



CAREERS IN LIFE SCIENCES SPRING SCHOOL

WHEN: March 27 - 31, 2022

WHERE: Piešťany, Slovakia

Are you a doctoral student thinking about the next steps in your career? Would you like to learn more about career opportunities in private sector? Do you wish to develop skill that will help you enter the labour market successfully? Would you like to learn more about what are the expectations of employers? Or what it would take to set up your own business? Would you appreciate an opportunity to discuss these questions with experts and researchers having successful careers beyond academia? CarLiS Spring School is the right place to search for the answers to your questions.

AIM OF THE SPRING SCHOOL

Aim of the CarLiS Spring School is to provide PhD students with an opportunity to explore different career paths in the life sciences, with emphasis on careers in private sector and develop the skills needed to follow those paths.

WHAT WE ARE PREPARING FOR YOU

The agenda of the Spring School will offer a mix of lectures, talks and practical exercises focusing on four areas: (1) career strategies, (2) knowledge transfer, (3) entrepreneurship and (4) soft skills. It will also provide an interesting social programme and opportunities for networking. The whole event will be held in English.

Agenda:

Sunday, March 27 th	We will start with the joint dinner at 18.00 and some activities to get to know each other.
Monday, March 28 th	Basic training on how to communicate your ideas in different contexts (presenting yourself in job interviews, pitching your research). You will also gain insights into the life science sector in the region of Bratislava and Vienna and learn what the key skills employers seek are. The evening will be dedicated to career talks with researchers working in private companies.
Tuesday, March 29 th	We will start with basics of knowledge transfer and intellectual property rights. The afternoon slot will give you a chance to train your job search skills through mock interviews with HR specialist and get feedback to your professional CV. We have an interesting story ready for the evening.
Wednesday, March 30 th	Some more information about knowledge transfer and IP. You will also have an opportunity to explore your entrepreneurial spirit and learn what it takes to transform idea to impact. Free evening programme.
Thursday, March 31 st	We will further explore scientific entrepreneurship as a possible career path. After the common lunch at 13.00 it's time to leave.

The event is co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund and is organized in the framework of the Interreg V-A SK-AT program. | The Action Austria – Slovakia, cooperation in science and education, is a bilateral program to support cooperation between Austria and Slovakia in the field of higher education, science and research, financed by the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sports of the Slovak Republic and the Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research of the Republic of Austria. | EURAXESS is an initiative of the European Commission focused on personalised services for researchers provided in 42 European countries. The activities of EURAXESS Slovakia are financially supported by the grant from the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sports of the Slovak Republic.

WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE

PhD students

- From Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava, Comenius University in Bratislava, Slovak Academy of Sciences and University of Vienna.
- Carrying out their studies in life sciences or related study programmes and/or study programmes with potential application/outreach in life sciences sector.
- Interested in exploring career paths beyond academia.
- Enrolled in any year of their studies, but preferably in the 2nd year and higher.
- Having a good command of English (B2 and more).

HOW TO APPLY

The applications need to be submitted to your institution **by 3/3/2022**. For application details contact the responsible person at your institution:

- Comenius University: Rebeka Laučíková, rebeka.laucikova@uniba.sk
- Slovak University of Technology: Mária Búciová, maria.buciova@stuba.sk, Branislav Kadlecík, branislav.kadlecik@stuba.sk
- Slovak Academy of Sciences: Katarína Račková: rackova.katarina@savba.sk
- University of Vienna: Barbara Litsauer, carlis.doktorat@univie.ac.at

Each of the institutions above can select and nominate up to 6 participants for the Carlis Spring School. Participants will be selected by their home institutions. The selected candidates will be contacted with further details.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Participation in the CarLiS Spring School is **free of charge**. Accommodation for **4 nights** (single room per participant - www.hotelmagnolia.sk), **catering** (full board), joint bus travel – before/after the event from Bratislava to the venue and back will be covered by the project.

It is expected that participants will stay for **the whole duration of the CarLiS Spring School** and take advantage of the full agenda.

Participants will receive **the certificate of accomplishment**.

SAFETY

CarLiS Spring School will take place on-site. In order to comply with anti-pandemic preventive measures and currently valid regulations for organizing collective events in Slovakia, during the CarLiS Spring School, participants will need to:

- cover upper airways throughout the duration of the event,
- self-isolate in case of acute respiratory illness (e.g. fever, cough, rhinitis, breathing problems)
- leave the place of event if symptoms of acute respiratory illness occur, and contact doctor,
- no handshake.

ABOUT THE CARLIS PROJECT

CarLiS Spring School is one of the activities of CarLiS project. The project aims to contribute to improvement of doctoral education and better collaboration between the academic and business sector in the region of Vienna-Bratislava. This should be achieved through developing an inter-sectoral career training preparing PhD students for career paths beyond academia with specific focus on life sciences. Learn more at <https://carlis.saia.sk/en>.

