

2021 IRB Barcelona Alumni Excellence Award Terms and conditions

1- Introduction

The [IRB Barcelona Alumni Excellence Awards](#) are aimed to recognise and celebrate outstanding achievements and contributions to science and the scientific community made by young researchers (former PhD students and Postdoctoral fellows) who completed a significant part of their training and careers at IRB Barcelona and who are now alumni.

Additionally, these awards are intended to showcase the impact and value of IRB Barcelona training.

The [IRB Barcelona Alumni Excellence Awards](#) were launched in 2016, upon the 10th Anniversary of the Institute. Since then, award calls have been launched yearly, each of them addressed to alumni who left IRB Barcelona within specific years, as follows:

- ▶ **1st edition:** 2016 IRB Barcelona Alumni of Excellence Award, addressed to alumni who left the Institute since its creation.
- ▶ **2nd edition:** 2017 IRB Barcelona Alumni of Excellence Award, addressed to alumni who left the Institute between **2009** and **2014**.
- ▶ **3rd edition:** 2018 IRB Barcelona Alumni of Excellence Award, addressed to alumni who left the Institute between **2010** and **2015**.
- ▶ **4th edition:** 2019 IRB Barcelona Alumni of Excellence Award, addressed to alumni who left the Institute between **2011** and **2016**.

- **5th edition:** 2020 IRB Barcelona Alumni of Excellence Award, addressed to alumni who left the Institute between **2012** and **2017**.

Thus, this 6th edition is addressed to IRB Barcelona **PhD students and Postdoctoral fellows** who left the Institute between **2013** and **2018**.

2- Eligibility Criteria and Nomination of Candidates

Candidates for the **2021 IRB Barcelona Alumni Excellence Award** will be considered eligible if they fulfill the following conditions:

- 1) being a former IRB Barcelona **PhD student** who completed their PhD at IRB Barcelona, or a former **Postdoctoral Fellow** who spent at least 2 years at IRB Barcelona.
- 2) having left IRB Barcelona between **1 January 2013** and **31 December 2018**.
- 3) being a [registered member](#) of the IRB Barcelona Alumni Network.

Eligible alumni can participate in the award through:

- 1) a nomination by **IRB Barcelona staff (all positions)**, or
- 2) a nomination by **IRB Barcelona registered alumni**, or
- 3) a **self-nomination**.

At least two valid eligible candidacies are required to celebrate the award.

3- Application procedure

Both nominations and self-nominations must be sent via email to the IRB Barcelona Alumni Office at irbalumni@irbbarcelona.org, no later than **22 March 2021**. The message should contain the subject "**IRB Barcelona Alumni Award Nomination**", and the body a text should indicate the name of the **nominating person**, the name of the

nominee, and his/her **contact email**. In the case of self-nominations, a brief text should be provided explaining that the message is a self-nomination.

Nominations will be checked, and eligible candidates will be contacted by the IRB Barcelona Alumni Office and requested to complete an application form, which will request the following information through an online application:

- *Name*
- *Surname*
- *Surname (if different at IRB Barcelona)*
- *Male/ female*
- *Nationality*
- *Current position*
- *Current institution*
- *Current work address*
- *Phone number*
- *Email*
- *At IRB Barcelona from (month, year)*
- *At IRB Barcelona until (month, year)*
- *IRB Barcelona former group*
- *IRB Barcelona former position*

Please provide the names and contact information of two referees who are acquainted with your work and qualified to comment on your achievements since leaving IRB Barcelona.

Referee 1

- *Full name*
- *Current position*
- *Institution*
- *Phone number*
- *Email*

Referee 2

- *Full name*
- *Current position*
- *Institution*
- *Phone number*
- *Email*

[Separate attachment fields for:]

- *- Summary of scientific research accomplishments (1-2 paragraphs)*
- *-Summary of participation in innovation and outreach activities (1-2 paragraphs)*
- *-A CV*

4- Jury panel

The award recipient will be selected from all eligible candidacies by a jury panel formed by **five** senior IRB Barcelona scientists and fulfilling the following conditions:

- **Three** Group Leaders (one from each IRB Barcelona Research Programme), **one** researcher from the IRB Barcelona PhD Advisory Committee, and **one** researcher from the Scientific Core Facilities or an IRB Barcelona alumni.
- One of the five jury members will be appointed chair and will act as a representative of the jury panel in the award ceremony.
- The members of the jury panel must not be related to eligible candidates: former thesis tutors, group leaders and direct supervisors of candidates will be not allowed to serve on the panel.

5- Selection process



Once the jury panel has been formed, its members will be provided with the applications from eligible candidates, including their referees lists, in case they want to contact them for more references.

Each panel member will send the IRB Barcelona Alumni Office (irbalumni@irbbarcelona.org) a ranked list of **three** candidates, in order of preference, together with the reasoning behind the decision.

The candidate who receives the highest ranking by all 5 jury members will be granted the award.

In case of a tie or disagreement, the chair will meet the rest of the jury members (either virtually or in person) to reach an agreement on the awardee.

The selected winner will be contacted by the IRB Barcelona Alumni Office and will be invited to an award presentation in 2019. The ceremony will also include a Plenary Lecture by the awardee.

6- Prize

The award consists of **a commemorative certificate, a prize of 2,000 euros (gross), and an expenses-paid trip to IRB Barcelona** to present a Plenary Lecture (within the *Barcelona Biomed Seminar series*).

In addition, the award recipient will be featured in IRB Barcelona publications and social media channels.

The IRB Barcelona Alumni Excellence Award is given with the support of [Eppendorf](#).