CALL BY THE SAN VICENTE MÁRTIR CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF VALENCIA FOR THE CONTRACTING OF RESEARCH STAFF IN THEIR POSTDOCTORAL PHASE 2017-2018

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS
Decision 7th July 2017

GENERAL PROVISION

These contracts are for doctoral researchers who wish to carry out a research project at the San Vicente Mártir Catholic University of Valencia that is in keeping with the university’s identity.

1. SUBJECT AND CHARACTERISTICS

1.1. The subject of this call is the contracting of young doctorate holders who wish to carry out a research project at the San Vicente Mártir Catholic University of Valencia. The contract shall be for a defined project or service, with a maximum term of three years.

1.2. Three contracts shall be awarded: one for each of the following scientific areas, whose study project falls within the research lines listed in Annex I:

   A. Human and Social Sciences: Philosophy, Law, Teaching and Education Sciences, Economic and Business Sciences, Sacred Sciences.
   C. Medicine and Experimental Sciences: Medicine and Dentistry, Veterinary Science and Experimental Sciences.

1.3. Regarding the researcher/tutor, or the principal investigator (PI) that endorses the application:

   • In the case of area A and area B (the latter if the applicant is going to carry out a project that does not require major financing), beneficiaries will be assigned a tutor/researcher who shall be directly responsible for the supervision and guidance of the candidate’s professional development.
   • In the case of area C and area B (the latter if the applicant is going to carry out a project that requires financing), the application must include an endorsement from a PI with a current financed research project at the Catholic University of Valencia (UCV) as defined in section 4.1.b.

1.4. The contracted postdoctoral researcher must perform a research stay of 6 uninterrupted months at one single institution of recognised national or international prestige.

1.5. The annual grant for each of the contracted postdoctoral researchers shall be 33,620.55 euros plus social security.

1.6. This includes an additional subsidy to help defray accommodation and travel expenses related to point 1.4, the sums of which are:

   a) Help for accommodation at destination with a one-off payment: 2,400 euros when the stay is in Spain, 4,200 euros when the stay is in a European state and 7,200 euros when the stay is in a state outside Europe.

   b) Help for return journeys of 300 euros if the destination is national, 600 euros if the destination is a European state and 1,200 euros if the destination is a state outside Europe.
2. APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS

2.1. Any person who has attained the title of doctor after 1st January 2015 from any university in the European Union or located in the Schengen area may apply.

2.2. In the case of area C, and in the relevant cases of area B, a postdoctoral researcher from UCV shall endorse the application. Each postdoctoral researcher at the UCV may only endorse one application.

3. SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS AND DOCUMENTATION

3.1. The applicant researcher shall send the “Application for Assessment of Documentation”, in hard copy and duly signed by the candidate and addressed to the Chancellor to the Research Results Transfer Office (OTRI) within twenty calendar days of the publication date of the call. The formalisation of this application shall be made by ticking the box that requests: “Contracts for research staff in their postdoctoral phase” and indicating the documentation that the applicant has issued to the OTRI in electronic format. The form for this application is available on the UCV website, along with the call text.

3.2. Within the same time period as indicated above, the applicant researcher must submit the following documentation in electronic pdf format, including “Contracts for postdoctoral research staff” in the subject line, to the OTRI (otri@ucv.es):

a) Certified copy of the doctorate, or of the document that certifies the payment of the fees for its issue.

b) Curriculum vitae of the applicant.

c) Application, including:
   - Areas A and B (with a project that does not require major financing):
     o Scientific/technical report.
   - Areas C and B (with a project that requires financing):
     o A copy of the assessment report on the project or notification provided by the public body including the classification attained.
     o A supporting letter that endorses the candidate’s application, according to the form. The original of this document must be sent to the OTRI.

3.3. Any applications that do not comply with the required documentation shall not be considered.

4. ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

4.1. The contracts shall be awarded based on the assessment of the merits of the applicants, in accordance with the following scale:

a) Scientific and academic merits of the applicant, up to 40 points:
   a.1. Scientific merits, up to a maximum of 30 points:
      a.1.1. Publications: co-author of articles in national and international scientific journals included in the JCR, Scopus or other databases according to the area of knowledge (up to 1 point per publication, with 2 points being awarded for senior author or primary author of articles, in the top quartile of the ranking for the subject area of the project).
      a.1.2. Postdoctoral research stays of at least 3 months, at national and international research centres (0.5 points and 1 point per stay, respectively).
a1.3. Delivery of communications to congresses and conferences (0.5 points for oral presentations and 0.25 as a poster at national conferences and 0.5 points at international conferences).

a1.4. Participation in research projects and contracts (0.5 points each).

a2. Academic merits, up to a maximum of 10 points:

   a2.1. Thesis with an international mention (2 points).

