

GO_HERO 2020 CALL: TRAINING PROGRAM TO PREPARE H2020 AND HORIZON EUROPE PROPOSALS

Supported by the HERO Office: IISPV, IDIBGI & IRBLleida

The biomedical research institutes from the Tarragona, Girona and Lleida provinces have collaborated since 2017 under the CATIONS agreement. In 2019, the International Units of the three Institutes were awarded a GO_EUROPE grant (GO_HERO; PERIS SLT008/18/00177) to promote the international presence of their institutes' research.

The GO_HERO (Health European Research Offices) lays down an internationalisation process for all three centres based on the centralisation of resources in a new virtual promotion unit (the HERO Office). The GO_HERO program aims to:

Objective 1. To strengthen the international units teams in the pre-award area in order to improve the technical support to the strategic research groups and to boost the institution's internalisation.

Objective 2. To design and implement a training curricula for our research staff on policies, strategy and R+D+I programs from the European Commission.

Objective 3. To foster at European level, the visibility of the biomedical research (basic, translational and clinic) occurring at the three institutes and to boost the recruitment of international talent.

Under the Objective 2, the GO_HERO is pleased to launch the "GO_HERO 2020 Call" to train scientists from IISPV, IDIBGI and IRBLleida on how to prepare successful H2020 proposals (also applicable to Horizon Europe). With this initiative, HERO Office wants to recognise and support talented researchers that are working to reach a leading position and become pioneers in their fields.

1. Object and program

The aim of the GO_HERO 2020 Call is to enroll successful candidates to the 7-module training workshop "*How to write H2020 and Horizon Europe proposals*" led by Dr Nikolaos Floratos. The comprehensive program covers the following aspects:

- **Module 1:** How to exploit like a champion European Research and Innovation programmes.
- **Module 2:** Intelligence in European Research and Innovation Programmes.
- **Module 3:** Mastering the full proposal development cycle in European Research and Innovation Programmes.
- **Module 4:** How to generally impress the evaluators in European Research and Innovation Programmes.
- **Module 5:** How to impress the evaluators specifically with your Excellence section.
- **Module 6:** How to impress the evaluators specifically with your Impact section.
- **Module 7:** How to impress the evaluators specifically with your Implementation section.

Dr Floratos has more than 22 years of experience in the European funding landscape, where he has transformed thousands of individuals from more than forty countries into successful grant application developers through outstanding training and coaching practices. Since 2003, he is a reviewer for the European Commission's projects and proposals. Dr Floratos is the author of the book "*Who are the champions in Horizon 2020 and what you can learn from them*" and the host/organiser of the [Horizon 2020 Virtual Summit](#). The Summit was the largest annual virtual training event with more than 35 top experts in Horizon 2020 as trainers and more than 2500 participants.

More information on the workshop trainer at: www.nikolaosfloratos.com.

2. Location and Duration

Due to the COVID-19 health emergency, this will be an online workshop. The 7-module program has been re-structured into 4 morning sessions (3 hours each) from the **15th until the 18th of September 2020**.

Further details on the distribution of modules and timings will be circulated to successful applicants. Only applicants that attend the 4 training sessions will receive a Certificate of Completion.

3. Applicants' requirements

We invite applications from researchers that fulfil the following requirements:

- Members of a research group from the IISPV, IRBLleida or IDIBGI.
- Senior Postdoctoral Researcher with at least 5 years of post-doctoral experience.
- Previous experience in writing research proposals.

4. Form and deadline for submitting applications

4.1. The deadline for submission of applications is the **14th of June 2020**.

4.2. The complete application should be sent at: info@goherohealth.com

4.3. The application must contain the following information:

- CV of the applicant (model CVN FECyT)
- Completed GO_HERO Form (Part A and B)

5. Amendment of applications

If the documentation provided is incomplete or has correctable errors, the applicant will be required to correct the missing or accompany the required documents within 5 calendar days. If not, the application will be withdrawn.

6. Evaluation and selection of applications

The assignment of the seats in the training action will be made through the competitive bidding procedure, in accordance with the principles of publicity, transparency, equality and non-discrimination. The

3 / 5

received GO_HERO Forms will be evaluated using the following criteria:

PART A (Total = 70 points):

- Evaluation of the scientific history of applicant and if applicable, his/her the team (60 points). The maximum score for each section is 15 points.
 - o Projects in the last 5 years
 - o Publications in the last 5 years as first/last and/or corresponding author in the first decile and/or quartile
 - o Invited presentations as a speaker in the last 5 years
 - o Patents in the last 5 years
- Participation in networks/international collaborations experience (10 points).

PART B (Total = 30 points):

- What is your research type?
- In which category would your research line/s fit best?
- Do you have clinical cohorts/studies/registries?
- Why do you apply for this training program?

7. Competent body for the instruction and resolution of the procedure

- 7.1. The GO_HERO Board of Directors of the IISPV, IDIBGI and IRBLleida is the body responsible for instructing the procedure.
- 7.2. The GO_HERO Board of Directors of the IISPV, IDIBGI and IRBLleida is responsible for resolving the granting or refusal of requests.
- 7.3 Any aspect not provided for in this resolution or which may give rise to interpretations shall be resolved by the GO_HERO Board of Directors of the IISPV, IDIBGI and IRBLleida.

8. Resolution and notification

The applications will be resolved and successful candidates will be notified in writing (by email) within a maximum period of two months from the end of the application's deadline.

9. Provision and amount of aid

4 / 5

Please note that the successful applicants for the Go_HERO 2020 Call will not receive funding. The corresponding Institution will register them to the training course. A Certificate of Completion will be provided if the applicant attends the full course.

10. Justification

There is no written justification after completion of this training. However, successful applicants will be required to have a face-to-face meeting with their respective International Office to develop a personalised training plan and future funding strategy.

11. Effective date

This resolution goes into effect on the date of its approval.

The Directors of the IISPV, IDIBGI and IRBLleida.

18th of May 2020