

**RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE RECTOR OF THE CARLOS III UNIVERSITY OF MADRID, TO OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCE GRANTS FOR THE SELECTION OF RESEARCHERS OF EXCELLENCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH "UC3M-SANTANDER CHAIRS OF EXCELLENCE" PROGRAMME FOR THE 2020/2021 ACADEMIC YEAR**

In fulfilment of the 27 September 2007 Governing Council agreement by which the UC3M-Santander Chairs of Excellence Programme, in order to promote excellence in research and attract frontline researchers from the international university and research community, were approved, and in accordance with the Collaboration Agreement signed by both organisations on 9 March 2015,

I RESOLVE to call for **FIVE** UC3M-Santander Chairs of Excellence for the 2020/2021 academic year (period between September 2020 and July 2021), which will be done in accordance with the following:

**1. Grant purpose and conditions for awarding the UC3M-Santander Chairs of Excellence.**

The purpose of this call is to offer:

- **Four annual grants**, for the amount of 120,000 euro each. These grants may be awarded to a single beneficiary for the total sum or to two different beneficiaries for a period of six months and the amount of 60,000 euro for each grant.  
The six month period must be continuous and the month of August will not be included for calculation.
- **One annual reciprocal grant**, for the amount of 60,000 euro for a period of six months. These grants may be awarded to a single beneficiary for the total sum or to two different beneficiaries for a period of three months and the amount of 30,000 euro for each grant.

Moreover, these grants will be associated with a visit of a Doctor of the Carlos III University of Madrid, to the holder's home institution, for an equivalent duration to the stay of the foreign researcher. The stays of both professors shall not overlap in the same period of time.

The Doctors shall receive a monthly and travel expenses allowances.

The three or six month period must be continuous and the months of July and August will count both as one month.

## **2. Candidate requisites**

Candidates must be researchers, professors belonging to a foreign University or research centre of recognised prestige.

PhD Professors of the Carlos III University of Madrid, who apply for the reciprocal grant, shall maintain the labour relationship with the Carlos III University of Madrid during the stay duration.

## **3. Applications**

Applications, which must be endorsed by the Department Head or Research Group leader, will be addressed to the Vice-rector of Faculty and Departments, and must be accompanied, at minimum, by the following documents, in English or Spanish language:

1. Curriculum vitae of the applicant
2. An explanatory report on the project to be developed by the researcher during his stay at Carlos III University of Madrid (maximum length of two sheets – 4 sides)
3. A letter indicating the endorsement of the department, institute or research group at Carlos III University of Madrid.
4. Moreover, in the case of the reciprocal grant:
  - a. An invitation letter of the holder's home institution, to the Doctor of the Carlos III University of Madrid who would carry out the visit, for three or six months, as appropriate.
  - b. An explanatory report on the project continuation, mentioned in 2), to be developed at the holder's home institution.
  - c. A permit from department for the visiting period.

The deadline for submitting applications will finish on **November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019, at 23:59 CET.**

Applications and documentation have to be submitted through the application: <https://aplicaciones.uc3m.es/convoca/sol/login.do?env=RRHH>

## **4. Awarding the UC3M-Santander Chairs of Excellence.**

The beneficiaries will be selected by an Evaluation Committee, named by the Governing Council at the Rector's behest, presided over by the Vice-rector of Faculty and Departments and composed of:

- Five Senior Professors from Carlos III University of Madrid.
- Three researchers of recognised prestige who do not belong to Carlos III University of Madrid.

The Committee will assess the applications that have been received and will submit an awards proposal to the Governing Council and will establish, if applicable, a prioritised reserve list.

The Governing Council will make the awards taking into account these three criteria: (i) increasing the number of departments assigned Chairs of Excellence; (ii) maximum number of semesters assigned to each department; and (iii), in case the applicant has been previously granted the Chair of Excellence, the results obtained in collaboration with the host Group/Department.

The allocation of the maximum number of semesters per department is established in accordance with the total points obtained by the departments for research merit provided for in the 2018 official announcement on *Extra pay related to individual merits for professors*, and is as follows:

The following departments will have a maximum of four semesters: Computer Science and Engineering, Telematic Engineering, Materials Science and Engineering and Chemical Engineering, Signal Theory and Communications, Economics, Business Administration, International Law, Ecclesiastical Law and Philosophy of Law, Electronic Technology and Mathematics.

The following departments will have a maximum of three semesters: Statistics, , Humanities: History, Geography and Art, Thermal and Fluids Engineering, Physics, Mechanical Engineering, Journalism and Audiovisual Communication, Library and Information Science, Systems Engineering and Automation, Bioengineering and Aerospace Engineering, Continuum Mechanics and Structural Analysis, Private Law and Public State Law.

The remaining departments will have a maximum of two semesters.

In case of reciprocal grants, one semester is the minimum period for the stay of the holder and the UC3M Doctor visit.

Moreover, in the case of the reciprocal grant, will have preference Doctors of the Carlos III University of Madrid, who are members of the University Educational Bodies, including Interims, Permanent Contracted Professors and those taking part in the program 4+2, being in the three first years or in the other years and having passed the evaluation of the third year. In the latter case, the program annuity will be calculated from the beginning of the visit.

Within a one-month period from the time the award decision is communicated to the beneficiaries, they must expressly declare their acceptance. Should said acceptance fail to occur within the established time period, the following candidate on the reserve list established by the Committee will be proposed.

