

International PhD Programme in Molecular Life Sciences

Empowering Curious Researchers
at a leading Life Science location in the heart of Europe

The Vienna BioCenter is a leading life science location in Europe: a thriving campus that combines basic research, universities and biotech companies. Our programme has been successfully running since 1993, providing students from all over the world with exceptional training. As a student at the VBC you will be supervised by top scientists and have full access to state-of-the-art facilities, thus giving you the opportunity to launch a successful scientific career. English is the working language in all the institutes.

The VBC campus is multidisciplinary with research areas ranging from molecules to populations: Biochemistry and Structural Biology; Cell and Chromosome Biology; Computational and Systems Biology; Molecular Medicine; Neurobiology; Plant Biology; RNA Biology, Gene Regulation and Epigenetics; Stems Cells and Developmental Biology. Importantly the scientific environment is extremely dynamic and collaborative, you will have numerous opportunities to meet, talk, listen and collaborate with fellow scientists. The programme offers a flexible curriculum structure with an initial training course, lectures on scientific topics as well as technical and complementary skills training. Moreover, students contribute to the management of the institutes, through representatives, and organize events that promote networking and career development, such as an annual retreat and a symposium.

Not only will you be in one of Europe's best institutes, you will live in Vienna, which is rated as the number one city in the world for quality of life. Vienna is a fun, young city embedded in beautiful old buildings, an international metropolis in the heart of Europe.

Four Research Institutes collaborate in creating an exceptional environment, where researchers have all the necessary resources to conduct meaningful projects: there is virtually no experiment that cannot be done at the VBC.

The VBC PhD Programme is jointly organized by:
Research Institute of Molecular Pathology (IMP): www.imp.ac.at
Institute of Molecular Biotechnology (IMBA): www.imba.oeaw.ac.at
Gregor Mendel Institute (GMI): www.gmi.oeaw.ac.at
Max F. Perutz Laboratories (MFPL): www.mfpl.ac.at

The programme is run in collaboration with the University of Vienna. Applicants must hold a Master's degree or equivalent from a university in a related topic (or you will complete a master's degree within six months of the application deadline). Successful applicants will be hired on a full employment contract with a competitive salary.

We accept applications twice per year and we usually recruit 15 students per call:
Winter call - 15 September to 15 November
Summer call - 1 March to 15 April.

For further information check our website:
www.training.vbc.ac.at