

SPAIN

Funding Opportunities for foreign researchers

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1. Spanish Foundation for Science and Technology (FECYT)

The FECYT, dependent organization on Ministry of Science and Innovation, was born in 2001 as a tool of the national system of science and technology.

The FECYT operates as a non-profit private association, with the goal of rendering a continuous and flexible service to the Spanish system of science-technology-society. Likewise, it contributes to identify opportunities and needs and proposes ways of actions to agents of the scientific research and technological innovation system.

Its strategic aims are:

- ☐ **To promote activities of excellent technological research and development.**
- ☐ **To favor collaboration between national and international agents of science and technology system.**
- ☐ **To promote the social spreading of the scientific culture, as a tool of competitiveness and improvement of the quality of life for its citizens.**



1. Spanish Foundation for Science and Technology (FECYT)

EURAXESS Bridge Head Officer:

- ☐ Creation and maintenance of the Network
- ☐ Coordination with EC / Ministry of Science and Innovation
- ☐ **Guide for foreign researchers**
- ☐ **Spanish Web of Mobility**
- ☐ Private Sector
- ☐ Training
- ☐ Promotion
- ☐ Control and Quality

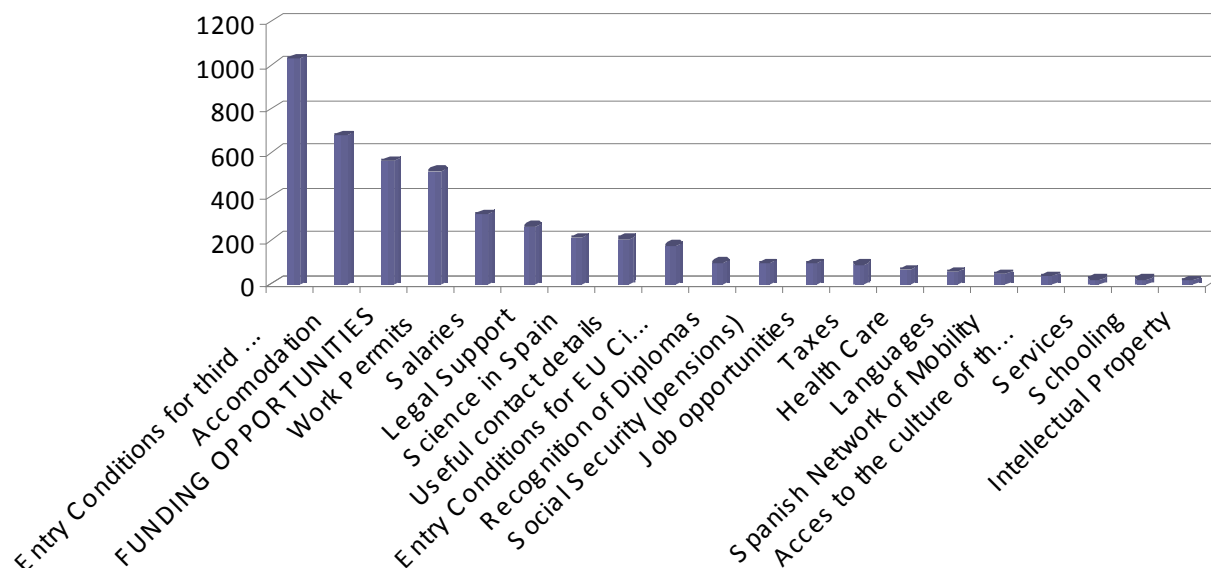




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Euraxess Network Results in SPAIN

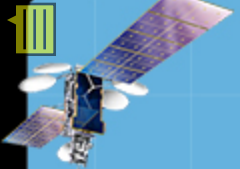
Total of researchers assisted





SPANISH AUTONOMOUS REGIONS





2. Funding Opportunities

OUTLINE

- ☐ National Programs
- ☐ Regional Programs: research institutions (including universities) located in a particular region (Catalonia, Basque Country, etc.)



2. Funding Opportunities

COMMON FEATURES

- ☐ All open to applications from foreign researchers
- ☐ All applications can be made in English
- ☐ All fields of research are welcome (including SSH)
- ☐ All fund working contracts



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NATIONAL PROGRAMMES:

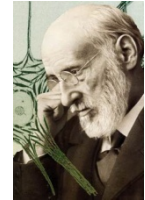
- ☐ Ramón y Cajal (Ministry of Science and Innovation)
- ☐ Juan de la Cierva (Ministry of Science and Innovation)
- ☐ JAE Doc (Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas)



RAMÓN Y CAJAL

Aim:

“to offer experienced researchers the opportunity to join a Spanish institution to work in a research project of their choice”



Main Features:

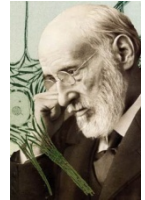
- ☐ Targeted Researchers: 2 – 10 years after PhD
- ☐ Additional rule: 24 months postdoc experience in centres different than the host institution
- ☐ Funding: from 33.250 for the researcher € + 15.000 € start up
- ☐ Duration: 5 years



