

CRG/"la Caixa"  
International PhD  
Programme Fellowships



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Deadline  
for applications:  
February 13, 2012

## CALL TEXT

The International PhD Programme fellowships "la Caixa" / Centre de Regulació Genòmica provides highly talented PhD students with the opportunity to carry out research at one of the first-class research centers in Europe, the Centre for Genomic Regulation (CRG). The aim of the program is to nourish the potential of selected fellows to become excellent and independent researchers.

## ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible candidates must:

- Hold a university degree (BSc, MSc, Diploma, DEA, Licenciatura, Grau, Laurea or equivalent) by September 2012 (i.e candidates can apply before having their degree)
- Have a strong commitment for scientific research, an excellent academic record and research experience.
- High level of English
- Not have carried research work in the CRG for more than 3 months immediately prior to the deadline for applications.

## DURATION

The fellowship is awarded for a period 4 years. Selected students will have 1 month to accept the position and a limit of 6 months to begin their thesis work at the CRG.

## TRAINING AND BENEFITS

"la Caixa" fellows will benefit from the CRG Research and Training Programme, which includes advanced scientific training, career development activities, workshops and other initiatives suggested by the PhD Community and implemented through the CRG Graduate Committee. CRG offers specific scientific and technology courses (e.g. Microscopy, Basic Bioinformatics), a variety of training seminars (Data Clubs, Journal Clubs, Lab Meetings), weekly conferences by group leaders of the PRBB (Group Leader Seminars), and conferences by external speakers (Programme Seminars and CRG/PRBB Seminar Series). PhD students have the opportunity to invite a number of recognized scientists to participate in the CRG/PRBB Seminar Series, and to participate in and organize the yearly PhD Symposium.

Specific training in career development skills is provided by the INTERVALS Programme (<http://www.prbb.org/intervals>) that is offered to PRBB residents. This programme supports the career development of experienced researchers by providing a variety of courses including project management, leadership skills, communications skills, grant writing, business development, intellectual property rights and others. The PRBB is among the few European institutions that offer training within the INTERVALS Programme in a range of skills that are required for a successful career in science in the current job market beyond university. CRG ensures that researchers can benefit from the exploitation (if any) of their R&D results through legal protection and, in particular, through appropriate protection of Intellectual Property Rights, including copyrights.



Participation in the social activities promoted by the PhD Community such as Annual Symposium & Annual Retreat.

The grant will be 18,069€ gross per year during the first two years and 26,700€ gross per year during the following 2-year employment contract.

“la Caixa” PhD students will also receive additional funding of up to 6,400€ gross during the four years of the grant. This funding is destined to cover the fees for PhD or Masters courses as well as academic fees, in addition to expenses derived from congress attendance, training sessions or journal subscription.

## HOW TO APPLY

### Application Deadline: 13 February 2012 at 8:00 pm local time

Applications must be submitted online at [www.crg.eu/lacaixa\\_fellowships](http://www.crg.eu/lacaixa_fellowships)

Candidates must register in order to use the online application system.

The online application form requests all of the necessary information for the initial stages of the selection process (General information, Education, Coursework, Honours, scholarships, prizes and awards, research experience, scientific interests and reference letters.)

Candidates should choose three CRG Research Programmes listed by priority.

Two reference letters will be automatically requested to the referees proposed by the candidate through the online system. Candidates must ensure that all information is included before the deadline, including the reference letters. Incomplete proposals will not be considered.

Once the application is submitted, an acknowledgement of receipt will be automatically sent by e-mail to the applicant.

For any additional information, please contact Imma Falero at [phdprogram@crg.es](mailto:phdprogram@crg.es)

## SELECTION PROCESS

A schedule of the selection process is available at [www.crg.eu/lacaixa\\_fellowships](http://www.crg.eu/lacaixa_fellowships)

Students are selected from a pool of highly qualified international applicants on the basis of academic excellence and research experience.

### Oral interview

Selected candidates will be invited to visit the CRG for a three-day interview round, which will take place within 9-14 weeks after the application deadline. Candidates will visit the institute, meet their prospective supervisors in a short open talk and pass an interview with the Graduate Committee panel.

Travel expenses and accommodation will be provided by the CRG

**Notification to candidates:** Offers of admission will be made to the successful candidates shortly after the interview period. Selected students will have two weeks to accept the position and should start their fellowships no later than September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Applicants who have not been successful but have received a positive evaluation will be included in a waiting list.