



FETAL  
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RESEARCH  
CENTER

**BCNatal | Fetal Medicine Research Center**  
Hospital Clinic and Sant Joan de Déu,  
Universitat de Barcelona



**Position: Scientific Writer:** Researcher with writing and leadership skills.

BCNatal | Fetal Medicine Research Center is looking for an enthusiastic individual to work as a Scientific Writer for a large research multidisciplinary research center in fetal and perinatal medicine.

### **Context**

BCNatal | Fetal Medicine Research Center, directed by Prof. Eduard Gratacós, is a multidisciplinary research centre in fetal and perinatal medicine, recognised as one of the world's best research teams in the field.

Accredited by the Spanish government as an excellence research centre, it works to find solutions to diseases of prenatal origin. From 2005 up to now, the research team has grown from 10 to >100 members, and with over 70 peer-reviewed publications yearly, the centre is ranked among the top-5 international research groups in maternal-fetal medicine.

BCNatal-FMRC research approach entails a full integration of prenatal and postnatal life, fetus and child are the same patient monitored over time, a not-so-usual design that has received several awards. Likewise, a dedicated managerial team ensures compliance with research plans and a rigorous financial management. BCNatal-FMRC is the research branch of the BCNatal clinical centre, providing a privileged environment for clinically applicable and translational research.

### **Conditions**

- Part time position
- Salary: Depending on the experience of the candidate.
- Starting date September-October 2019

**Duration:** Initial term of one year, renewable thereafter for further fixed-term periods.

### **Application process:**

Send your CV and a motivation letter including at least two references, which will not be contacted without your permission, to our recruiting manager Maite Aguilera ([maguile@clinic.cat](mailto:maguile@clinic.cat)).

**Main purpose of the job.**

- Writing new proposals to apply for new funding opportunities.
- Producing technical reports for the on-going international research projects.
- Detect new funding opportunities.
- Write in clear, concise and accurate language that can be understood by the general public.
- Translating technical ideas and concepts to text.
- Meeting with researchers to plan the content of a document (research proposals) or publication.
- Reviewing and amending work in response to Principal Investigator feedback.
- Keeping up to date the research center's publication record.
- Reading and researching literature, e.g. scientific papers, journals, press releases and internet resources including social media.

**Main duties and responsibilities**

- Understand the nature of the scientific work that we produce.
- Conduct comprehensive literature searches to enhance their background understanding, and evaluate and analyze the information he/she will be writing about.
- Ensure that all deliverables are in accordance with regulations, standards, and guidelines.
- Schedule and organize meetings with the researchers to ensure good quality documents.
- Prepare documentation for the Ethics Committee.
- Ensure prompt and efficient response to queries, acknowledging all communication, and ensuring efficient flow of information.
- Perform other duties as are within the scope, spirit and purpose of the job description as requested by the Principal Investigator, Scientific Manager or the Chief Investigator. ¶This job description reflects the present requirements of the post, and as duties and responsibilities change/develop, the job description will be reviewed and be subject to amendment in consultation with the post holder. The appointee will be expected to carry out any additional duties as may reasonably be required within the general scope and level of the post. ¶

**Key Profile Requirements:**

The successful candidate should hold a Science degree with demonstrable Professional Writing in Science, more specifics in the biomedical writing. They should have excellent verbal and written communication skills and ability to prioritize and organize own workload and meet time-critical schedules.

### Person Specifications

Criteria	Essential or Desirable	Assessment method (A-Application /I-Interview)
<b>Qualifications, experience and knowledge</b>		
Science degree / career	Essential	A
International Experience	Essential	A
Experience in Biomedical / Medical research environment	Essential	A / I
Ethical and Legal Issues in Biomedical Communication	Essential	I
Knowledge of relevant data protection requirements	Essential	I
Professional Writing in Science	Desirable	A / I
PhD/Master degree in Biomedicine or equivalent	Desirable	A
<b>Skills and abilities</b>		
Excellent verbal and written communication skills (including accurate grammar, spelling and punctuation) in English and Spanish	Essential	A / I
Ability to work under pressure	Essential	I
Ability to prioritize and organize own workload and meet time-critical schedules	Essential	I
Attention to detail	Essential	A / I
Good organizational and time management skills	Essential	I
Good interpersonal skills and the ability to liaise with a variety of people, clinical and scientist researchers.	Essential	I
Ability to work confidentially and pro-actively	Essential	A / I
A flexible approach to working extra to accommodate time consuming projects, persistence and self-motivation.	Essential	I
Excellent verbal and written communication skills in Catalan	Desirable	I

If you have any queries regarding the vacancy please contact our scientific manager, Elisenda Bonet-Carne ([bonet@clinic.cat](mailto:bonet@clinic.cat)). For any queries on the application process, please contact our recruiting manager Maite Aguilera ([maguile@clinic.cat](mailto:maguile@clinic.cat)).