Call for Postdoctoral Grants

1. Purpose

The purpose of this call is to encourage and promote a minimum of 6 grants to incorporate postdoctoral research staff training in teaching and research. It is funded within the project BKC-Barcelona Knowledge Campus and within the performance: “BKC-5- Atracció i Fidelització de talent al BKC”, with the possibility of co-funding by the research groups.

This performance has as reference the corresponding call of 2011 of “Programa de Campus d’Excel·lència Internacional (CEI). Annex II: “Subprograma de Fortalecimiento (BOE Orden EDU/647/2011)”.

The call will be published on the website: http://www.ctt.upc.edu/Beques-UPC_117_119_ca.html.

2. Candidates

The candidates must meet the following requirements:

a) Have obtained a Ph.D. after 1st January 2007 (taking into account the date of the reading and approval of the thesis as date of obtaining the title) or after 1st January 2005 if in the period between this date and the deadline of this call the candidate meets and justify some of the following conditions:
   a. Maternity or paternity
   b. Being in charge of children under 6 years
   c. Have suffered a serious illness
   d. Have suffered an accident with a consequent sick leave of more than 3 months.

b) It can also submit the application those researchers who are in the last months of realization of the doctoral thesis, on the deadline of this call.

c) Meet one of following requirements:
   a. Have obtained a doctorate at a university other than the UPC.
   b. Have had a total period of disassociation with the UPC, as least 2 years, immediately before the selective process of the call.
   c. Have obtained a doctorate at the UPC conducting the research in CSIC.

3. Form and duration

The duration of the contract will be for one year and it may be extended for one year more. The contract renewal will be condition. The renewal of the contract would be subject to the positive valuation of the monitoring report that the research group will develop at the end of the first year. The report will describe the scientific performance and the integration of the candidate in the research group and in the basic unit of assignment, with the approval of the director of that unit.

Contract suspensions for maternity or paternity, adoption or fostering, pre-adoption or permanent, of children under 6 years, can be recovered if the beneficiary requested by beneficiaries. The recovery period cannot exceed the period of 6 months from the ending of the stays.

Having enjoyed a postdoctoral grant does not determine any commitment by the UPC with relation to the subsequent incorporation of the beneficiary to the staff of the UPC.

4. Amount and Payment

The full annual salary will be established for this category by the remuneration regulation of the Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya. The annual salary will be paid in 14 monthly applying the taxes corresponding to the current regulations.
5. Rights and duties of postdoctoral researchers

a) To enjoy the same rights and social advantages that the teaching and researching staff of UPC enjoys.
b) To use the services offered by the university and participate in their activities according to internal regulations.
c) To benefit of the rights of intellectual and industrial property that correspond to university staff, according to current law and regulations.
d) To provide all information as required and to submit to testing and control actions that may require the UPC.
e) To participate in the activities of the university and use the services offered to the university community.
f) To comply with the internal rules and regulations of the university, as well as the basic unit of assignment where integrated.
g) To include in any publication and / or publicity their attachment to the corresponding basic unit, as well as the UPC.
h) To join full time in the basic unit in the time specified in this call for the grant.
i) To communicate the resignation of contract to the university with a minimum of 15 days before the date down.
j) Provide additional collaborations in teaching related with the proposed research activity to a maximum of 80 hours annually. There should be a request for the basic unit of assignment and the approval of the group leader where the beneficiary is integrated.

6. Duties of the university

The university and the research group where the beneficiary is admitted will provide the necessary support and facilitate the use of instruments or equipment necessary for normal development activities.

