**Business immersion programme for PhD and postdoctoral trainees**

IBEC aims to develop internal talent and offers a wide range of training courses and other tools designed to meet the needs of IBEC’s scientists and staff across all career stages and disciplines. The proposed training complements scientists’ expertise by the continuous development of transferable skills and competencies to help them adapting to today’s rapidly changing environments, thus improving their employability within and outside academia.

Within the framework of the Severo Ochoa programme, IBEC is launching this first call of the **Business immersion programme** for PhD and Postdocs. The aim of this programme is bringing industry closer to academy, increasing the technology transfer activities of the research projects, and expanding the entrepreneurship skills of IBEC researchers. Moreover, it will also give trainees the opportunity to get in contact with start-ups and companies, expand their network and improve their employability after their PhD or Postdoc. To that aim, the Business immersion programme will **offer researchers the opportunity to attend an international innovation fair or congress.**

**SEVERO OCHOA BUSINESS IMMERSION PROGRAMME FOR PhD AND POSTDOCTORAL TRAINEES**

The objective of the Business Immersion programme is to foster entrepreneurship and increase the technology transfer activities of IBEC members.

Candidates will receive up to 1000€ to attend an Innovation fair or congress of their choice. These allowances will be funded by the Severo Ochoa Programme (CEX2018-000789-S).

Some of the eligible congresses are: 4YFN, Foro Transfiere, BioSpain, BioEurope, Medica…Other options will also be considered.

**ELIGIBILITY**

To be eligible, candidates and/or stays should:

* Have been a PhD Student or Postdoc at IBEC during at least one year at the time of the deadline of the call (March 31st 2023 or September 30th 2023). Please note that contracts such as research assistant or research technician are not eligible for this call.
* Attend the fair/congress during the duration of their PhD/Postdoc contract.
* Not have received other funds with the same purpose.
* Have the agreement (signature of the application form) of the thesis supervisor or PI.

Will be positively valued:

* Having attended in 2021-2023 any training course in the area of TT organised by IBEC/BIST

**EVALUATION:**

A committee composed by IBEC’s deputy director on Training and Talent, the Head of Strategic Initiatives, the Head of Tech Transfer and the Head of Human Resources will evaluate the proposals based on the CV of the candidate, the relevance of the conference and the added value of the attendance for the candidate’s research project and IBEC.

We expect to give approximately 4 allowances in this call.

**TIMELINE AND TEMPLATES:**

2023 call: For conferences planned from 01/01/2023 to 31/12/2023.

Deadline:

* 1st cut-off for evaluation for stays carried out in the first semester 2023: 31st March 2023 (these calls can fund retrospectively conferences that took place in January, February and March).
* 2nd cut-off for evaluation for stays carried out in the second semester 2023: 30th September 2023.

Announcement of results: April 2023 and October 2023

A maximum of 4 fellowships will be awarded in 2023.

*Application template: see Annex 1*

ANNEX 1 - SEVERO OCHOA BUSINESS IMMERSION PROGRAMME FOR PREDOCTORAL AND POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCHERS

APPLICATION FORM

Applications should be sent to strategicinitiatives@ibecbarcelona.eu together with a short **CV** of the candidate before the 31st March 2023 for the first cut-off or the 30th September 2023 for the second cut-off. Applications should be signed by the supervisor of the PhD thesis or the PI.

**RESEARCHER**

Name:

Research group:

Data of start of the PhD/Postdoctoral contract at IBEC:

**DETAILS OF THE STAY**

Conference:

Web link to conference:

Conference attendance budget:

 Registration:

 Travel:

 Accommodation:

Start date: End date:

Short description of the conference (1/2 page max.)

Added value of the conference for the PhD/Postdoctoral fellow and IBEC (1/2 page max.)

Is the PhD project/postdoctoral project involved in any Technology Transfer activities within the group:

Have you attended in 2021-2023 any training course in the area of TT organised by IBEC/BIST? (please indicate title, when, number of hours)