6th CRG Awards for Training Technicians- Spring call 2024

The CRG is committed to strengthen and promote high-quality training for technicians, in the laboratories and at core technologies. This call aims to provide the CRG technicians with additional opportunities to undertake training in the form of courses or workshops that are essential to their professional development and are NOT available within the CRG or PRBB Intervals and BIST training portfolio.

Call text:
The CRG Awards for Training Technicians are to cover the costs of external training for technicians employed by the CRG that is of high relevance to their professional career. External training refers to certified structured training courses, workshops or e-learning courses on specific scientific/technical topics or complementary skills, offered by any recognized training institution, excluding the CRG, the PRBB Intervals and BIST (informal visits or research stays in other labs will not be funded). The principal objective of a training application must be developing or improving specific professional skills. The proposed training should be relevant to the present or future work of the applicant, and have an impact on her/his career development in CRG.

Eligibility:
Laboratory, Core Technologies and EGA technicians employed by the CRG are eligible to apply. The application needs to be supported by a letter from the supervising PI, Team Leader or Head of Unit.

Funding:
Two grants, each up to 1.500€ are available to cover travel, accommodation, and course fees. A breakdown budget should be included in the proposal.

Indicative timeline, deadline and submission:
The applicants should apply for a specific training opportunity, which takes place from 1st July 2024 to 31st June 2025. The retrospective applications (for expenditure already incurred on training courses) will not be considered.

The deadline for submitting proposals is 31st of May 2024. Proposals have to be submitted online through this form HERE

Final decision about the awardees will be announced by early July 2024.

Evaluation:
Proposals will be evaluated by a committee, formed by Damjana Kastelic, PhD (Head of CRG Training and Academic Office); Monica Morales, PhD (Head of CRG Core Technologies); and Marc Bataller, PhD (Program Technician). Evaluators will be required to state any potential conflict of interest.

The committee will evaluate:
- The value of the training opportunity to the technicians' present or future work and career development;
- The CV of the applicant;
- The motivation of the applicant.

Applicants who were successful in obtaining the grant in previous call are also encouraged to apply;

however, on equal scores, the candidate who has not obtained the award yet will be given a priority.

Follow-up:
The successful applicants will be required to write a short report on the value and key learnings from the funded course no later than one month after they have attended the training. If report is not provided one month after attending the meeting, the person cannot apply for future calls. Depending on the content of the training activity, the successful applicants will be requested to develop potential training activity at the CRG from the attended course in order to transfer learnt knowledge and skills to other technicians and researchers.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST:
- Completed online application form including:
- Motivation statement on how this training opportunity is relevant to the professional development and present/future work of the applicant
- Curriculum Vitae (max. 2 pages)
- A support letter from the PI or Head of Unit
- Budget breakdown

For any additional information please drop an email to training@crg.eu:

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