality papers, etc.).

The EAAE has an Early Career Researchers Committee providing guidance throughout the program to ensure that both mentors and mentees benefit from this program. If you are interested in participating as a mentor or mentee, please complete the following registration form so the Early Career Researchers Committee will match mentors and mentees based on the criteria in the registration form. The registration takes about 5 minutes to complete.

Important Deadlines

Submission of the registration:

30 April 2025

Decision by the EAAE Early Career Researchers Committee:	31 May 2025
EAAE training for Mentors and Mentees:	June 2025 (TBD)
Official Program Launch:	26 August – 29 August 2025

Link to Mentor Registration (closes on 30 April 2025):

https://corvinus.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cGR3MxICdDz5ly2

Link to Mentee Registration (closes on 30 April 2025):

https://corvinus.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6WQfaCqeuUAEqyO