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ELIGIBILITY

Can I apply for an IRB Barcelona PhD fellowship before I receive my master's degree?

You must have finished your master's degree before taking up your position at IRB Barcelona.

What kind of background do I need to have to work at IRB Barcelona?

We are looking for highly motivated graduates from a wide range of fields in the life sciences. Young scientists with outstanding qualifications in biology, biochemistry, chemistry, computational sciences, physics, pharmacology, medicine and related fields are all encouraged to apply.

APPLICATION

Where can I find the online application?

The direct link is: <http://phd.irbbarcelona.org/> . You will be able to upload all your documents and personal information required for the application here.

Do I need to register to submit an application?

Yes. You will need to provide your personal details the first time you enter by clicking on "Login". Once you have saved your personal information, you will receive an automatic email with your login details. You will be able to save your application as many times as you like and continue working on it until you click on the "Submit" button or until the deadline.



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Can I send the reference letters on behalf of my referees?

No. You are responsible for ensuring that referees submit their letters but you cannot send the letters directly to us.

How can I find out whether my referees have uploaded their reference letters?

Once each of the reference letters has been uploaded, the symbol for the reference letter will change to . Please remember that both letters must have this symbol in order for your application to be eligible. You can check the status of the letters only after you have submitted your application.

Should I contact the specific group in which I want to do my PhD before applying for the fellowship?

In the application form you will be asked to indicate your preference of 3 programmes and 6 subfields.

When do I need to submit my application form by and when will I be informed of the outcome?

The deadline for applications is 24 January, 2019 at 15:00. Candidates will be invited for interviews on April 1 and 2, 2019.

SELECTION PROCESS

Does the selection process involve an interview?

Yes. Pre-selected candidates will be invited to attend an interview at IRB Barcelona (Spain). Travel (up to €300) and accommodation costs will be covered by the IRB Barcelona International PhD Programme.

When will I know whether I have been invited for an interview?

If you are selected for an interview, you will receive the invitation by March 2019.

If I am selected to join one of the IRB Barcelona research groups, when does the fellowship start?

Selected candidates will start their fellowships in September 2019.

Can I check the progress of my application once I have submitted it?

The online application process will allow you to check the status of your application, including information about your letters of reference.

Do I need to register separately with a university to do my PhD at IRB Barcelona?

Yes. You are free to register with the university of your choice, normally a local one (Universitat de Barcelona, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya, or Universitat Pompeu Fabra). You will complete your coursework at this university, while concurrently doing practical training and working towards your thesis in an IRB Barcelona research laboratory. You will spend up to four years at IRB Barcelona, after which you will complete and defend your thesis.