   a2.2. Accredited knowledge of languages (English, French, German, Italian), special end-of-master's or doctorate awards or other awards obtained in competitive calls for proposals.

b) Scientific/technical interest of the project, up to 40 points:

   Scientific areas A and B (with a project that does not require major financing): the applicant must submit a research project report that shall be assessed by an external assessment agency, according to the following criteria:

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   Scientific area B (with a project that requires financing) and C: the applicant must join a research group with a current research project or that is awarded a project before 1st September 2017, that is financed through an internal or external competitive call for proposals. To this end, a project submitted in accordance with Annex III and Annex IV of the call text of 24th May 2017 concerning “Grants from the UCV for the Execution of Research Projects”, shall be considered valid for this requirement. The final score of the external assessment shall be out of a maximum of 40 points.

c) Personal interview, up to 20 points:

   The vice-chancellor for research and education shall appoint the appropriate committees, according to the area of knowledge, to carry out the personal interviews. These committees shall establish the minimum score required from the above merits for the applicants to pass to the interview stage.

   In the interview, candidates shall have the opportunity to explain and expand on their CVs and the project that they wish to carry out.

5. INSTRUCTIONS, AWARDING AND PUBLICATION OF POSTDOCTORAL CONTRACTS

5.1. The Vice-Chancellor’s Office for Research and Education shall be responsible for establishing the appropriate procedures and shall give the necessary instructions for the processing, management and interpretation of the call as necessary.

5.2. The selection process for the applications shall be carried out on a competitive basis, based on the score obtained in the assessment phase.

5.3. The decision to approve and admit to the interview stage shall be notified by publishing a list of the successful applicant researchers. The awarding of the contracts shall be notified by publishing a list of the successful researchers. The applications not included in the award list shall be understood to have been declined or rejected.
6. OBLIGATIONS OF BENEFICIARIES

6.1. The contracted postdoctoral staff must:

a) Communicate any subsequent abandonment of the contract to San Vicente Mártir Catholic University of Valencia with 15 days' notice.

b) Behave in accordance with the regulations of San Vicente Mártir and carry out their work on a full-time basis.

c) Complete a 6-month stay at a university or research centre, at a centre of national or international prestige.

c.1. Propose a university or research centre for the aforementioned stay with sufficient notice for approval, which must be of recognised prestige and with which there is a collaboration agreement or with which one shall be formalised. This proposal shall be sent to the OTRI by completing the relevant form.

c.2. Request, through a letter addressed to the Vice-Chancellor's Office for Research and Education for its authorisation, any change in the conditions of the research stay before the stay takes place.

c.3. Send to the OTRI, by e-mail, a scanned copy of the document that accredits their incorporation into the destination research centre within 20 days of this occurring. Then send the original document by post to OTRI.

c.4. Send the following documentation to the Vice-Chancellor's Office for Research and Education within a month of the end of the stay:

1. A scientific/technical report on the work carried out during the stay, including the results obtained and a record of the approval of the person in charge of the host research team or group, in the form of an original stamp.

2. An original certificate confirming the stay issued by the legal representative of the destination centre, including the start and end date of the stay and with the approval of the person in charge of the host scientific team or group.

c.5. Behave in accordance with the regulations of the research centre they join and carry out their work on a full-time basis.

c.6. Complete the stay under the terms of the decision to award the grant.

c.7. Travel with accident and liability insurance and, when travelling to countries that do not have an agreement with Spanish social security or when the cover of these agreements is insufficient, medical care insurance that covers the destination country. These insurance policies must cover the entire period of the use of the grant.

c.8. Any stay for a period that is shorter than that provided in the decision to award the grant must be justified and shall entail an obligation to refund part of the sum received, in proportion to the uncompleted period of the stay.

6.2. The contracted postdoctoral researchers may participate in educational work as requested, up to a maximum of 60 hours annually, provided that they have the approval of the Vice-Chancellor for Research and Education.

6.3. The contracted postdoctoral researchers, during the term of their contracts, must submit at least one application for a competitive public tender for research projects, either as the principal investigator or as a member of a team.

6.4. The total or partial breach of the requirements and obligations established herein and of other applicable rules may lead to the termination of the contract.

7. SCIENTIFIC/TECHNICAL MONITORING OF THE PROJECT

7.1. In order to annually assess the research work of the postdoctoral contracted researchers, they must submit a scientific monitoring report on 30th June each year to the Vice-Chancellor's Office
for Research and Education, including the work done and a plan for the work to be done during the next year, in accordance with the relevant form from the CTRI. A report from the researcher/tutor or from the researcher who endorsed the application shall also be submitted, concerning the results obtained.

