



## ImPuLSe - FAQ's

### I. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

#### **1. Can I apply if I have not submitted my Ph.D. thesis?**

You can apply even if you have not yet received your Ph.D. degree; provided that you hold the Ph.D. at the start of the fellowship (earliest start date is October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015). For clarity, it is deemed that this requirement is fulfilled only when the thesis has been officially awarded by the university.

#### **2. I have submitted a publication as first author. Am I eligible to apply?**

As a minimum, applicants should have at least one first author publication in press or published in an international peer reviewed journal at the time of application. Submitted publications as first author will only be considered in exceptional cases. Publication updates are not accepted after the application deadline.

#### **3. I already have postdoctoral training. Am I eligible to apply?**

You are welcome to apply to ImPuLSe, provided that your Ph.D. was awarded no more than four years prior to the call deadline and that you fulfill the other eligibility criteria.

#### **4. Are non-European candidates eligible to apply for ImPuLSe?**

There are no nationality restrictions for ImPuLSe, but candidates must undertake **transnational mobility**, which means that candidates must not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in Spain for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately prior to the call deadline.

#### **5. I work already at CRG, can I apply for ImPuLSe?**

If you have worked at CRG for more than 3 months before the call deadline you are not eligible to apply.

#### **6. Is there any age limit for taking part in the selection?**

There is no age limit, but your Ph.D. must have been awarded no more than four years prior to the call deadline.

#### **7. I was awarded my Ph.D. 5 years ago; will you take into account a career break due to maternity leave?**

Yes, documented career breaks such as paternity and maternity leave (one additional year per child up to a maximum of three years) will be taken into account. Please indicate any career breaks in the application.

#### **8. Can I apply if I do not fulfill one of the eligibility criteria?**

If you do not meet ALL eligibility criteria (including reference letters), your application will be declared ineligible and will not be evaluated.

#### **9. Can I benefit at the same time, from more than one Marie Curie Action and/or any other fellowship?**

No, you cannot benefit, at the same time, from a different fellowship.

The ImPuLSe Fellowship programme is co-financed by the European Union through the Marie Curie Action "Co-funding of regional, national and international programmes (COFUND)"; therefore you will be a Marie Curie fellow as well as a CRG Fellow.



## II. SUBMISSION

### 10. How can I submit my application?

Applications for the ImPuLSe program are accepted exclusively online through the online application system, which is available on the ImPuLSe website.

You will be required to submit 2 reference letters together with the application form (a pdf with the information to be completed online is available on the ImPuLSe website). You will only be able to submit the application once all mandatory fields, including uploaded reference letters by referees, have been completed. Therefore it is your responsibility to make sure that the referees will complete the reference letters before the call deadline. Once the application is submitted, you will be able to download the final application and will receive automatically by email an acknowledgement of receipt with a reference number which should be included in any further correspondence.

### 11. Do I need to register to submit an application?

Yes. To submit a new application please, go to the ImPuLSe online application system, click on "Start new application", complete and save the mandatory personal details. If the registration was successful you will receive an automatic email confirming your registration and providing the login details. You will be able to complete the rest of the application before logging out or alternatively you can log out and continue working on the application later and until the call deadline.

### 12. May I provide the reference letters on behalf of my referees?

No. Once you have completed the names and contact details of the referees on the online application system, the referees will receive an automatic email and will be invited to complete the reference letter via a link. Once the reference letters have been uploaded, the "status" tab of your application will change to "completed".

In case you wish to cancel your request for a reference letter, please click on the "Cancel request" button, in the "References" tab of your application.

**13. I made a mistake in my application and I have submitted it - can I change it?** No, you cannot make changes to submitted applications, and ImPuLSe will not do so on your behalf. Therefore please double-check your application before submission.

**14. Can I submit two fellowship applications to the call?** No, you may only submit one application.

### 15. Should I have a host laboratory before applying?

Yes, before applying you should have identified minimum two host laboratories. Only pre-selected candidates should contact the host laboratories before writing the scientific project.

## III. SELECTION PROCESS

### 16. Which are the evaluation criteria for the applications?

The selection of the fellows will be in different steps (pre-selection based on the CV, evaluation of the project based on the 3 page project and oral interview) and based on the candidates' academic qualifications and research excellence as described on the ImPuLSe website.



The evaluation criteria for the different steps and a call calendar for the selection round is available on the website.

**17. Does the selection process involve an interview?**

Yes, pre-selected candidates will be invited to attend an oral interview. Travel and accommodation costs will be covered by ImPuLSe.

**18. Do I have to write a project with the application?**

No, for the application you will only have to fill in the online application form. Only if you are pre-selected, you will have 2 weeks to write a 3 page project using the project template available on the ImPuLSe website.

**19. When will I know if my application has been pre-selected? When will candidates be informed about the final results?**

Pre-selected and non pre-selected candidates will be informed no later than June 10 2015. Successful and non-successful candidates will be informed by the end of September 2015.

**20. If my application is successful, when will the fellowship start?**

Selected candidates should start their fellowships within 3 months of the acceptance at earliest on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015

**21. Can I defer the start date of the fellowship?**

Yes. You may send a request to defer your appointment start date for reasons of maternal/paternal leave, childcare, military or other civil duties, care of elderly relatives or illness as long as the completion date remains before the end of the ImPuLSe Programme (31/12/2018).

Selected candidates starting their fellowship later than January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 will only be employed for the corresponding time left up to the end date of the ImPuLSe Programme (31/12/2018)

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