

# The value of diversity in biomedical research

**12th July 2023 | 3-6 pm**

**Lloc: Escola Eixample Clínic  
(Edifici Seminari Conciliar Barcelona. Diputació 231)  
Modalitat: Workshop Presencial**

## Programme

**15:00 – 15:15h** Welcome and introduction, Michela Bertero, Strategy Director, IDIBAPS.

**15:15 – 16:00h** Short presentations.

- Ismael Rafols, Senior Researcher at the Centre for Science and Technology Studies, CWTS, Netherlands.
- Roberta Haddad, Junior Researcher, MSCA fellow at the Neuronal Control of Metabolism laboratory, IDIBAPS.
- Paula Petrone, Associate Research Professor, Head of Biomedical Data Science Team, ISGLocal.
- Ignasi Lopez, Director of the Research and Innovation Department, “la Caixa” Foundation.

## 16:00 – 16:15 Short coffee break

**16:15 – 17:30h** World-café, group discussions moderated by the 4 speakers:

- How do junior researchers choose their future research focus? What are the key factors leading them to mainstream or more diverse choices?
- How is diversity in issues or beneficiaries considered in research evaluation?
- How should funding agencies tackle diversity of contents in their research funding strategies and schemes?
- How can we prevent new powerful technologies such as AI and digital health from introducing further bias towards specific sex or gender conditions, specific ethnicities, or research methods?

**17:30 – 18:00h** Conclusions and reflections on the 4 discussed questions.

**18:00 – 18:30h** Drinks and networking.