

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

TO COVER THE POSITION OF

“EU FUNDING EXPERT IN BIOMEDICINE”

The unit

The IISPV in collaboration with the URV are determined to boost a proactive and dynamic EU Projects Unit that will focus on assisting the researchers to participate to International funding programs, mainly Horizon 2020 and other international calls. The ambitious objectives of this unit will be agreed each year with the Director of the IISPV and with the Vicerector for Research of the URV and will expand the participation of both institutions at several international programs. As consequence, we expect to substantially increase not only the amount of funding for research received but the attraction of highly qualified researchers to our region, by attracting talent programs such as MSCA-IF.

The position

The Unit is looking for a EU Funding expert for its office in Tarragona/Reus which will assist researchers, and collaborate with stakeholders to prepare highly competitive Horizon 2020 proposals (e.g. RIA, IA, CSA, MSCA, ERC, Fast Track to Innovation).

The main objective is to support the creation of collaborative research opportunities to be funded within H2020 with the ultimate goal of validating ambitious research and innovation projects. Project ideas can be, for instance, generated within the Research Community, as a follow-up of contract research activities or by connecting innovative results to external partnerships, leveraging on the broad collaboration network of the IISPV/URV.

The candidate will work with a high grade of autonomy and in close collaboration with the Internationalization Unit and the management committee of the IISPV and with the Vicerectorate for Research of the URV.

The role requires someone who can critically review project concepts, identify bottlenecks and barriers as well as the necessary activities and resources to draft a sound and innovative research programme which convincingly demonstrates the potential to generate a socio-economic impact.

The candidate will deal regularly and manage relations with companies, scientists, public officers, partners, and providers, etc. within formal and informal networks, attending public brokerage events and promoting new project ideas.

The candidate will need to prove in-depth expertise in the following key areas:

- Monitoring of funding schemes and opportunities for universities, research centres, business organisations and international clusters;
- Running creative brainstorming sessions with clients, providers and partners to generate innovative yet solid concepts that address calls' topics;
- Carrying out technical and economic feasibility assessments of potential breakthrough ideas and project concepts;
- Liaising with industrial and academic stakeholders to collect all the information and knowledge needed for the preparation and submission of research proposals;
- Authoring complex and well-structured proposals for high competitive instruments within H2020;
- Ensuring proposals are assessed, prepared and submitted according to the deadlines;
- Supporting the negotiation phase for those proposals that have been successful.

Requirements

Candidates who want to apply for this position must:

- Possess a previous experience in writing proposals within FP7 or H2020;
- Demonstrate extensive networking at European level, including Technology Platforms involved in major initiatives as PPPs or International Associations;
- Possess excellent communication and organizational skills;
- Be very pro-active and able to innovate & manage his/her own tasks and workflow without relying on constant inputs from the management;
- Have a very good and “can do” attitude towards the job, the colleagues and the unit leader;
- Have excellent multi-tasking skills;
- Hold a PhD-level university degree with an excellent academic background;
- Be proficient in the English language, both written and spoken (at least C1 level under the “Common European Framework of Reference for Languages CEFR”);
- Speak good Catalan/Spanish as to be able to interact with the local stakeholders;
- Be available to travel frequently, often abroad;

Application for this position

Candidates will need to send an email to direccio@iispv.cat using the following subject line "Candidature EU Funding Expert" before the deadline of the **31/10/2018**.