

## Research Excellence Program USC- India (PEIN)

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Call for Applications

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The University of Santiago de Compostela, within the Campus of Excellence Project – Campus Life, launches the second call for applications for short research stays for professors and researchers from research centres in India. The goal of the program is to meet one of the largest current demands: the internationalization of research, the promotion of cooperation projects and programs, and joint research.

The program is based on a plan of short-term mobility - up to one month - allowing for Indian professors or researchers to take part in this activity without having to completely abandon their work at their home universities.

The purpose of this project is the funding of short-term stays for researchers from India in order to integrate them temporarily into USC's research groups with the objective of identifying common lines for international cooperation, joint research, so as to promote the horizontal internationalization of the USC. This initiative will also enhance and reinforce the academic, personal, and institutional ties between the USC and India.

#### **DURATION**

The program finances short stays at the USC, up to one month, throughout a period from 2 to 3 consecutive years (depending on the resources available). It will be possible to apply for a second application for the program; however, the possibility of a second research stay at the USC will be subject both to the resources available and to the accredited results achieved in the first stay, as well as to the institutional interest for the USC.

#### **AVAILABLE POSITIONS**

The program will finance up to 45 research stays from India throughout the program duration (depending on the available resources).

## **THE EXTENT OF THE GRANTS**

The grants will cover the following services:

- Travel expenses from origin Institution to USC up to a maximum of 1400 Euros.
- Non-pharmaceutical health insurance, assistance, and civil liability.
- 600 Euros (gross) monthly subsistence allowance, or a proportional amount if the research stay is shorter than four weeks.
- 400 Euros per month for housing. Accommodation will be, as long as it is possible, in one of the USC halls of residence (as a visiting professor).

The USC, through the International Relations Office, will provide the participants with the tickets for transportation and the contracting of adequate insurance. The university will also pay the beneficiary the amount allocated to them.

If applicable, the stay will be recognized by the home university; the USC will issue the corresponding report for that purpose.

## **DEDICATION AND COMPATIBILITY**

Dedication to the activities of the program will be considered to be full time.

The granting of the aid will be incompatible with any other grant, whether public or private, which could be received with the same goal. This aid will be compatible with any income for the candidate's job.

## **REQUIREMENTS**

For the candidates to be eligible they must fulfil the following requirements:

- .- To be a teacher, researcher, pre-doctoral student, post-doc or research staff at any of the universities or research centres found in the annex.
- .- To hold a confirmation of acceptance by one of the USC research groups listed in the annex. The confirmation of acceptance should be attached to the application form. Confirmations will be accepted by email.

## **APPLICATIONS AND DOCUMENTATION**

In order to be admitted to the process of selection the candidates must meet all the access requirements and conditions required, before the application deadline.

The submission of the application for the scholarship involves the full acceptance of the conditions of the scholarship by the applicant.

## SELECTION OF CANDIDATES

The candidates must submit:

- The application form duly filled in.
- A copy of valid passport.
- A certificate proving that the candidate is a teacher or researcher at a university or research centre (from the list of eligible centres).
- A copy of degree or equivalent (Bachelor, engineer, or similar).
- *Curriculum vitae* of the candidate (model attached).
- Description of their previous activities with USC researchers, if applicable.
- Confirmation of acceptance by a research group at the USC.

## DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

The deadline for submitting applications will be 1 month from the following day of the official publication.

Should the open positions be not covered within the first selection process, a new call for applications will be opened.

## SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTATION

The application will be exclusively done via the Internet. Candidates should download and fill out the official application in word format, and attach the other documents required – Word or PDF format – (preferably, joining all files as a zip file). Everything will be sent to the International Relations Office of the USC ([international@usc.es](mailto:international@usc.es)), with the subject of the email being **Programa de Excelencia Investigadora USC (PEIN)**. Once the complete application and all the required documents are received, a confirmation email will be sent.

## ADMISSION OF CANDIDATES

The list of accepted and rejected candidates will be published by the Selection Committee 30 days after the deadline for applications on the board of the Rector and Vice Rector of Coordination at the Campus of Lugo (and the International Relations Office website <http://www.usc.es/internacional>).

In order to amend any defects of that publication, a denied applicant can justify their right to be admitted within a period of 10 working days from the day of the publication of the list of accepted and denied candidates. The applicant will remain definitely rejected if they do not follow this process.

## SELECTION COMMITTEE

The selection of the candidates shall be made by a committee composed by the Vice-Rector for Research, Vice-Rector for International Policy and Internationalization, Director of the International Office and Director of R+D Valorisation and Management Area, within the 30 days following the application deadline. The list of the selected candidates will be published on the website of the International Relations Office (<http://www.usc.es/internacional>).

## SELECTION PROCESS

The selection committee will have in mind the following criteria:

- Evaluation of the candidate's *curriculum vitae*.
- Scientific production of the USC research group receiving the candidate. The committee will evaluate the approved items for the assessment of USC's research support from the last year with data.
- Parallel initiatives arising in the consolidation from the collaboration between the USC and the home centre of the candidate will be positively assessed.
- The committee will take into account the representation of research groups, the different areas of knowledge, the USC Campuses, as well as the gender of the beneficiaries.
- Institutional interest of the USC and the home university of the candidate.
- The committee may assess positively those candidates coming from universities with a bilateral agreement with the USC (<http://www.usc.es/es/servizos/convenios/ciindia.html>), as well as candidates belonging to Indian universities linked with the USC through Erasmus Mundus Programs such as Euphrates or Experts.

## NOTIFICATION OF THE CANDIDATES

The definitive decision will be posted on the bulletin board of the Rector building in Santiago and the Vice Rector building in the Campus of Lugo and on the webpage <http://www.usc.es/internacional>.

Should a candidate be rejected, **appeals can be submitted no later than 10 days** starting the following day of the publication of the accepted candidates. After the deadline and following the analysis of the appeals, the decision will be responsibility of the Vice Rector and the ultimately made by the delegation of the Rector.

## OBLIGATIONS OF THE ACCEPTED CANDIDATES

At the end of each stay, the beneficiaries of the scholarship will submit a 4-page report (maximum) about the activities performed, signed by the beneficiary and by the director/s of the USC's research groups. The report should present the development of the work performed and the initiatives derived from it.

For the annual renewal of the aid the reports of development in the research will be taken into account.

The directors of the research groups are required to monitor and control the activities performed by the beneficiary.

## ACCREDITATION

Once the period of the grant is over, the interested parties are entitled to receive an certificate issued by the USC certifying that the candidate has been a beneficiary of a research stay.

If the candidate is against the present resolution, no longer able to further the process through the administration, the candidate can appeal before the appellate court of Santiago de Compostela/Lugo within the period of two months from the day of the reception of their application status, in accordance with articles 46 y 8.2.1a of the Law of Administrative Jurisdiction, approved by Law 29/1998, of 13 July.

However, the interested parties may appeal discretionary replacement within a month in the presence of the court that issued it. In this case, the candidate cannot use the above-mentioned administrative appeal while there is not any express or presumptive resolution of the administrative appeal, according to the articles 116 and ss. of the Law 30/1992, of 26 November, of the Legal Regime of Public Administrations and Common Administrative Procedure, modified by the law 4/1999, of 13 January.

## INFORMATION

- Questions about the program (institutional Management): [international@usc.es](mailto:international@usc.es)
- About the authorization or translation of documents  
<http://www.usc.es/es/perfis/internacionais/legalizadocumex.html>

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