

Call for Expressions of Interest



CiQUS

Scientific Director

Emerging Frontiers: Integrating Chemistry, Biology and Materials Science

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INTRODUCTION

The Centre for Research in Biological Chemistry and Molecular Materials (CiQUS, www.usc.es/ciqus/en) was founded by the University of Santiago de Compostela (USC) as the first member of a network of singular research centers, one of the main strategic axes of the CAMPUS VIDA project (Campus of International Excellence).

Formally created in 2010 and officially opened in February 2011, CiQUS was born with the vision of becoming an international reference center in multidisciplinary research at the interface of chemistry, biomedicine and molecular materials. In addition to performing cutting-edge science, CiQUS aims to transfer the resulting knowledge for the benefit of society, contribute to the education and training of the best researchers in chemistry for future generations, and promote a better social perception of the role of chemistry in terms of development and global welfare.

For these purposes, CiQUS has built a SELF-DEMANDING ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE based on the following basic principles: (1) competitive selection of the scientific staff, and continuous evaluation of the activity by an External Scientific Advisory Board; (2) rigorous strategic planning, (3) funding mechanisms linked to the fulfillment of objectives; (4) scientific directorship, responsible for the definition of the research policy and for the coordination of the capabilities of the different groups; (5) professional management of the center's R&D activity. Comprehensive information about research areas, groups, facilities and scientific outputs can be found at the CiQUS website (www.usc.es/ciqus).

A fundamental figure in the organizational structure of CiQUS is the SCIENTIFIC DIRECTOR, who is responsible of setting the strategic and research priorities of the center and of managing relationships with regional, national and international institutions, in addition to having other executive decision-making roles –assisted by the Deputy Director– as stated in the CiQUS' internal regulations.

Fourteen years after the creation of CiQUS and more than ten years since the appointment of its first Scientific Director, the current directorship, the External Scientific Advisory Board (ESAB) and the Governing Committee have considered timely to launch a procedure to identify a new Scientific Director for the center.

Therefore, we launch this ***Call for the submission of Expressions of Interest*** to become **Scientific Director** at CiQUS.

ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES:

This call for submission of Expressions of Interest is open to researchers currently appointed as Principal Investigators (PIs) at CiQUS. The person selected must have a profile of high scientific qualification and broad international recognition, with an excellent curriculum vitae and a proven experience in leading research projects and teams.

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS:

- Applications **must be submitted electronically** through following link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/FAR9aUpSzu>

- The application should contain:

- A cover letter outlining the candidate's motivation and his/her vision for the future of the center (max. 2 pages)
- A curriculum vitae (max. 4 pages)

- The deadline for submission of Expressions of Interest is **October 23, 2024**.

SELECTION PROCESS:

The evaluation and selection of candidates will be addressed by the CiQUS External Scientific Advisory Board.

The CiQUS Governing Committee will approve the appointment of the Scientific Director, upon recommendation of ESAB, for a renewable four-year term, starting in January 2025.



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