

### **The Ivan Villax Traineeship**

Ivan Villax trained and graduated in 1948 from the Technical University of Budapest, known as The Budapest University of Technology and Economics (BME) as from 2000, as a chemical engineer; he later moved to Portugal and founded Hovione. In 1992 the BME awarded him a doctorate in recognition of his life-long scientific achievement. To celebrate this relationship and pay tribute Hovione has instituted a bursary for up to three traineeships, annually, for MSc students. Ivan Villax believed in merit and competition.

The Ivan Villax traineeship aims to create the conditions for an MSc student to work for a period of 5 to 6 months in an industrial R&D environment. Such work will be performed under confidentiality obligations but - should the university wish and permit - this could be an element of the MSc program.

**Application:** Applications can only be made via email to [sferreira@hovione.com](mailto:sferreira@hovione.com), through a single PDF file with a Curriculum Vitae, Motivation Letter, and a Recommendation Letter.

**Eligibility:** Applicants must provide evidence that:

1. They are full time MSc students of organic chemistry or chemical engineering at BME (under the Bologna principles) – by the date of the start of the traineeship they will have completed successfully their BSc course as well as the entrance examination to MSc course;
2. They have performed positively during their university studies;
3. Applicants must be fluent in English and must provide evidence of such a qualification (i.e. as the 1st Certificate in English, the Certificate of Proficiency in English or the Hungarian medium level of English),
4. Applicants must be no more than 25 years of age by the time the application reaches Hovione;
5. Applicants must be EU nationals

**Bursary:** Each trainee shall receive the following:

- All travel expenses, duly documented, will be reimbursed.
- € 1000/month will be provided for each complete month of traineeship.

**Supervisor:** A supervisor will be appointed internally at Hovione who will oversee the trainee's work and take care of any liaison which may be necessary with his/her education institution.

**Report:** At the end of the traineeship, the student will draw up and submit a report on his/her work during the period at Hovione, giving conclusions that were reached as a result. The report will be marked confidential and no publication during or after the traineeship can be done without Hovione prior review and written authorization.

In case the experimental work carried out during the traineeship at Hovione will be the subject matter of the diploma thesis, it is mandatory that a confidential agreement is signed (document provided by BME).

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