



# IFBA LATIN AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN MENTORSHIP PROGRAM



**The International Federation of Biosafety Associations (IFBA)** is releasing a call for applications for its new **Latin America and Caribbean (LAC) Mentorship Program 2024-2025** for emerging biosafety and biosecurity professionals in the region. The program will begin October 2024, end in mid-2025, **and is open only to applicants based in the LAC region.**

The IFBA LAC Mentorship Program is a seven and half month virtual program that will cover fundamental and emerging topics in biosafety and biosecurity with the intention of being applicable to LAC and global professional networks. Program activities will facilitate community-centred learning and professional collaboration and will be accessible to those with full professional schedules. Mentees will interface with regional and global experts in biosafety and biosecurity, engage in self-guided and group-based learning, participate in the PandemicTech journal club, and participate in a group project to apply what they have learned in the program to their local professional communities.

Mentees will be paired with biosafety and biosecurity championing and expert mentors in the LAC region that speak their preferred oral and written language. Please note that a good understanding of written and oral English will be necessary to completing and benefiting from the program, which incorporates several international tools and resources that may only be available in English. Mentees will be expected to meet with their assigned mentors regularly, attend program activities, engage with an online mentorship community of other mentees and mentors, and ensure adequate completion of program requirements.

Eligible mentee applicants are encouraged to apply using the attached form [linked here](#). In the form you will be required to submit an up-to-date version of your CV as well as one letter of reference. The deadline to apply is August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024. For any questions or concerns about the IFBA LAC Mentorship Program or the associated mentee application, please contact Stephanie Norlock, IFBA Senior Program Officer, at [s.norlock@internationalbiosafety.org](mailto:s.norlock@internationalbiosafety.org)

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