



The [Parc Científic de Barcelona](#) (PCB) is a meeting point where universities, businesses and society come together to promote innovation, particularly in life sciences. It aims to promote quality research, to revitalise the relationship between universities and businesses and also to support the dialogue between science and society.

Founded by the [University of Barcelona](#) in 1997, it has become an international point of reference for the promotion of innovation.



At present, PCB is composed of 2,200 professionals, and is home to four research institutes, more than 50 companies, more than 70 research groups and a wide range of research support technology, as well as an incubator for biotechnology companies.

Some of the institutions that make up PCB work within the field of Nanotechnologies: The [Institute for Bioengineering of Catalonia](#) (IBEC) - a research institute covering most bioengineering fields which includes a research programme on Nanobiotechnology - and the [Institute for Research in Biomedicine](#) (IRB Barcelona) - a non-profit research institution engaged in basic and applied biomedical science. PCB also hosts the [Nanotechnology Platform](#), which provides researchers with the facilities required for nanotechnology research projects, particularly in nanobioengineering.

Each year, close to 6,000 people participate in more than 120 activities coordinated by PCB for the promotion of scientific culture and new careers in science. These activities facilitate communication channels, allowing people to follow current research through different activities such as fairs, debates, research courses, open days, experiment and theatre workshops, exhibitions, etc.

In 2011, Barcelona Science Park is expected to finish its current expansion project, thereby increasing their total area to 96,000m².