



I. WHO CAN APPLY

1. Can I apply if I have not finished my university studies?

You can only apply either if you hold a Masters Degree or equivalent or an equivalent University Degree that allows you to start a PhD thesis in the candidate's home country by September 2021.

For the position offered through the [CircRTrain](#) "Innovative Training Network" to Irimia lab in a joint project with Sebe-Pedros lab you should hold a Masters Degree or an equivalent University Degree that allows you to start a PhD thesis in the candidate's home country by February 2021.

2. Can international students apply (those outside of EU/EEA)?

There are no nationality restrictions. Students of all nationalities can apply for the CRG PhD Programme

3. Should I contact the supervisor(s) to discuss my application?

It is not necessary to contact the supervisor to discuss your application. In the application form, you will be asked to indicate your preferred research groups (max. 2 groups)

II. SUBMISSION

4. How can I submit my application?

Applications for the International CRG PhD Fellowship Programme are accepted exclusively online through the online application system, which is available on the CRG website.

You will be required to submit the name of 2 referees together with the application form. 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 receive automatically by email an acknowledgement of receipt with a reference number which should be included in any further correspondence.

5. Do I need to register to submit an application?

Yes. To submit a new application please, go to the 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.

6. 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.

When you submit your application please contact your referees to confirm that they have received our reference request email (these emails sometimes get blocked by university security systems or end up in spam folders).

Please help your referees meet the call deadline by informing them of your application, and encouraging them to submit their reference soon after receipt of our email.

NOTE: If you leave your application until the closing date, your referees will only have a short time to return your reference.



7. Who should I name as referees?

Your referees should be 2 scientists who are familiar with your academic work and/or research experience and who can judge your potential as a PhD student.

Please select your referees carefully: one must be your current or most recent employer/supervisor, at least one must be able to comment on your university academic record, and at least one must be able to comment on your previous research experience.

8. 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 we will not do so on your behalf. Therefore, please double-check your application before submission.

9. Can I submit two fellowship applications to the call?

No, you may only submit one application.

10. If I do not have the transcripts of my Masters yet, what shall I upload in the form?

If you do not have the transcripts of your masters by the time you fill the form, please upload an official document proving your enrolment in the Masters and/or an official document stating that the transcripts are in the process of being issued.

11. When is the deadline for applications?

The deadline for applications for the current call is 12.00 noon (GMT) on Friday, 15 January 2021.

III. SELECTION PROCESS

12. 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 CV by the prospective Group Leaders and oral interview) and based on the candidates' academic qualifications and research excellence as described on the website. The call calendar for the selection round is available on the website.

13. Does the selection process involve an interview?

Yes, pre-selected candidates will be invited to participate in the oral interviews. Due to the current situation caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, we anticipate the possibility of conducting interviews in a virtual format. Full details regarding the interview process will be sent to invited candidates 4 - 6 weeks after the application deadline

14. 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 by the end January 2021. Successful and non-successful candidates after the interviews will be informed by the end of March 2021.

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

Successful candidates would be expected to start the PhD latest by October 2021.

16. Do I need to register separately with a university to do my PhD at CRG?

Yes. Students are free to register with the University of their choice, normally a local one (Universitat Pompeu Fabra or Universitat de Barcelona). You complete your coursework at the University while concurrently doing practical training and work toward your thesis in a CRG research laboratory.