



Fundación Centros Tecnológicos – Iñaki Goenaga

4th CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

ETORTEK INTERNATIONAL SPECIALIZATION AID PROGRAMME

CONDITIONS

1. PURPOSE of PROGRAMMEME

The purpose of the present call for applications is to award aid Programmes enabling researchers working in strategic research areas in the Basque Country to specialize at foreign universities or technology centres and subsequently at associate organizations of Basque regional cooperative research centres (CIC) and strategic Programmes.

2. BENEFICIARIES

- University graduates with excellent academic records.

3. PROGRAMME FEATURES

- 3.1. Length:** Aid Programmes last a maximum of four years, comprising an initial period of one or two years as a grant holder at a Receiver Centre abroad and a second period of one or two years under contract at a Member Centre in the Basque Country. In no case will an Aid Programme last for more than 4 years. If the beneficiary were to obtain a doctorate while the grant is still being received, his or her situation would then be comparable to the Doctor entitlement as explained in point 3.2.

The specific duration of each Programme will be included in the individual Programme information file, available to applicants for consultation on the Foundation web page (www.fundacioncentrostecnologicos.org) before submitting their application.

The Foundation may evaluate how well each Programme is being implemented and the general progress of the project it is a part of, with a view to analyzing its continuity.

- 3.2. Funding:** The gross monthly payment for grant periods abroad shall be 2,083.33 €

Once the initial period has concluded and the grant holder has rejoined the Member Centre in the Basque Autonomous Community, the

beneficiary and the Centre will sign an activity contract, with the beneficiary receiving the remuneration applicable therein.

Beneficiaries with doctorates

Pursuant to the stipulations of the Additional Disposition of Royal Decree 63/2006, of 27 January of that year, which approved the Statute for Research Staff in Training, beneficiaries in possession of a doctorate shall go through the Specialization Programme under contract with the Member Centre.

During the time spent abroad as stipulated in the Specialization Programme, each beneficiary shall attend a foreign centre, continuing to receive the same remuneration applicable at the Member Centre.

Once the transfer period abroad has concluded, each beneficiary must rejoin his or her Member Centre and, during the following year(s) envisaged to the end of the Programme, receive the remuneration applicable therein.

3.3. Other expenses: During the grant period and with prior justification by the beneficiary, he or she may receive the following amounts annually as expenses (1):

- Up to 2,500 € in travel expenses.
- Up to 5,000 € for academic expenses.

During the contract period and with prior justification by the beneficiary, he or she may receive expenses as applicable at his or her Member Centre.

(1) The Member Centre shall establish the items to be included under such expenses.

3.4 Insurance: Accident and Multi-risk Travel insurance coverage will be taken out for beneficiaries while they are abroad.

3.5. Dates: From 20 October 2008 to 20 April 2009.

4. MAKING YOUR APPLICATION

4.1 Presentation: Applications will be made using the Application Form available at the Foundation web site.
(www.fundacioncentrostecnologcios.org)

4.2 Dates: Applications should be sent in from 27 June to 29 July 2008 (deadline 12 noon)

4.3 Conditions: To apply for aid you must have a University Degree and, if you have studied engineering, you must have completed your End-of-career project.

4.4. Languages: Applications may be made in Spanish, Basque or English.

5. SELECTION PROCESS AND NOTIFICATION OF AID

5.1 Selection criteria

The Foundation shall appoint a Jury for the Aid Programme awards.

The first evaluation of applications shall be made with the following criteria in mind:

- Academic record

This first phase of the selection process shall be made 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:

- Research experience
- Knowledge of languages
- Any other merit provided by the applicant, subject of end-of-career project, technical work performed, studies, etc.
- Personal skills

5.2 Notification and Publication

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

Applicants will be e-mailed updated information throughout the selection process.

Beneficiaries of official Aid Programme 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 Aid Programme be declared void, or there be any changes made to the Programmes 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 Legislation: The present call for applications shall not in general be affected by the stipulations in Royal Decree 63/2006, of 27 January. The Royal Decree's Sixth Additional Disposition, which refers to the Member Centre's contracting beneficiaries with Doctorates, shall however be applicable.

6.2 Conditions: The Aid Programme begins when the beneficiary arrives at the Member Centre at which the Programme is to be followed through, the successful applicant undertaking 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.

The beneficiary will have a Programme director specially assigned by the Member Centre to direct his or her training, without prejudice to the general faculties of control over the beneficiary's activity, which the Foundation reserves at all times.

No labour relation whatsoever is established through these Aid programmes between the Fundación Centros Tecnológicos – Iñaki Goenaga or the Member Centre in question and the beneficiaries of the aid 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.

The above stands without prejudice to the cases of contracts established in the present call.

Beneficiaries of this Aid Programme may not receive any other Aid, 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 Programme not be fulfilled.

The Foundation reserves the right to request, at any time during the year, from the beneficiary 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 Aid Programme 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.
- Acts for which disciplinary measures exist carried out during contract period.

6.2 Rights and obligations: Beneficiaries shall have the following rights and obligations:

- They shall receive the economic endowment established in current call conditions for their Programme.
- Accident insurance and multi-risk travel insurance will be taken out in their favour.
- They shall have the opportunity to receive additional information on Programme content, pursuant to the rules of the Member Centre where they carry on 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 carry out their activities.
- Beneficiaries 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 beneficiary takes part in or is linked to group research work.
- They shall maintain maximum confidentiality on the subjects researched or studied during and after the Aid Programme, and must have the express consent of the Member Centre to use the knowledge gained and/or inform third parties.
- When the Aid Programme concludes, 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 satisfactorily completes the Programme in its entirety.

7. OTHER CONDITIONS

By applying for the Aid Programme 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 4th Call for applications for the "ETORTEK International

Specialization Aid Programme.”

Applicants for Aid Programmes give their consent to the Foundation to pass on the details provided to those players in the Basque science, technology and innovation network that have included Programmes in the present call for applications with a view to conducting the selection process.

Beneficiaries of an Aid Programme expressly accept that their name and surname(s) may be included in a list of beneficiaries published on the Foundation’s web site.

8. ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED IN THE PROJECT

Promoter

Each Aid Programme for which the Fundación Centros Tecnológicos – Iñaki Goenaga announces calls for applications is promoted by a CIC cooperative research centre. For Strategic Programmes not yet set up as a CIC, the Programme itself shall act as promoter.

Foreign receiver centre

The first one- or two-year period as a grant holder, spent abroad, shall be conducted at the university, research centre or other organization that the promoter of the grant and the Foundation consider suitable for the high-level specialization pursued by the present Programme.

Member Centre

The subsequent one- or two-year contract period will be conducted at the Member Centre in the Basque Autonomous Community, which may be:

- a) A Cooperative Research Centre (CIC), incorporated and registered with the Basque Science, Technology & Innovation Network.
- b) Any of the organizations associated in the CIC.
- c) Any organization associated to the Strategic Research Programmes.

9. INFORMATION

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