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## ELIGIBILITY

**Can I apply for an IRB Barcelona PhD fellowship before I receive my undergraduate degree?**

You must have finished your master degree before taking up your position with 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 area of 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 to submit your candidature.

**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. Applicants should complete and submit the online form.




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

**Should I contact a specific group with which I want to do my PhD activities before applying for the fellowship?**

In the application form you will be asked to indicate your preference of Research Nodes (up to 3).

**When do I need to submit my application form?**

The deadline for applications is January 16, 2023 at 15:00h. Candidates will be invited for interviews on April 19-20, 2023.



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## SELECTION PROCESS

### **Does the selection process involve an interview?**

Yes. Pre-selected candidates will be invited to an interview at IRB Barcelona (Spain). Travel and accommodation costs will be covered by the IRB Barcelona International PhD Programme. Teleconference interviews will be used only for candidates with prior commitments that cannot be rearranged and that thus prevent them from travelling to Barcelona.

### **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 February 2023.

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

Selected candidates should start their fellowships on September 2023.

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

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

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

Yes. Researchers are free to register with the University of their choice, normally a local one (Universitat de Barcelona, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya, or Universitat Pompeu Fabra). They complete their coursework at this university, while concurrently doing practical training and work



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toward their thesis in an IRB Barcelona research laboratory. Researchers generally spend up to four years at IRB Barcelona, after which they complete and defend their thesis.