



The European Association for Bioindustries

Stage EuropaBio, Healthcare Biotechnology & EU Parliament Lobby Outreach

About EuropaBio

EuropaBio is the European Association for Bioindustries, solely and uniquely bringing together bioscience companies from all fields of research and development, testing, manufacturing and distribution of biotechnology products. It has 68 corporate and 7 associated members, 4 BioRegions and 25 national biotechnology associations representing some 1800 small and medium sized enterprises involved in research. Its members are involved in research, development, testing, manufacturing and commercialisation of biotechnology products and processes, and have a wide range of activities: human and animal health care, diagnostics, bio-informatics, chemicals, crop protection, agriculture, food and environmental products and services.

About Healthcare Biotechnology

The Stage will be located within EuropaBio's Healthcare Unit. Healthcare biotechnology has a tremendous impact on meeting the needs of patients and their families. In fact, biotechnology in healthcare not only encompasses medicines and diagnostics which are manufactured using a biotechnological process, but also cell and tissue engineered products, and includes the use and the application of key biotechnology tools in the research and development of all innovative medicines.

Today, more than 325 million patients have benefited from approved medicines manufactured through biotechnology. Biotech medicines are estimated to account for approximately 20% of all marketed medicines and represent 50% of all medicines in the pipeline.

Tasks/Projects

EuropaBio's healthcare unit contributes to the process of policy development and regulatory implementation in this field by presenting a coordinated industry voice and position on specific issues.

We are a small team, so you will have the opportunity to gain very good all-round-insight into the topics we deal with, and work on a variety of projects.

Non-exhaustive list of tasks you are likely to be working on include:

- Research facts and figures relating to the Biotech Healthcare sector, both globally and European-focussed.
- Updating the Healthcare Unit's extranet, for use by Healthcare members, as well as revise the Healthcare pages of the homepage
- Assist in the organisation of meetings both internally and externally , as well as preparing presentations
- Assist in the research and preparation of position papers on topics of relevance to Healthcare members.

In addition to the healthcare related responsibilities, you will also be asked to support 2 external EU Parliament lobbying outreach events. The first is Healthcare Council led and the second will be led by EuropaBio's National Associations Council.

- Follow up on invites to the events, outreach to potential participants via mail and phone
- Aid in identifying key contacts in Permanent Representations and Parliament by country, topic and position – update database as needed to reflect changes
- Draft invitation letters for policy makers & speakers & oversee NAC translations of the letter
- Support for logistics and organisation of events
- Aid in developing Issue Briefs for the delegations
- Other tasks to support EuropaBio's communications & healthcare units

Candidate Profile

- **Must be a current student with a 'convention de stage' from your university (i.e. the internship is obligatory for your studies)**
- **Must be from an EU country or have permission to work in the EU**

These two first criteria are vital! If you do not fulfil them, then please DO NOT apply with us.

- Good knowledge of European Affairs
- Interest in Biotechnology and Research Policy, preferably some scientific background
- Good level of English, spoken and written (office language)
- Multiple EU languages a plus, esp. Southern or Eastern European languages
- Good communication skills, good team player
- Can-do attitude, outgoing personality
- Strong Computer Skills
- Experience in developing & updating websites, FrontPage a plus
- Strong writing skills
- Ability to work to tight deadlines, structured

When should you be able to start?

- We would prefer you to be able to start in August 2009, but the start date can be negotiated and will be no later than 1 Sep. Length of stage preferably 4-6 months to allow you to really get into the work and build some expertise

What about money?

- If you are currently residing outside Belgium, we will be able to offer you a small stipend of 400 euros/month to cover some of your living costs.

Interested or further questions? Please contact

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