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.
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**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**

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1.200
SPANISH AUTONOMOUS REGIONS
2. Funding Opportunities

OUTLINE

- National Programs
- Regional Programs: research institutions (including universities) located in a particular region (Catalonia, Basque Country, etc.)
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)
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
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€
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)
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
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
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)
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
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)
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 (≈ full professor)
- Duration: permanent position

Evaluation Criteria:

- Candidate’s scientific excellence
- Leadership potential

Status: CLOSED for 2009. 30 positions per year
Aim:
“to allow postdocotral researchers to have a research stay in a Catalonian 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

Aim:

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

Subprogrammes:

- Science.eu.com
- Fellowships
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 (≈ full professor) + start up

Duration: permanent position

Status: CLOSED. Deadline for submission: 30/09/2009

30 positions
Evaluation Criteria:

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