

## Fundación Centros Tecnológicos – Iñaki Goenaga

### 29th CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

### TRAINING, SPECIALIZATION AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

#### CONDITIONS GOVERNING THE CALL

#### 1. PURPOSE of PROGRAMME

The purpose of this call for applications is to award grants enabling beneficiaries to **develop and specialize their scientific knowledge** by pursuing their activities at a member organization of the Basque Science, Technology & Innovation Network–BSTIN that will act as a Member Centre.

#### 2. BENEFICIARIES

- University graduates.
- Engineering students with only their End-of-Career project pending to qualify for their degree may also be beneficiaries of these grants.

#### 3. PROGRAMME FEATURES

- 3.1. Duration:** The grant lasts **one year**. Unless the beneficiary is informed to the contrary, the grant will be automatically **extended for second year**. To decide whether or not to extend the grant, Fundación Centros Tecnológicos – Iñaki Goenaga may as the Member Centre for a report on the activities performed by the grant holder.
- 3.2. Funding:** The gross monthly payment under the terms of the grant is **1,200 €**, subject to retentions under personal income tax.
- 3.3. Insurance:** Insurance coverage for accidents will be taken out in favour of everyone awarded a grant.
- 3.4. Starting date: 20 October 2008.** Should the starting date be later than 20 October 2008, the endowment shall be adjusted to the months the grant is actually taken up. Independently of the beneficiary starting date at the Member Centre where he is she is to carry on activities while receiving the grant, the first year of the period for receiving the grant shall be considered as concluding on 19 October 2009.

## 4. MAKING APPLICATIONS

- 4.1 **Presentation:** Applications should be made using the Application form available on the Foundation web page ([www.fundacioncentrostecnologicos.org](http://www.fundacioncentrostecnologicos.org))
- 4.2 **Dates:** Applications may be presented from **27 June** to **29 July 2008** (deadline 12 noon)
- 4.3 **Conditions:** To apply for the grant you needn't have finished all the subjects that qualify you for the degree. If awarded a grant, then you must have passed all subjects qualifying you for the degree (except the end of career project if an Engineering student) by the date set for beginning activities at the Member Centre.
- 4.4. **Languages:** Applications may be made in Spanish, Basque or English.

## 5. SELECTION PROCESS AND NOTIFICATION OF AWARDS

### 5.1 Selection criteria

The Foundation will appoint a Jury to decide on the grant awards.

The initial assessment of applications will be conducted with the following criteria in mind:

- Academic record
- Recent qualifications

The **first phase** of the selection process will be performed entirely on the basis of the information provided by the applicant via the Foundation web page. The applicant will subsequently have to prove that all academic documents and claims made therein are true.

The Foundation shall evaluate to what extent foreign and Spanish degrees are similar in academic levels.

The **second phase** of the selection process will involve a personal interview in which the following issues, among others, will be evaluated:

- Knowledge of languages
- Subject of end-of-career project, technical work performed, studies and any other merit provided by the applicant, etc.
- Personal skills

## 5.2 Notification and Publication

Grants will only be awarded to people who have attended the interviews. Anyone attending an interview and not awarded a grant shall be entered in a list of substitutes. Should vacancies occur in the grants awarded, the Foundation may appoint a new beneficiary from the people listed as substitutes.

Applicants will receive via e-mail updated information throughout the selection process.

Successful applicants for official grant awards shall be notified by e-mail by the Fundación Centros Tecnológicos – Iñaki Goenaga, with the results of the present call for applications being published on the Foundation web page.

Should any grant be declared void, or there be any changes made to the grants for which applications have been called, the Foundation reserves the right to take the decisions it considers best match the spirit motivating the present call.

## 6. CONDITIONS FOR TAKING UP GRANT

### 6.1 Conditions

Successful applicants begin to receive the grant when they arrive at the Member Centre at which the Programme is to be followed through. The successful applicant undertakes to conclude the Programme as planned and to observe at all times the rules and regulations of the Centre, showing the attitude and interest required to take full advantage of the opportunity offered.

Heads of Departments at the Member Centre assigned will be responsible for the grant holder's training, with the grant holder participating in the tasks performed by the Department in question, without prejudice to the general faculties of control over the grant holder's activity, which the Foundation reserves at all times.

No labour relation whatsoever is established through these grants between the Fundación Centros Tecnológicos – Iñaki Goenaga or the Member Centre in question and the holders of the grants in question, nor do they imply any undertaking whatsoever by the Member Centre with respect to the beneficiary joining the Centre's workforce once the Programme has concluded.

Receiving grants is incompatible with receiving any other grants, professional fees or remuneration for services rendered in the capacity of employees or as self-employed persons.

The Foundation reserves the right to reclaim monies paid should the conditions governing the award of grants not be observed.

The Foundation reserves the right to request, at any time during the year, from the grant holder or the Member Centre, a report on the former's activities. Should such a report not be forthcoming, or the report be evaluated negatively by the Foundation, the Aid Programme may be immediately stopped. Any such decision shall be properly justified.

Other additional motives for cancelling, or temporarily suspending, the grant include:

- Impossibility of achieving Programme's training targets
- Programme clearly not being made proper use of.
- Lack of discipline.
- Improper use of equipment and materials.
- Member Centre rules not respected.
- Lack of confidentiality.

## 6.2 Rights and Obligations

Grant holders shall have the following rights and obligations:

- They shall receive as their grant the economic endowment established in current call conditions.
- Accident insurance will be taken out in their favour.
- They shall have the opportunity to receive information additional to the content of the grant, pursuant to the rules of the Member Centre where they pursue their activities.
- The Foundation's Technical Secretariat will be at their disposition at all times to help them with their requirements.
- They shall observe at all times the internal rules and regulations of the Member Centre at which they pursue their activities.
- Grant holders have the intellectual property rights deriving from their own training activity in research and depending on their contribution, pursuant to the stipulations of the revised text of the Spanish Law on Intellectual Property, approved by Royal Legislative Decree 1/1996, 12 April. Said rights shall be independent, compatible and cumulative with other rights that might derive from the research conducted, without prejudice to the conditioning factors deriving from group work when the grant holder takes part in or is linked to group research work.
- They shall maintain maximum confidentiality on the subjects researched or studied during and after receiving the grant, and must have the express consent of the Member Centre to use the knowledge gained and/or inform third parties.
- When the grant ends, they shall inform the Foundation of their job situation.

Any publication resulting from the research should refer to the Fundación Centros Tecnológicos – Iñaki Goenaga, which should also receive a copy.

The Foundation shall issue a Diploma to everyone who uses the complete grant satisfactorily.

## 7. OTHER CONDITIONS

By applying for these grants, all applicants implicitly accept these conditions, and that the Fundación Centros Tecnológicos – Iñaki Goenaga shall resolve any issues or problems that might arise.

The Foundation reserves the right to make any changes it considers advisable to the present conditions for the 29th Call for applications for the "Training, Specialization and Technological Development Grants".

Applicants for grants give their consent to the Foundation to pass on the details provided to those players in the BSTIN that have included grants in the present call for applications with a view to conducting the selection process.

Successful applicants for grants also expressly accept that their name and surname(s) may be included in a list of beneficiaries published on the Foundation's web site.

## 8. INFORMATION

- Call Fundación Centros Tecnológicos – Iñaki Goenaga on (34) 94 420 94 88
- At [www.fundacioncentrostecnologicos.org](http://www.fundacioncentrostecnologicos.org)