## **5. Rights of the holders of UC3M-Santander Chairs of Excellence.**

In general, the beneficiaries will have the following rights:

- a) The collaboration and support of Carlos III University of Madrid for the normal development of their research in their area of expertise, according to availability.
- b) Freedom and independence to carry out the activities of the Chair, notwithstanding coordination with the corresponding Department.

- c) Payment of the grant in the manner established by the present guidelines.
- d) Health assurance coverage for the beneficiary and, if applicable, spouse and children.
- e) Moreover, in the case of the reciprocal grants, the Doctors of the Carlos III University of Madrid, shall receive a monthly allowance plus the travel expenses allowance, in the way laid down by this Call for applications.

## **6. Obligations of the holders of UC3M-Santander Chairs of Excellence.**

In general, the researcher will have the following obligations:

- a) Join Carlos III University of Madrid for the duration of the Chair.
- b) Credit, in any papers arising from this activity, the participation of the "Carlos III University of Madrid" and the explicit acknowledgement to the program "UC3M-Santander Chairs of Excellence".
- c) Participate, throughout the duration of the Chair, by giving seminars and conferences as well as conducting interviews on areas related to the endowment, so as to maximize to the fullest their University stay.
- d) Submit a report on the activity they carried out within a month from finishing their stay at the University.

Moreover, in the case of the reciprocal grants, the Doctors of the Carlos III University of Madrid must:

- a) Join the holder's home institution for the duration set out in the proposal.
- b) Submit a report about the activity they carried out in the University within a month from the completion of the stay finishing their stay at the University. Moreover, they will submit a follow-up report two years after completing the visit, that will have to reflect both the holder activities and their own, as well as those arising directly or indirectly from this funding, directly or indirectly.
- c) All the papers arising from the activity developed within the scope of this grant should mention the relationship with "Carlos III University of Madrid" and should express explicit thanks to the "UC3M-Santander Chairs of Excellence Program".

## 7. Obligations of the Carlos III University of Madrid

In general, Carlos III University of Madrid has the following obligations:

- a) Provide the Chair beneficiaries with the necessary support and supply them with the means, tools and equipment required for the normal development of their work.
- b) Safeguard the appropriate development of their work.
- c) The Department Head or Research Group leader who endorsed the application must submit a report on the work the researcher has carried out.

## 8. Payment

The amount of the grant will be allotted to cover all the expenses of the beneficiary's stay and travel.

This amount is not a salary, and has not been granted in exchange of any service provision such as teaching or student supervision.

Payment will be made directly to the beneficiaries, by Carlos III University of Madrid in accordance with the following specifications:

The beneficiary will receive payment of the grant from the University in the following manner:

- 40 % during the first month of their activity,
- 30 % when half of the time period for their activity has elapsed,
- 30 % upon finishing their activity, after the final report submission.

In exceptional cases, with the prior authorization from the Vice-President for Faculty and the Vice-President for Scientific Policy, the total amount of aid will be incorporated into a research project of the UC3M and handled according to the University rules on budget management, to cover expenses generated from the research activity of the aforementioned research project.

Moreover, in the case of the reciprocal grants, the additional allowance will be allotted to cover the expenses of stay and travel of the Doctors of the Carlos III University of Madrid. Payment will be made directly to the beneficiaries, by Carlos III University of Madrid in accordance with the following specifications:

- A monthly allowance equivalent to 80% of the subsistence allowance established at the "*Real Decreto 462/2002, de 24 de mayo, sobre indemnizaciones por razón del servicio*". In any case this amount cannot exceed 3,100 euro per month.
- The limit of the travel expenses allowance will be 600 euro, if the holder's home institution is located in Europe, if not, the limit will be 1,200 euro.

These additional allowances will be compatible with other grants in accordance with the current legislation, provided that the whole amount of the grants doesn't exceed the expenditure carried out and that the

aforementioned grants don't come from any other program developed by Carlos III University of Madrid.

The grants included herein are subject to the fiscal obligations which, if applicable, are established by current legislation.

## **9. Data Protection**

The information provided by the candidates will be incorporated into a file of the Carlos III University of Madrid with the aim of processing and awarding the fellowship.

Data processing will be carried out in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of April 27th, 2016, on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data (which suspends Directive 95/46/EC "General Data Protection Regulation"), as well as Organic Law 3/2018 of December 5th, on the Protection of Personal Data and Guarantee of Digital Rights.

## **10. Intellectual Property Rights**

The Carlos III University of Madrid will have the ownership of the exploitation rights, both intellectual and industrial rights, of the results generated by the Chairs of Excellence activity. The researcher fellow will maintain his/her moral rights to his/her work, in special he/she shall be named as such in the applications.

The Carlos III University of Madrid will have preference to apply the corresponding protection titles, appearing as inventors the researchers who have contribute intellectually to the results collection.

The researchers are committed to collaborate in order to achieve the effectiveness of the Carlos III University of Madrid rights. This collaboration includes the inventors or researchers sign collection for the documents needed for processing property or intellectual right titles, as well as, their extension to other countries.

The Vice-President for Faculty is entitled to interpret and resolve any questions arising from the application of this resolution, proceeding, if necessary, to issue and publish the necessary instructions for its development and compliance.

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