



# ICFO Spring School on Open-Source Tools for Quantum Science & Technology

March 18, 2024 to March 21, 2024

ICFO Auditorium

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## **Outline:**

This Spring School aims to provide students with a practical introduction to software and hardware tools for both theory and experiments in quantum sciences & technology, including applications in computation & simulation, communications, and sensing.

The program will offer a combination of hands-on lectures and & tutorials led by researchers from ICFO and academic and industry experts and will cover a range of topics aimed at introducing students and researchers to a variety of open-source tools, as well as their use in cutting-edge research and industry.

Topics covered include:

Quantum Computing with IBM Quantum ([IBM Quantum](#))

Neutral Atom Quantum Computing ([Pasqal](#))  
Photonic Quantum Computers ([Quandela](#))  
Simulating Quantum Networks ([Qutech / TU Delft](#))  
Quantum Simulation with Neutral Atoms ([ICFO](#))  
Quantum Machine Learning ([ICFO](#))  
(Post) Quantum Cryptography ([ICFO](#))  
Quantum Simulation & Computing with Rydberg Atoms ([Strasbourg](#))  
Quantum programming with PennyLane ([Xanadu](#))

**Confirmed Research Workshop speakers include:**

[Alexia Salavrakos, Quandela](#)  
[Soeren Wengerowsky, ICFO](#)  
[Elisa Baumer, IBM Quantum](#)  
[Joseph Bowles, Xanadu](#)  
[Teodor Parella Dilme, ICFO](#)  
[Shannon Whitlock, University of Strasbourg](#)  
[Julius de Honde, Pasqal](#)  
[Adam Valles, ICFO](#)  
[Sandra Buob, ICFO](#)  
[Kevin Satzinger, Google Quantum AI](#)  
[Matthias Steffen, IBM Quantum](#)

The school will include a 1-day **Research Workshop** where the lecturers and invited speakers will present their latest results, and a **career development workshop** for masters students led by the ICFO Knowledge and Technology transfer team. There will be opportunities for participating students to share their own work through posters and student talks.

The school will be followed by the annual **Quantum CARLA Careers Symposium**, which will be held at [La Pedrera](#) in Barcelona **on Friday 22 March**. Find here the detailed [PROGRAM](#). The Quantum CARLA is organized in collaboration of the [Master in Quantum Science and Technology Barcelona](#), the [European Quantum Flagship](#) and [DigiQ](#) project

The school is aimed at Masters students, who are interested in familiarizing themselves with the use of these tools. Advanced undergraduates, starting PhD students, and researchers in the field may also be interested to attend.

There are **limited places** available for both the workshop and the symposium. Preference will be given to Masters students.

The school is organized as part of the [Master in Quantum Science and Technology Barcelona](#)

in the scope of the [DigiQ](#) (Digitally Enhanced Quantum Technology Master) project.

**Program:**

**Monday 18 March - Wednesday 20 March:** Spring School & Career Development Workshop

**Thursday 21 March:** Research Workshop

**Friday 22 March:** Quantum CARLA Careers Symposium

**Registration:**

Registrations for the Spring School have now closed.

The registration **to attend in person the Research Workshop on Thursday 21 March are closed.**

**Travel Fellowships:**

**Registrations for the Spring School have now closed. Applicants for travel fellowships will be informed shortly of the outcome**

We will offer **up to 10 travel fellowships** for **Masters Students** interested in attending the school. The fellowships will include reimbursement of travel expenses of up to ?350 and accommodation for 5 nights at a local hotel.?

To benefit from a fellowship, you **must be currently enrolled in a master program**. Priority will be given to students enrolled in a master program at one the partner institutions in the DigiQ - Digitally Enhanced Quantum Technology Master.?

All required application material must be complete in order to be considered. We reserve the right to revoke the fellowship if any of the requested information is false or incorrect.?

Students enrolled in DigiQ may request travel support from their home university, if this is available.

Please contact us at [frontiers@icfo.eu](mailto:frontiers@icfo.eu) if you need assistance with organizing accommodation to attend the school.

**Participating Institutions:**

**ICFO - the Institute of Photonic Sciences**, is a young research institution that aims to advance the very limits of the science and technology of light, tackling important challenges faced by society at large in all areas of life, including health, energy, information, safety, security and caring for the environment. ICFO is a member of BIST, the Barcelona Institute of Science and Technology. More information about ICFO can be found [here](#).??

The [Master in Quantum Science and Technology Barcelona](#) is aimed at graduates in Physics, Physical Engineering or equivalent degrees who want to continue specialization studies in Quantum Science and Technologies. The master, coordinated by the University of Barcelona,

is a collaborative effort including 3 universities (UB, UAB and UPC) and 4 research centres (ICFO, BSC, IFAE and ICN2), working on quantum communication, computing, materials, sensing, and simulation.

**DigiQ (Digitally Enhanced Quantum Technology Master)**, a new European initiative coordinated by the University of Aarhus (DK), aims to drive transformation of the education ecosystem by introducing a number of educational innovations and a multinational programme structure to prepare the workforce and talent for future quantum technologies. It is funded by a 17.6 million grant over four years through the European Commission's Digital Europe Programme. Twenty universities from ten European countries will participate in DigiQ, including partners from the [Master in Quantum Science and Technology Barcelona](#)

**Scientific Organizers:**

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