2025 Awarded CERFA members

These are the 7 CERFA members, who this year hosted a total of 9 science students from the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (UAM) and Universidad de Castilla la Mancha (UCLM) as part of our 2025 CERFA Traineeship Programme. To further aid to develop the careers of these students, CERFA awards them with a travel grant and a workshop in career exploration (more information here).

We thank our host CERFA members for providing the students with this opportunity and hope that the students can make the best out of their international experience.

Dr. Pau Casanova Ferrer
Student: Amira Amangeldi (UCLM)
Institution: Max Planck Institute for Plant Breeding Research (Köln)
Project: "*Investigating the Role of Light in the Morphological Alterations in the Shoot Apical meristem during Flowering.*"

Dr. Borja Ferrero Bordera
Student: Margarita Hernández Bengoechea (UAM)
Institution: Institute for Medical Psychology, Faculty of Medicine. LMU (Munich)
Project: "*Investigating the Molecular Clock of Soil Bacteria*"

Dr. Juan J. Navarro
Student: Ana Nicolás del Peral (UAM)
Institution: Fritz Haber Institute of the Max Planck Society / Technische Universität Berlin
Project: "*Automation of Single Crystal Surface Preparation for Electrochemical Reduction of CO2*"

Dr. Maite Ogueta Gutiérrez
Student: Eva Méndez Estrada (UAM)
Institution: Institute for Neuro and Behavioural Biology. WWU Münster
Project: "*GABAergic neurons and their role in the regulation of the circadian clock of the fruit fly"*

Dr. Samuel Peña Llopis
Student: María Consuelo Bencosme Mena (UCLM)
Institution: University Hospital Essen
Project: *"Targeted combinations of drugs in cancer cells"*

Dr. Samuel Peña Llopis
Student: Lucía Garrido Sólvez (UCLM)
Institution: University Hospital Essen

Project: *"Cancer therapies with precision drug combinations"*

Dr. María H. Toyos Simón
Student: Julia Burción García (UAM)
Institution: MARUM - Center for Marine Environmental Sciences, and Faculty of Geosciences (Bremen)
Project: *"Investigating Earth's Climate System Variables in a Warmer-Than-Present World Using Biogeochemical Indicators in Marine Sediments."*

Dr. Silvia Vega-Rubin-de-Celis
Student: Laura Chuanyang Navarro Leiva (UAM)
Institution: University Hospital Essen
Project: *"The role of autophagy in cancer"*

Dr. Silvia Vega-Rubin-de-Celis
Student: Teresa de la Morena Zurdo (UAM)
Institution: University Hospital Essen
Project: *"Autophagy modulation as therapeutic agent in cancer"*