LaCaixa 2019 PhD Position @BCAM

Project title / Job position title:
Ph.D. Fellow in Data Science at BCAM

Research Project / Research Group Description. max. 2.000 characters

PhD position in Artificial Intelligence.
- **Objective:** The objective of this position is to carry out developments in the application of artificial intelligence in two different fields, analysis of health record and managing of battery life.
- **Description:** In the area of artificial intelligence we work on machine learning, heuristic optimization, reinforcement learning and social choice.
- **Applications:** Massive data and optimization problems from financial to social media, marketing, medical domains (diagnosis and prognosis), genetics, environmental modelling, demography and biostatistics, logistics, scheduling and planning.

Specific research PhD project thesis (choose one of them):
- **Predicting risk and cost of patients.** Advisors: JA. Lozano. The goal of this thesis is twofold. We plan to develop specific algorithms to predict the cost of a patient in the health system in general, but also particularly in a disease. As a second objective we plan to evaluate the risk of a patient in different scenarios, for instance, the risk of re-entering the emergency room.
- **Predicting battery life and charging schedule.** Advisors: S. Mazuelas. Nowadays there is a high rise in the use of batteries. However the accurate estimation of their life is still an open question. Similarly the design of an appropriate charging schedule that allows increasing the battery life requires the design of new methodologies from the field of artificial intelligence.
BCAM is a world-class research center in the field of Applied Mathematics located in Bilbao (Spain). It obtained the Severo Ochoa Center of Excellence award in 2013 and 2018 given by the Spanish Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities. BCAM is part of the ERCOM European Research Centers on Mathematics http://www.ercom.org networks. BCAM has endorsed the Charter & Code in 2008 and has been awarded the HR Excellence in research Logo in 2016.

The candidate will be part of the Data Science research area at BCAM.

The candidate must have solid knowledge and experience.

The research environment is international and open to national and international collaborations, the candidate must have willingness to team working and traveling.

Requirements:
- Master degree (preferable in Mathematics, Physics, Engineering or Computer Science).
- Applicants must have an excellent academic record.

Skills:
- Good communication and interpersonal skills.
- Ability to effectively communicate and present research ideas to researchers with different background (e.g., mathematicians and engineers as well as employs of forest service).
- Ability to clearly present and publish research outcomes in spoken (talks) and written (papers) form.
- Good command of spoken and written English.

Additionally, in terms of transferable & complementary skills, BCAM is carrying out the Action Plan within Human Resources Strategy for Researchers (HRS4R) BCAM action plan available here https://bit.ly/2MH1R9S; so, the fellow will benefit of this training program composed by: Leadership, Ethic and Research, Effective Communication/Teamwork, Gender Balance, Research Integrity, Citizenship Science, etc. The fellow will receive all the needed support from BCAM to be fully integrated in the group and in the center.
INPhINIT Offer, eligibility requirements, evaluation and selection process

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6. Now you are in the position to fill the application form, upload the required documents and choose the project thesis. To choose the project thesis, click in “Studies to be Pursued”, choose the centre and the position.