7.2. Once the contract has ended, including its abandonment, the contracted postdoctoral researchers must submit a scientific/technical report on the project or projects carried out to the Vice-Chancellor's Office for Research and Education within a period of thirty calendar days, including a report from the researcher/tutor or from the researcher who endorsed the application, concerning the results and the extent of the training acquired.

8. OBLIGATIONS OF SAN VICENTE MÁRTIR CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF VALENCIA

8.1. The obligations of San Vicente Mártir Catholic University of Valencia are as follows:

   a) To formalise an employment contract with the beneficiary for a defined project or service, with a maximum term of three years.

   b) To provide the contracted staff with the necessary support and help them in the use of the resources, instruments and equipment required for the usual execution of their work.

   c) To support the training of the contracted staff, by providing any activity that is required to improve their training, professional guidance and employment opportunities.

   d) To monitor how well the research work is being exploited.

   e) For the stay period abroad, to take out accident and liability insurance and, when travelling to countries that do not have an agreement with Spanish social security or when the cover of this agreement is insufficient, medical care insurance that covers the destination country. This last point shall also apply to the partner and children of the beneficiary if they are also travelling abroad. These insurance contracts must cover the entire effective period of the stay.

9. CONDITIONS FOR THE EXECUTION OF THE CONTRACT

9.1. The beneficiary shall have a maximum period of 10 calendar days from the publication of the decision to formally accept the contract. If the beneficiary does not accept within 10 calendar days, the offer shall be understood as rejected.

9.2. After the postdoctoral contract periods ends, the UCV shall assess the progress of the beneficiary for the purposes of considering his/her incorporation into the educational and research team.

Valencia, 7th July 2017

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San Vicente Mártir Catholic University of Valencia
Annex I

The applicant’s proposal must be within the following lines of research:

A Human and Social Sciences
   A01 Education
   A02 Skills development in the teaching of values, morals and human rights.
   A03 Public, administrative, constitutional, criminal, tax and financial law; international public law, criminal procedure law and labour law.
   A04 Economics.
   A05 Philosophical anthropology.
   A06 Language/Literature.
   A07 Art.
   A08 Social and cultural anthropology.
   A09 Private law, civil Law: people and obligations, contracts, mortgage law, family law and inheritance law, civil procedure law, international private law and commercial law.
   A10 Philosophy of Julián Marias; development and projects.
   A11 Poverty and condemnation of the destruction of food: World hunger and food for a new kind of humanity.
   A12 Disability and social inclusion.
   A13 Bioethics.
   A14 Inclusive physical activity and sport
   A15 Basic psychological processes and legal psychology.

B Healthcare Sciences
   B01 Physical activity, performance and quality of life.
   B02 Fragility and sarcopenia in aging.
   B03 Psychopathology of eating and personality disorders.
   B04 Education for healthy physical activity.
   B05 Palliative care.
   B06 Geriatrics and gerontology.
   B07 Nursing methodology and education.
   B08 Skills and attitudes towards death.

C Medicine and Experimental Sciences
   C01 Clinical and basic research into fibromyalgia.
   C02 Molecular pathology.
   C03 Clinical and experimental dentistry.
   C04 Molecular and mitochondrial medicine. Mitochondrial biology.
   C05 Molecular physiopathology of the metabolism and oxidative stress.
   C06 Physiopathology of autoimmune arthritis.
   C07 Development and evaluation of vaccines.
   C08 Diagnosis and treatment of advanced skin melanoma.
   C09 Diagnosis and treatment of bescocellular and squamous cell cancer.
   C10 Molecular pharmacology and therapeutic targets. Research into RNAs.
   C11 Biomarkers and therapeutic targets in patients with metastatic cancer.
   C12 Ecology and marine biology.
   C13 Paleoclimate and marine biology.
   C14 Coastal geomorphology and the environment.
   C15 Identification and functional characterisation of nuclear proteins related to transcription and splicing.
   C16 Identification and experimental therapeutic evaluation of natural bioprotector products.
   C17 Pathology and therapeutics of the musculoskeletal system of small mammals.
   C18 Clinical application in veterinary medicine and surgery.
   C19 Internal medicine and veterinary biopathology.
C20 Diagnosis and therapeutics of the atrial fibrillation.
C21 Computational chemistry.
C22 Biotechnology research.
C23 Biomarkers of therapeutic responses in chronic inflammatory bowel disease.
C24 Chronic inflammatory larynx pathology.
C25 Diagnosis and biomarkers of therapeutic responses in multiple myeloma.
C26 Development and application of clinical simulation in graduate and post-graduate medical education.
C27 Sciences of the musculoskeletal system.
C28 Skin integrity, public health and patient safety.
C29 Obstetrics, nutrition and paediatrics.
C30 Stress and neurodegenerative diseases.
C31 Informed consent in minors.