

BioCop International Fellowship Programme 2009

This scheme, announced at the first BioCop annual meeting in Prague in November 2005 was founded to provide BioCop's women researchers the opportunity to take up to two weeks study visit to an institute or research centre of her own choice. To date, a total of three Fellowship winners have resulted along with much more exciting scientific outcomes emerging from the project during the last couple of years. The Top Management Group (TMG) of BioCop has decided that the 2009 BioCop Fellowship Programme will open only to promising young researchers who are from outside the BioCop project.

Details of the 2006, 2007 and 2008 BioCop Fellowship winners (Dr. Hasna Mohammadi, Dr. Priscilla Bowens and Ms Hester van den Top) can be found at BioCop website http://www.biocop.org/women_fellowship.html

Aims

- To promote participation in Food Safety Research
- To provide opportunity of having an insight to a large international collaborative project
- To provide targeted training in new technology
- To provide career development opportunities for the future

Eligibility

The BioCop International Fellowship accepts applications from promising scientists worldwide
Candidates must have no more than 8 years active postdoctoral experience
Candidates must be Postdoctoral researchers undertaking research in Food Safety
Candidates can be of both genders but female applicants may be considered favourably if all other conditions are the same

Duration

The maximum period for a fellowship is up to two weeks.

Location

The successful application can select any location (university, institute, company and research centre), which is within the BioCop consortium.



Application processes and selection

BioCop will open one call annually for the fellowship scheme. Applicants will be invited to submit an application form containing a brief description of their planned visits (location, research area/technology/skill). In addition applicants must describe how the project will add value to their current research activity and future career.

Applications will be considered on merit by the BioCop Top Management Group (TMG).

Applications will be assessed against the following criteria:

1. The relevance of the study visit to BioCop.
2. The expected benefits to the applicant.

The successful fellow will be asked to provide a short report on what was achieved during the visit within one month of the visit.

Application form

A copy of the application form can be found at http://www.biocop.org/women_fellowship.html Or alternatively please contact Dr. C Situ, BioCop Gender Manager by email at c.situ@qub.ac.uk or phone + 44 (0) 2890 976546.

Applications open on **1st March 2009**.

Please complete the application form and return it to Mrs Joyce Watterson (joyce.Watterson@qub.ac.uk) or Dr. C Situ (c.situ@qub.ac.uk), Queen's University Belfast, IAFLU, David Keir Building, Stranmillis Road, Belfast BT9 5AG, United Kingdom.

Deadline: **31st May 2009**.