RAMÓN Y CAJAL

Evaluation Criteria:

- ☐ CV (80%)
- ☐ Research Project (20%)



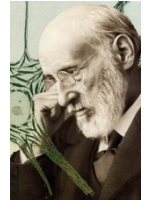
Status and Call Process: [Closed for 2009](#)

- ☐ Application Timing: 29/01 – 19/02/09 (deadline)
- ☐ Preliminary results June
- ☐ Final results September / October
- ☐ Starting date for the contracts from November on
- ☐ 233 positions for 2009 call
- ☐ Funding amount: 44.000.000€



RAMÓN Y CAJAL

Some Data:



- ☐ 7 calls since 2001
- ☐ Around 3000 beneficiaries
- ☐ 15,5% of funding assigned to SSH *
- ☐ 21% of SSH contracts are for foreign researchers *

* 2008 figures (Source FECYT)



JUAN DE LA CIERVA



Aim:

“to offer early postdocs the opportunity to join a Spanish research group to work in a specific project”

Main Features:

- ☐ Targeted Researchers: 0 – 3 years after PhD
- ☐ Additional rule: specific mobility rule
- ☐ Funding: from 25.250€
- ☐ Duration: 3 years



JUAN DE LA CIERVA

Evaluation Criteria:

- ☐ Candidate's CV (55%)
- ☐ Quality of the host research group (30%)
- ☐ Scientific quality of the proposed project (15%)



Status and Call Process: [Closed for 2009](#)

- ☐ Application Timing: 26/01 – 24/02/09 (deadline)
- ☐ Application to be submitted by institution
- ☐ Preliminary results July
- ☐ Final results October
- ☐ Starting date for the contracts from November on
- ☐ 350 positions planned for 2009 call



JUAN DE LA CIERVA

Some Data:



- ☐ Running from 2004
- ☐ 4 calls since then, 1400 beneficiaries
- ☐ 16,5% of total funding assigned to SSH *
- ☐ 28% of SSH contracts for foreign researchers *

* 2008 figures (source FECYT)



JAE DOC



Aim:

“to offer researchers the opportunity to join a research group within the Spanish National Research Council (CSIC) to work in a research project”

Main Features:

- ☐ Targeted Researchers: 0 - 10 years after PhD
- ☐ Additional rule: PhD or 18 months postdoc experience outside CSIC
- ☐ Funding: 28.902,96 €
- ☐ Duration: 3 years



JAE DOC

Evaluation Criteria:

- ☐ Candidate's CV (50%)
- ☐ Quality of the host research group (30%)
- ☐ Scientific quality of the proposed project (20%)



Status and Call Process: OPEN

- ☐ Submitting period: 03/11/2009 – 02/12/2009
- ☐ Publication of eligible candidates: January 2010
- ☐ Contracts to start from April 2010 on
- ☐ 259 positions planned for 2009 call



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REGIONAL PROGRAMMES:

- ☐ ICREA (Catalonia)
- ☐ Beatriu de Pinós (Catalonia)
- ☐ Ikerbasque (Basque Country)



ICREA



SUBPROGRAMMES:

Icrea senior

Icrea Academia

*Icrea Junior**

** Ended in 2007, no call envisaged in the near future, but...*



ICREA SENIOR

Aim:



to attract top researchers to the Catalanian R&D System”

Main Features:

- ☐ Targeted Researchers: at least 4 years after PhD
- ☐ Additional rule: 4 years of international exposure
- ☐ Funding: salary of the researcher (\approx full professor)
- ☐ Duration: permanent position

Evaluation Criteria:

- ☐ Candidate's scientific excellence
- ☐ Leadership potential

Status: **CLOSED** for 2009. 30 positions per year



BEATRIU DE PINÓS



Agència
de Gestió d'Ajuts
Universitaris
i de Recerca

Aim:

“to allow postdocotral researchers to have a research stay in a Catalanian institution for 2 years”

Main Features:

- ☐ Targeted Researchers: 0 – 5 years after PhD
- ☐ Mobility rule: not connected with the hosting institution, in predoctoral or postdoctoral stages, unless 2 years of postdoctoral stay in a foreign institution.
- ☐ Funding: 26.555,03€
- ☐ Duration: 2 years

Status: **CLOSED** for 2009. Submission timing: 07/09/2009 – 29/09/2009.
40 positions per year.



