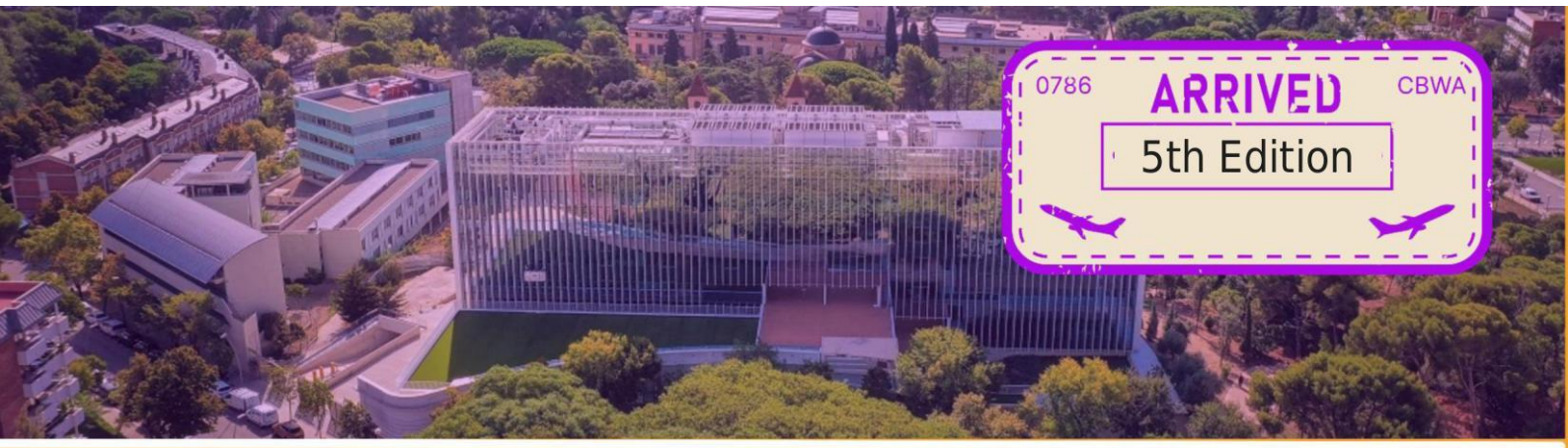


INNOVATION JOURNEY

THE CROSSROAD BETWEEN **ENTREPRENEURSHIP, SUPERCOMPUTING** AND **AI**

FROM TECH SPIRIT BARCELONA (2 DEC 2026)
TO THE MWC 2027 PITCH COMPETITION

7 FULL DAY SESSIONS · ONE DAY A WEEK

HOW TO APPLY

Organized and promoted by:

Barcelona Supercomputing Center
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X4HPC

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Departament de Recerca i Universitats

AI Factory

EuroHPC Joint Undertaking

INNOVATION JOURNEY

Innovation Journey is a training programme in entrepreneurship and innovation management that helps researchers turn their projects into solutions with real impact and bring them to the market.

How to Apply

Send your application through the application form available here.

The application deadline is **6 November 2026, 23:59 (CET, GMT+1).**

Key dates

Step	Date
Applications open	13 October 2026
Application deadline	6 November 2026, 23:59 (CET)
Notification of Acceptance by email	18 November 2026
Official Program launch at Tech Spirit Barcelona	2 December 2026
Kick-off · Welcome to the Journey (4 h)	10 December 2026
Six weekly sessions	Session 1: Thursday 17 December 2026 Sessions 2 to 6: Tuesdays, 12 January to 9 February 2027
1-to-1 pitch rehearsals	16 February 2027
Demo Day: pitch competition	23 February 2027
Final: the top 3 pitch on stage	MWC Barcelona 2027, 1 to 4 March

★ **Please keep 2 December 2026 free when you apply.** The programme is launched that day at Tech Spirit Barcelona, two weeks after the acceptance notification.

Eligibility criteria

- Be a researcher of the BSC, X4HPC network or the BSC AI Factory.
- Your technology uses or includes artificial intelligence in any part of the process
- At least one team member attends all the in-person sessions.
- You attach your CV to the application.
- You accept the data protection terms.
- Your PI authorises your participation (confirmed if you are selected).

Evaluation criteria

The Selection Committee includes members of:

- 2 members of the BSC Technology Transfer Office
- 2 members of the X4HPC team
- 1 AI Factory innovation expert

At least half of the members of the Selection Committee will be women.

Applications that meet all the eligibility criteria are scored from 1 (weak) to 5 (strong) on these criteria:

Criterion	Weight	What we look for
The problem	15%	A clearly defined problem affecting an identified group, with evidence of why it matters and where current solutions fall short
Novelty of the technology	20%	The technology provides a novel solution that is differential from other existing technologies.
Team and motivation	15%	A clear motivation to bring the research to market and concrete milestones for the coming months. Teams of 2 or 3 members receive 1 additional point (maximum score of 5)
Market and impact	20%	Identified users or customers, the expected benefit for them and, where available, an estimate of market size
IP strategy	10%	A defined strategy to protect or share the results: invention disclosure, patent application or a deliberate open-source approach
Maturity	10%	Technology at TRL 3 to 6, supported by evidence such as a prototype, a pilot or engagement with companies
Entrepreneurial spirit	10%	Interest in creating a spin-off, or openness to exploring this option during the programme

Final decision

The Selection Committee will establish a final ranking with the 15 best projects. Projects with a final score below 2.5 out of 5 (pass mark) will not be accepted, even if they are in the top 15. All candidates will be informed of the outcome by email on 18 November 2026.

Selected candidates will have one week to accept or decline their place. If a place is declined, the next project on the waiting list will take it. Candidates may ask for clarification and feedback on the results.

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