

BANCO SANTANDER FOUNDATION – CNIO FELLOWSHIPS FOR YOUNG RESEARCHERS TRAINED IN THE UK/USA

THIS FELLOWSHIPS PROGRAMME SUPPORTS ONE HIGHLY TALENTED AND MOTIVATED YOUNG SCIENTIST WHO HAS BEEN TRAINED IN THE UK OR IN THE USA AND WISH TO START OR CONTINUE HIS/HER POSTDOCTORAL TRAINING AT ONE OF THE WORLD’S LEADING COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CENTRES.

Purpose of the Fellowship Programme

- To provide young scientists with cutting-edge cancer research training in an interdisciplinary and internationally competitive environment.
- To foster scientific collaborations between cancer researchers in UK/USA and Spain.

Deadline & Duration

- The deadline for applications is October 31, 2017.
- The fellowship is awarded for a period of 2 years.
- Fellowship starts during 2018.

Eligibility criteria

Applicants must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Enrolment in a predoctoral and/or postdoctoral training programme in a recognized research centre in the UK or in the USA for at least 24 months during the past 3 years (from October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2017).
- Hold a PhD or MD degree. Candidates who are expected to obtain their degree before October 31, 2017 are eligible provided that their thesis supervisor accredits this circumstance in his/her letter of reference. In the case that the candidate were awarded a fellowship but did not obtain the PhD or MD degree before the date mentioned above, his/her position would be offered to the next candidate on the waiting list.
- At least one first author publication either published or accepted before the application deadline in a relevant international peer-reviewed journal in the Medicine & Life Sciences field.
- Two letters of reference; one of them has to be provided by the thesis supervisor.
- One letter of commitment from one of the CNIO group leaders (applicant’s mentor at the CNIO). This letter must indicate the resources available to co-fund the postdoctoral position. For information regarding our research activities, please go to the CNIO’s Scientific Report 2016 website: <http://www.cnio.es/ing/sr/>

- Completeness of the application. The applicant is responsible for the veracity, accuracy and completeness of the data provided in the online application form. Incompleteness and/or inaccuracies in the application will result in the ineligibility of the candidate.
- Receipt of the application before the deadline.

If you have any queries about your eligibility to apply, please contact bsfpostdoc@cnio.es.

Selection process

Eligibility check

After the submission deadline scientific officers at CNIO's Scientific Management Department will assess eligibility of the submitted applications.

Selection

An Evaluation Panel, formed by experienced CNIO senior scientists, will review eligible proposals. The selection will be based on the candidate's CV according to the number and relevance of publications, fellowships obtained under competitive calls, participation in international meetings, reference letters and other merits (teaching, patents, mobility, etc.).

Employment conditions

- Selected candidate will be offered the postdoctoral contract and invited to accept the position within 2 weeks after being notified. The candidate will be expected to start the fellowship during 2018.
- Selected candidate will be employed by the CNIO through a working contract in accordance to Spanish laws and regulations, and will be entitled to all benefits available to regular CNIO employees. Accordingly, contracts fully cover social security, including sickness and parental benefits, pension rights and unemployment benefits.
- Banco Santander Foundation – CNIO fellows will receive a gross annual salary of 30,000 to 34,000 Euros, which corresponds to a monthly net income of approximately 1,800 to 2,000 Euros. The salary will depend on the applicant's previous experience at the time of the application.
- During the duration of their contract, the postdoctoral scientist must work full time at the CNIO and may not be the beneficiary of any other fellowship, grant, stipend or other regular income.
- The contract does not imply any obligation on the part of the CNIO regarding further employment. This does not exclude that, after expiry of the two-year contract, the postdoctoral scientist may continue working at the CNIO provided that additional funding from other sources can be secured.
- At the end of 1st and 2nd year of their contract, fellows are required to prepare a report that summarizes their activities and scientific achievements.
- Fellow's performance will be periodically monitored through review meetings with their mentor at the CNIO.

How to apply

For applications, the online application form has to be used (<http://www.cnio.es/ing/cursos/programapostdoctorado-banco-santander.asp>). The applicant is

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The candidate has to contact with his/her chosen CNIO laboratory and ask the Principal Investigator for a letter indicating her/his commitment and availability to co-fund the postdoctoral position.

Incomplete applications will not be considered. Only one application per candidate will be accepted. If more than one application is received from the same candidate, only the last one will be considered as valid.

Online application form

- Please note that the application form must be completed in English.
- We suggest you to prepare the requested information in any standard text processor and paste them into the application form.
- All fields marked with an asterisk (*) are mandatory and have to be completed. Please provide your full name and last name. Do not use initials or abbreviations.
- You will be asked to insert the date the PhD or MD degree was conferred. If you do not hold a PhD or MD degree at the time of submission of this application, please insert the date when you are expected to obtain your degree.
- You must provide the names and e-mail addresses of two referees; one of them has to be your supervisor. In the case that you did not obtain your PhD or MD degree before submitting your application, the reference letter from the supervisor of your thesis must also include a statement that you are expected to obtain your degree not later than by October 31, 2017. The chosen referees must submit scanned signed letters of recommendation directly to bsfpostdoc@cnio.es, entering the applicant's full name in the subject line. It is your responsibility to ensure that all reference letters are sent to the CNIO before the application deadline. The CNIO will NOT contact referees to request reference letters. Please note that your application will NOT be considered eligible unless all reference letters have been received before the application deadline.
- A list of all your indexed publications must be also sent to bsfpostdoc@cnio.es before October 31, 2017, using the Excel template "Scientific Productivity" provided together with the call. Please fill in the template with the list of your publications as follows: include the complete title and author list (as they appear in the publication) in standard PubMed format, the year, the name, and the impact factor of the journal (according to the year of the publication) where you work has been accepted for publication or published. For all published publications, you must also provide the link to the publication; either through a research on a research engine (PubMed, Embase, etc.) or as a direct access to the journal where it was published.
- Use the "Comments" text box to include any information you consider relevant for your application and which you have not provided elsewhere. Also, use this space to make any comments you may have. You can also leave it blank.
- At the end of the application process you will be asked to upload a file containing your complete CV, preferable in pdf format; doc and rtf formats are also accepted. Please note that the size of this document must not exceed 1MB.
- After having entered all required information you can submit your application by pressing the "Submit" button. Once the application is submitted, an acknowledgement of receipt will

be automatically sent by e-mail to you. A reference number will be assigned to your application and should be included in any further correspondence.

Call calendar 2017

- Call deadline October 31, 2017
- Selection of candidates November, 2017
- Notification to candidates December, 2017
- Start of fellowships 2018

Additional information

- Online application form: <http://www.cnio.es/ing/cursos/programapostdoctorado-banco-santander.asp>
- CNIO web page: <http://www.cnio.es>
- CNIO Scientific Report: <http://www.cnio.es/ing/sr>

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