



The European Association for Bioindustries

Stage EuropaBio, Healthcare Biotechnology & EU Lobby Outreach

Did you know that brewing was an early application of biotechnology? That your 'stone washed jeans' are produced with enzymes, a biotech product? Or that 350 million patients to date have benefited from biotech medicines (including gene technology) to treat or prevent heart attacks, stroke, multiple sclerosis, breast cancer, cystic fibrosis, leukemia, hepatitis, diabetes and other diseases?

An estimated 50% of all new medicines now originate from biotechnologies, and the proportion grows when it comes to the most innovative treatments such as: growth hormones, recombinant growth factors, vaccinations, monoclonal antibodies for the treatment of cancers and inflammatory and infectious diseases, cell therapy etc.

If you would like to gain or further your insight into this exciting sector, then you might be our new Healthcare Stagiaire!

About EuropaBio

EuropaBio is the European Association for Bioindustries, bringing together bioscience companies from all fields of research and development, testing, manufacturing and distribution of biotechnology products. It has 74 corporate and 8 associated members, 4 BioRegions and 26 national biotechnology associations representing some 1800 small and medium sized enterprises.

We currently have around 15 staff members from all over Europe. of which two are working directly with healthcare issues. To this comes a number of stagiaires – typically, we have 3-4 stagiaires in the office at one time, one in each section.

About Healthcare Biotechnology

Healthcare biotechnology refers to a medicinal or diagnostic product or a vaccine that consists of, or has been produced in, living organisms and may be manufactured via recombinant technology (recombinant DNA is a form of DNA that does not exist naturally. It is created by combining DNA sequences that would not normally occur together). Today, the majority of innovative medicines, whether manufactured using biotechnology or via a chemical synthesis like a traditional small molecule medicine, as well as many diagnostic products, are made available by applying modern biotechnology in their development and/or manufacturing processes.

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. Depending on your interests and background, we can shape the internship to make sure both we and you get the most out of it.

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 webpage and extranet, for use by Healthcare members
- Assist in the organisation of meetings both internally and externally, e.g. with our Patients Advisory Group, as well as preparing presentations
- Assist in the organisation of events with the Commission and European Parliament, including our bi-monthly Healthcare Council Breakfast Meetings
- Assist in the research and preparation of position papers on topics of relevance to Healthcare members
- Drafting of the internal and external monthly Healthcare Report to Members, and providing healthcare input to the EuropaBio newsletters
- Participate and report back on meetings/workshops of interest to our Members

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.

- Knowledge of European Affairs
- Interest in Biotechnology and Research Policy, preferably some scientific background although not essential
- 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 a plus
- Good writing skills
- Ability to work to tight deadlines, structured

What do you get from us?

- The opportunity to gain a real insight into the biotechnology/healthcare sector
- A chance to work in a young, dynamic, informal international office
- Plenty of opportunities to attend workshops, briefings, meetings, etc with policy makers and other interest organisations
- 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.

When should you be able to start?

- We would prefer you to be able to start in February 2010, but the start date can be negotiated. Length of stage preferably 4-6 months to allow you to really get into the work and build some expertise

Interested or further questions? Please contact

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