

María Oliva-Amigos del CNIO predoctoral contract

Thanks to an individual donation made through the CNIO Friends platform, the CNIO has launched the **Maria Oliva-CNIO Friends PhD Programme** that offers students of all nationalities the opportunity to carry out their doctoral thesis within an international and very dynamic scientific environment

Deadline & Duration

- The deadline for applications has been extended until June 5, 2018
- The contract has a duration period of 4 years
- The incorporation to the CNIO should be no later than September, 2018

Elegibility criteria

Applicants must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- This call is open to applicants from all nationalities holding a university degree in biomedical sciences at the deadline of the application
- Applicants must have an excellent academic record and previous research experience during their undergraduate period
- Co-authorship of publication in indexed journals will be positively considered
- Candidates must have a solid working knowledge of English
- Candidates must provide 2 letters of reference
- Candidates must provide a cover letter of interest, written in English
- Candidates must complete the application form before the deadline.

Selection process

Scientific Management will perform a first screening, and subsequently eligible applications will be reviewed by an evaluation committee formed by experienced CNIO senior scientists.

The selection will be based on the candidate's CV, based on academic qualification, aptitude, motivation, and scientific background and on the letters of recommendation, candidates will be short listed for personal interviews in Madrid.

The best-ranked candidate will choose which CNIO group he/she would like to join.

Employment conditions

- The selected candidate will be employed 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.
- The gross annual salary is 16.300,00 euros, which corresponds to a monthly net income of approximately 1.130,00 euros.

- There will be an additional financial support of 10,000 euros to cover other expenses, such as thesis costs, travel, office material and laptops.
- During the duration of the contract, the predoctoral 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.
- A Thesis committee will follow the progress of the student throughout the 4-year's stay at CNIO. This committee is formed by the student's PhD director, two CNIO researchers and an external researcher or academic tutor (e.g. a faculty member of the university that will be issuing the PhD degree, required also for administrative reasons). The purpose of this committee is to supervise the progress of each student's research work and to advise the student regarding the development of his/her project. This shall guarantee that fellows have the individual guidance they need from the very beginning to graduation, so they can complete their academic programs on time and gain maximum benefit from their studies

How to apply

For applications, the online application form has to be used ([link](#)). The applicant is responsible for the veracity, accuracy and completeness of the data provided in the online application form. 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 must provide the names and e-mail addresses of two referees. In the case that you did not obtain your degree before submitting your application, you must also include a statement that you are expected to obtain your degree not later than by June 30, 2018. The chosen referees must submit scanned signed letters of recommendation directly to phd@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.
- 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.

Originals or certified copies and certified translations of documents submitted in the application process will have to be presented to the Training office for verification purposes, once the candidate has been selected.

For further information and to apply: phd@cnio.es