



CRG International PhD Programme Fellowships 2018

The CRG is recruiting within the CRG International PhD Fellowship Programme, highly talented and motivated students, with backgrounds in **biological or biomedical sciences, physics, chemistry, mathematics and/or computer science** who have decided that they want to do a PhD.

Fellows will benefit from an exciting international scientific environment and an integrated training programme, including access to state of the art infrastructure, lectures and seminars, specialised scientific and technological courses, complementary skills training and career development activities, postdoctoral symposia and retreats, as well as social activities.

All students starting on the CRG PhD programme, irrespective of nationality, will be awarded a stipend to cover the cost of living. University tuition fees will also be covered. Funding is available from the following sources:

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External funding: Some PhD projects are supported by external funding. Students of all nationalities are eligible for these studentships.

Eligibility criteria

Candidates should fulfil the following eligibility criteria at the time of the call deadline. If it becomes clear before, during or after the evaluation phase that one or more of the eligibility criteria have not been fulfilled, the proposal is declared ineligible and is withdrawn from any further examination.

- The call is open to candidates of any nationality.
- Candidates must have obtained a University Degree and a Masters Degree in biomedical sciences within the European Higher Education System (minimum 300 ECTS) or an equivalent University Degree that allows to start a PhD thesis in the candidate's home country by September 2018. Candidates who expect to be awarded with such degree by September 2018 are eligible to apply.
- Candidates must have an excellent academic record, previous research experience and a strong commitment for scientific research.
- Candidates must have a high working knowledge of English
- Preferably, candidates may not have worked at the CRG for more than 6 months before the call deadline.

In case of doubts about the eligibility criteria, applicants should contact the Academic Office (academicoffice@crg.eu) prior to submitting an application.



Application process

Applications for the CRG International PhD Fellowship Programme 2018 are accepted exclusively online through our online application system. **The deadline for the receipt of complete applications (including reference letters) is January 14, 2018, at 5:00pm (local time).** Proposals must be written in English.

Applicants will be asked to complete the following information on the application form:

- CV specifying education and experience (including transcripts, honours, scholarships, prizes and awards, research experience and scientific interests)
- If the certified academic transcripts are not in Catalan, Spanish or English applicants should also attach a translation in one of the above mentioned languages.
- Details on the referees that will provide two letters of reference. Referees will send their confidential letters directly to CRG using the online application.
- Research groups to carry out the PhD project. The list of the research groups that have agreed to participate in the Programme is available on the website. Applicants should select at minimum of 2 labs and a maximum of 5 in which they would like to work. More information on the research activities of each group can be found on the CRG web page.

Candidates should ensure that all information, including reference letters, is submitted before the deadline. Incomplete applications will not be eligible.

Applicants are advised to read the FAQs when preparing their applications. For any additional information or questions, please contact the Academic Office at academicoffice@crg.eu

All personal data requested by CRG from applicants will be treated in accordance with the principles of the Data Protection Act (15/13 December 1999).

Selection process

After the deadline, submitted proposals will be checked for eligibility by the Academic Office and those proposals that do not meet the criteria will not undergo evaluation and will be rejected. All eligible applications will be reviewed by a Selection Committee formed by CRG faculty members on the basis of the candidate's academic record, scientific potential and interests and reference letters.

The evaluation is organised in three steps:

1. **Pre-selection:** The pre-selection will be based on the candidate's CV, reference letters and research interests for the oral interviews.

Eligible applicants are informed about the outcome of the pre-selection via email approximately 15 days after the application deadline. No individual feedback will be provided at this stage

2. **Oral interviews:** Pre-selected candidates will be invited to visit the CRG for a four-day interview, which will take place within 6-9 weeks after the application deadline. Travel and accommodation expenses will be covered by the CRG.



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during the PhD. Participation in international conferences is part of the PhD Programme (students should have participated at least in one international meeting). The student's progress is closely

monitored by a thesis advisory committee (TAC) with the aim to improve the quality of research and research training, reporting annually to the Graduate Committee. It is mandatory to organize and pass one thesis committee/year until the defence of the thesis.

Structured Training Programme

- **Subject-related course work:** First year students participate in an introductory course that aims to introduce PhD students to new techniques and high-end technologies. Courses include both theoretical and practical sessions. A good knowledge of research integrity issues as well as logical reasoning in life science research form the basis of the curriculum. In addition, each student is expected to acquire a strong basic knowledge in a wide range of research topics represented by the PIs.

Depending on the topic of the thesis work the students can choose additional relevant courses from a wide range of external (courses@CRG) and internal courses covering from practical scientific to technological courses, as well as seminar series offered regularly at PRBB and CRG.

- **Transferable skills and career development:** In addition to subject-related course work, students can participate in transferable skills and career development courses offered by the PRBB Programme INTERVALS that includes courses that are necessary to carry out experimental work in academic research, as well training in transferable skills and career development in a range of skills to enhance future career progress and improve employability. Fellows will also acquire transferable skills by participating in the scientific/community activities, including organisation of the annual PhD Symposia, involvement in outreach activities and managing the research project. Language courses (English, Spanish) are also offered by the CRG

Helpdesk

A document containing the Frequently Asked Questions about the Programme can be consulted on the website. Please contact the Academic Office at academicoffice@crg.eu for any queries or assistance.

CRG has received the "HR Excellence in Research" award from the European Commission in 2013 and is committed with the principles of the European Charter and Code, in particular with non-discriminatory, transparent and merit-based recruitment and selection procedures.