



**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS  
FOR TRAINING FOR BIOSAFETY OFFICERS  
ADVANCED BIOSAFETY OFFICERS TRAINING COURSE**

Organized by the U.P. Manila Institutional Biosafety and Biosecurity Committee (UPM-IBBC)  
Sponsored by the Biosecurity Engagement Program (BEP) of the U.S. Department of State

**Background**

Laboratory-acquired infections have potential to spread to laboratory workers and the community. The potential occupational health risks include toxic and flammable chemicals, radiation, mechanical, electrical and biological hazards. A biosafety officer in an institution trained in handling dangerous pathogens could safely contain the hazards within the laboratory environment, and away from other workers and the community.

The University of the Philippines Manila - Institutional Biosafety and Biosecurity Committee (UPM-IBC) has established a partnership with the Biosecurity Engagement Program (BEP) of the U.S. Department of State to promote and strengthen laboratory biosafety and biosecurity in the Philippines. One of the objectives of the UPM - IBBC is to advance laboratory biosafety and biosecurity through education and training.

The UPM - IBBC is organizing a Training Program for Laboratory Biosafety and Biosecurity Officers to commence in the second quarter of 2016. The main objective of the program is to develop a pool of local trainers who will undertake advocacy and continuing education on laboratory biosafety and biosecurity. At the end of the training, the trainers are expected to be competent in the following areas:

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| *biosafety and biosecurity risk assessment | *laboratory vivarium biosafety and biosecurity |
| *biocontainment practices and procedures   | *biocontainment facilities                     |
| *use of safety equipment                   | *incident response procedures                  |
| *infectious substance transport            | *biosafety program management                  |
| *management of transgenic materials        | *regulatory framework of transgenic materials  |

The training will entail at least ten modules, each of which with duration of two weeks, scheduled on July 18-29, 2016; September 18- October 1, 2016; and November 20- December 3, 2016.

**Eligibility**

The criteria for selection include:

- 1) Academic background (at least a bachelor's degree in any natural science course)
- 2) Excellent communication skills
- 3) Served their institution/agency for at least two years
- 4) Currently involved in laboratory biosafety and biosecurity in their institution/agency
- 5) Commitment to serve as part of the national training pool for two years

**Application Procedure**

Applicants must submit the following documents:

- 1) Letter of application
- 2) Curriculum vitae with recent photo
- 3) Essay of no more than 250 words describing his/her future role as a biosafety officer/trainer
- 4) Endorsement letter from the dean/director of the sending institution/agency

Deadline for application will be on 24 June 2016.

All applications should be sent to:



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