



<b>Job title:</b> Research technician ref. MELIS-PSR-INDF-2025-49
<b>Date of publication of the job offer:</b> 04/11/25
<b>Research line:</b> SkinEngineering.
<b>Project and Institution that finance the contract:</b>  HE-EIC-24-TRANSITION-SkinEngineering - 101203545 SkinEngineering: Revolutionizing Skin Health with our Advanced Engineered Biotherapeutics.
<b>Job description:</b>  The Translational Synthetic Biology group led by Dr. Marc Güell at Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF) – and its future spin-off Synflora – is seeking a part-time business developer expert to strengthen the genetic engineering pipeline of Cutibacterium acnes within the EU-funded SkinEngineering project.  SkinEngineering aims to advance our engineered-skin-bacteria technology, bringing to market a first-in-class live biotherapeutic for acne and other skin conditions. The recruited person will focus on:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Identify and engage strategic partners (pharma, dermocosmetics, biotech, investors).</li><li>- Map and analyse the global market for microbiome-based skin therapeutics, probiotics, and postbiotics.</li><li>- Develop business models and licensing or co-development opportunities for Synflora’s technologies.</li><li>- Collaborate with R&amp;D teams to define value propositions and commercial roadmaps.</li><li>- Support IP strategy, tech transfer, and fundraising (EU grants, venture capital, public-private partnerships).</li><li>- Represent Synflora and SkinEngineering at scientific, innovation, and business events.</li><li>- Contribute to communication materials (pitch decks, investor briefs, marketing content).</li></ul>
<b>Information on the minimum requirements:</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- High school or professional training diploma.</li><li>- Experience with early-stage biotech ventures, start-ups, or public funding instruments (Horizon Europe, EIC, etc.).</li></ul>



Convocatòria: MELIS-PSR-INDF-2025-49

- Network across dermatology, pharma, or cosmetic innovation ecosystems.
- Understanding of synthetic biology, microbiome, or postbiotic markets.
- Strong communication and negotiation skills; ability to translate science into business impact.
- Fluent English (spoken and written); Spanish or Catalan a plus.

**Other requirements:**

- MBA or complementary training in business, management, or entrepreneurship.

**Expected remuneration:** annual gross salary of 8.233,30€.

**Group and complement:** PSR 3 level U.

**Dedication and working time:** 10 hours/week (part time)

**Type of contract:** open-ended contract, according the *RD 32/2021 de 28 de desembre de 2021*; and the *article 23 bis de la Llei 14/2011 d'1 de juny, de la Ciència, la Tecnologia i la Innovació*.

**Selection criteria:**

1. Academic background: 0-20 points.
2. Professional experience/Appropriateness to the proposed profile: 0-60 points.
3. Other achievements: 0-20 points.

Minimum score to pass the selection process: 80 points.

**Selection Committee:**

President: MARÍA JOSÉ FÁBREGA FERNÁNDEZ

Member 1: NASTASSIA KNÖDLSIEDER

Member 2: MARC GÜELL CARGOL

**Information on the application process:** send an email with a copy of the candidate's curriculum vitae, indicating the reference **MELIS-PSR-INDF-2025-49** in the subject line.

**Contact:** [recruitment.melis@upf.edu](mailto:recruitment.melis@upf.edu)

**Deadline to submit applications:** 20/11/2025