7. Incompatibilities of beneficiary's research staff

The status of research staff beneficiary of this grant is incompatible with other contracts, as set by law 21/1987 of 26th November because they may affect the exclusivity of research dedication. Furthermore, the incompatibilities are applied to consider the contract to be formalized in accordance with current legislation

8. Applications, documentation and deadline

The period for delivering the applications from candidates will remain open from the day after the date the call is approved by the Governing Council, until 8th March. To compete for these grants, the candidates must submit the application will find on the website http://www.ctt.upc.edu/Beques-UPC_117_119_ca.html and provide the following documents:

a) Application based on the standard model of the call. The application must be endorsed by an official teacher or and UPC teacher contracted for full time for a period exceeding the 2 years of the grant. Endorsement of the teacher constitutes his acceptance of the derived costs of the contract that are not covered by the grant.
b) Curriculum vitae of applicant (in Catalan, Spanish or English).
c) Copy of the official doctoral certificate or, in case of doesn’t be PhD, a copy of the certificate of the doctorate’s academic expedient.
d) A brief report of the research project to develop (maximum 2 sheets)
If the doctoral degree is in a different language than Catalan, Spanish, English, French, Italian or Portuguese must provide the sworn translation.

The documentation must be submitted at any UPC record or by any procedure provided in article 38.4 of Law 30/1992 of 26th November modified by the Law 4 / 1999 on the Legal System Administration Public and Administrative Procedure Act and must be addressed to:

**Uniat d’Assessorament i Suport Laboral a la Recerca**

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If the application does not meet the requirements, the candidate will have ten calendar days to correct it or to provide the prescriptive documents. If not, the application will be rejected.

The correction must be submitted at any UPC record or by any procedure provided in article 38.4 of Law 30/1992 of 26th November modified by the Law 4 / 1999 on the Legal System Administration Public and Administrative Procedure Act and must be addressed to the “Unitat de d’Assessorament i Suport Laboral a la Recerca”. After the deadline, it will be published the final list of admitted and excluded people.

All communications will be published on the website: http://www.ctt.upc.edu/Beques-UPC_117_119_ca.html.

**9. Evaluation and selection criteria**

The selection of candidates will be made by an external committee of 5 prestigious members representatives of the 5 UPC research areas. The constitution of this committee will be approved by the Research Committee of the Governing Council of the UPC.

The criteria and punctuation to carry out the selection of candidates will be as follows (rating from 1 to 100):

a) Curriculum Vitae of the applicant according to the scientific merits, knowledge and skills to develop the research project (50/100).

b) Scientific history of the researcher, research group or host unit. Suitability of this entity in relation to the research project and the curriculum of the postdoctoral researcher (30/100).

c) Quality and viability of the research project in relation to the objectives, methodology, work plan and the adequacy of the literature (20/100).

**10. Resolution**

It will be published a provisional list of prioritization before the final resolution and it will be opened an audience period of 10 days for candidates to submit documents and justifications that they deem appropriate.

Candidates can submit any claim that they deem appropriate at any UPC record or by any procedure provided in article 38.4 of Law 30/1992 of 26th November modified by the Law 4 / 1999 on the Legal System Administration Public and Administrative Procedure Act and must be addressed to the “Unitat de d’Assessorament i Suport Laboral a la Recerca” according to the calendar of the 12th point of this call.

Vice-Chancellor for Science and Research Policy will submit to the Research Commission the final list of selected people. This commission will submit that list to the Governing Council.
Approval of the final list by the Governing Council will end the administrative way. Interested people can submit a contentious administrative appeal within 2 months counting from the day after the notification, to the Administrative Court. It's compatible with submitting a contentious administrative appeal to the Governing Council within one month counting from the day after the notification.

According to article 111 of the Law 30/1992, of 26th December, of the Legal System Administration Public and Administrative Procedure Act, the submitting of appeals against decisions and orders of the competent bodies not necessarily suspends the execution of the contested acts.

Both lists will be published on the website: http://www.ctt.upc.edu/Beques-UPC_117_119_ca.html

11. Incorporation

Researchers that will be hired must join the unit of assignment; always agree with this, within a maximum of 3 months from the date of the publication on the website. The date of incorporation will be established in the contract. In justified cases it may extend the period of incorporation. Any vacancies that occur by resignation or other reasons will not be covered.

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