

## **SUMMARY OF THE CALL FOR GRANTS FOR FOREIGN RESEARCHERS TO STAY IN RESEARCH CENTRES OF THE VALENCIAN COMMUNITY. SANTIAGO GRISOLIA PROGRAMME**

### **Object**

The object of this call is to provide grants for stays of foreign researchers in research centres of the Valencian Community. The purpose of these grants is to give support to research and development tasks, and they are addressed to people who have obtained a university degree by a non-Spanish university, and gives access to master studies in the scientific field corresponding to the research project they want to ascribe.

### **Grant period**

The period of the grant is two years or until students obtain their doctoral degree, if it is obtained before the ending of the grant.

Once the grant period is completed (24 months), if beneficiaries prove the obtaining of the master degree or having passed the requirements to obtain it, they can ask for an additional extension of the grant up to 12 months, in order to extend their research period.

### **Grant payments**

1. The monthly payment of the grant is € 1,200 gross, with their corresponding personal income tax withholding.

2. In addition, the grant includes an additional allocation for the following:

- a) € 1,600 for travel and stay expenses in the Valencian Community during the first year of the grant.
- b) € 1,200, where appropriate, to pay for the credit fees of their master programme during the first two years of the grant. The additional payment will be made by the research organism to which the beneficiary is ascribed.

3. The host will contract an accident and liability insurance, as well as health insurance for the whole period of the grant, when beneficiaries come from countries which do not have an agreement with the Spanish Social Security, or when the coverage of such an agreement is insufficient.

### **Beneficiaries requirements**

To aim for these grants the following requirements must be met within the deadline of the submission of applications:

- a) To have a university degree by a non-Spanish university, in order to access to master degree studies.
- b) To have completed their studies after 1st January 2011.
- c) To have the necessary knowledge and conversational skills of Spanish or English language, sufficient for the proposed education.
- d) Not to have a doctorate degree.

### **Application requirements**

Candidates to the grant will submit the following documents to the responsible researcher of the project:

- a) Application form (signature can be scanned).
- b) Photocopy of Identification Document or equivalent in case of European Union Member States. Photocopy of Foreign Resident Identification Number, where appropriate.
- c) Photocopy of valid passport in case of non-resident citizens in Spanish territory. Photocopy of Foreign Resident Identification Number, where appropriate.
- d) Photocopy of the academic record in which the qualifications obtained and the dates are listed, with the corresponding Spanish translation.
- e) Photocopy of the university degree or the deposit of the fees paid for its issuance.
- f) Updated curriculum vitae of the applicant (the signature can be scanned)
- g) Report on the applicant's participation in the research project (the signature can be scanned)
- h) 2 reference letters (the signature can be scanned)
- i) Supporting documentation about knowledge of Spanish or English language.

### **Assessment**

The assessment of the application form will be carried out by the research host organization and the responsible researcher of the project will propose a maximum of three pre-selected people, arranged according to the score obtained, according to this scale:

- a) Academic record (30%)
- b) Curricular achievements related to the requested project (20%)
- c) Adaptation of the report to the specific requirements of the requested project (30%)
- d) Reference letters (20%)

### **Admission**

Beneficiaries will join the corresponding research organization within the time limit provided in the resolution of the grant. If they do not start within the time limit provided, it shall be deemed they have waived the grant, unless there is a postponement, which must be authorized by the Director General of University, Higher Studies and Science, for a period not longer than three months since the date indicated in the resolution of the grant. The postponed period will not be made up.

### **Temporary interruption of the grant**

Voluntary interruptions, authorized by the Director General of University, Higher Studies and Science, cannot be longer than 6 months of the total duration of the grant, and will not entail the payment of any amount.