

CIQUS SUMMER FELLOWSHIPS

RESEARCH INITIATION

The *Center for Research in Biological Chemistry and Molecular Materials* (CIQUS) of the University of Santiago de Compostela (www.usc.es/ciqus/en) offers **15 Summer Fellowships**¹ to undergraduate students in Chemistry or related majors.

Goals

The undergraduate fellows will have the opportunity to conduct a brief research project under the supervision of a CIQUS group leader, in one of the strategic research lines of the center. They will enroll a dynamic international environment, working in cutting-edge research areas as well as actively participating in all the scientific activities.

The training projects will be conducted for **4-5 weeks**, from **June 26th to July 28th, 2017**.²

Conditions

Each fellow will receive a stipend of **700 €/month**. In addition, admitted candidates with a permanent address outside the Santiago area will receive a supplementary allowance to cover travel expenses (upon presentation of receipts):

- Up to 80 € for fellows living in other areas in Galicia.
- Up to 200 € for fellows living outside Galicia³.

Training program

Each fellow will have assigned a brief research project within one of the thematic areas of the center (see [Research Groups](#)).

They will join one of our research labs, under the guidance of CIQUS' scientific staff, and will be trained in techniques and methods related to the assigned project. They will learn to plan experiments, analyze data and observations, and present a short report on the results obtained. Furthermore, the fellows will have access to the CIQUS seminars and lectures.

On the other hand, students will have a privileged opportunity to continue their research career through the master's and doctoral programs at CIQUS, if interested, as well as to access the grants available for those formative [stages](#).

¹ Up to five fellowships are reserved for Chemistry students at USC.

² Some flexibility on the start and end dates could be authorized, provided it is adequately justified.

³ CIQUS staff can book the flights and/or train tickets, if required. We also can arrange the accommodation of the fellows at the USC Residence Halls (cost not included in the fellowship).

Requirements

The CIQUS Summer Fellowships program is addressed to highly motivated students in their third and fourth year of Chemistry or related studies at any University. Candidates who are currently finishing the third year of their undergraduate program can also apply, provided they have already achieved 140 credits.

Eligible candidates are expected to have an academic record with a minimum average mark of 8,0 on a 0-10 scale.

Application

Interested candidates should fill out and submit the online [Application Form](#) together with these documents (to be sent by e-mail):

- Academic record, including qualification in each subject and average marks (0-10 scale).
- Copy of the university enrolment form for the academic year 2016-2017.

The additional documents should be submitted to ciquis@usc.es, with the heading/subject "SUMMER2017". Deadline for submission is **Thursday, April 20th (23:59 pm CEST)**.

Selection process

Applications will be evaluated by an internal committee, on the basis of the background training and academic record of the candidate, and also on the letter of motivation presented.

Before May 12th, 2017, CIQUS will contact the selected candidates and the project will be assigned. Once acceptance is confirmed by the selected candidates, the list of awardees will be published in the CIQUS website (www.usc.es/ciquis/en).

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