IKERBASQUE

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Basque Foundation for Science

Aim:

“to attract top researchers to the Basque R&D system”

Subprogrammes:

- ☐ Science.eu.com
- ☐ Fellowships



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Basque Foundation for Science

- Targeted Researchers: at least 4 years after PhD
- Additional rule: 4 years of international exposure
+ mobility rule (12 m /3 years)
- Funding: salary of the researcher
(\approx full professor) + start up
- Duration: permanent position
- Status: **CLOSED**. Deadline for submission: 30/09/2009
30 positions



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Basque Foundation for Science

Evaluation Criteria:

- ☐ Scientific Merit and research track
- ☐ Relevance of research topic and latest publications
- ☐ Concordance with Basque Research capabilities



FELLOWSHIPS

Main Features:



- Targeted Researchers: experienced researchers
- Additional rule: being active outside the Basque Country
- Funding: The gross income of each fellow will vary depending on:
- ✓ Length of the stay
 - ✓ Research track and experience
 - ✓ Interest for the research project for the host research group
- Duration: from 6 to 12 months
- Status: **CLOSED**. Deadline for submission: 30/11/2009
10 positions



SUMMARY

Program	Experience after PhD	Salary of the researcher	Duration
RyC	2 – 10	33.250€	5
JdIC	< 3	25.250€	3
JAЕ-doc	< 10	28.902€	3
ICREA	> 4	Full professor	Permanent
Beatriu de Pinos	< 5	26.555€	2
IKERBASQUE Fellowship	> 4	Full professor*	Permanent



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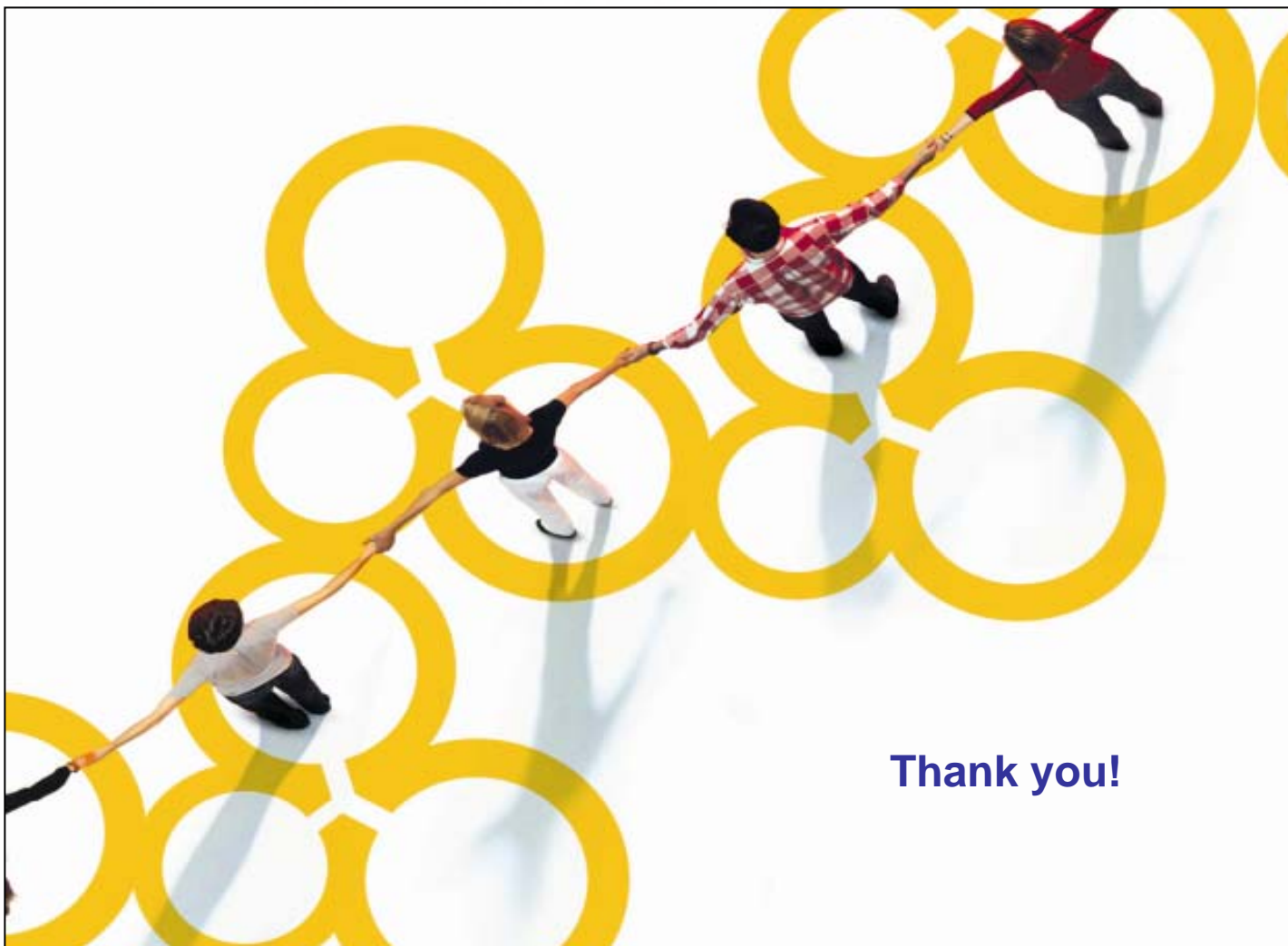
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