



First AQUAEXCEL²⁰²⁰ Call for Access Now Open: FREE Access to Top-Class Aquaculture Research Infrastructures

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The first **AQUAEXCEL²⁰²⁰** (AQUAculture infrastructures for EXCELlence in European fish research towards 2020) Call for Access is now open, with a deadline of 29 January 2016.

On a regular basis, the **AQUAEXCEL²⁰²⁰** project will invite proposals from European research groups for scientific research that utilises the facilities of any of the participating aquaculture research infrastructures. The **AQUAEXCEL²⁰²⁰** project unites major aquaculture experimental facilities with capacity to undertake experimental trials on a selection of commercially important fish aquaculture species and system types. These installations are made available to the research community for Transnational Access (TNA) with the support of the European Union's Horizon 2020 Research and Innovation Programme.

The facilities available cover the entire range of production systems (cage, pond, recirculation, flowthrough, hatchery and disease challenge); environments (freshwater, marine, cold, temperate and warm water); scales (small, medium and industrial scale); fish species (salmonids, cold and warm water marine fish, freshwater fish and artemia); and fields of expertise (nutrition, physiology, health & welfare, genetics, engineering, monitoring & management technologies).

Interested researchers can propose projects that involve visits of one or in some cases two people to the chosen research infrastructure for periods of up to three months. Access to the research infrastructures and associated travel and subsistence expenses will be paid for under the project.

For more information, visit: www.aquaexcel.eu

Notes for the Editor

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The **AQUAEXCEL²⁰²⁰** consortium includes 22 partner organisations (including 39 top level aquaculture facilities) in 12 European countries. The project is coordinated by the Institut National de la Recherche Agronomique (INRA) in France. AquaTT is the project dissemination partner.