

CALL FOR PROJECTS 2017

Jointly supervised doctoral theses UPPA-UPV/EHU

THE OBJECT OF THE CALL FOR PROJECTS PROPOSALS

Within the framework agreement between the UPPA and the UPV/EHU, a common call for projects has been launched in order to finance **contracts for jointly supervised doctoral theses (cotutelles)**.

The candidates selected within the framework of this call, will be submitted to the doctoral theses regulation in force in the university which finances the thesis.

This call is open for all disciplines.

DETAILS

- 6 theses will be financed in 2017 (3 theses per institution).
- The application forms must be presented in the following format:
 - ✓ The project has to be submitted **in both universities**. It can be written in English or in the official languages of both universities, which are French for the UPPA and Spanish or Basque for the UPV/EHU).
 - ✓ A unique form must be submitted by the project leaders, even if the project leaders present various CVs of candidates.
- The projects will be selected by a joint committee UPPA-UPV/EHU, exclusively constituted by researchers. The balance between the disciplinary areas of the projects will be taken into account. To that end, the team from the joint committee pertaining to each University will evaluate candidates and subsequently meet in a plenary session to review the assessments made separately and establish a definitive classification, as well as select candidates to be retained by each of the universities.

- The selection will be made according to the quality of the thesis project and according to the doctoral candidates' record (see below the evaluation table). For each project, an evaluation will be made (according to the methodology mentioned below).
- A main list (with the selected candidates) and a waiting list (with the alternative candidates) will be established:
 - ✓ A unique candidate will be selected for each project.
 - ✓ If the project leader provides various CVs, the joint committee will rank them
 - ✓ The list will include the name of the project and the proposed candidates by the project leaders.
 - ✓ In the event that a PhD candidate withdraws from the main list, the grant will be attributed to the project in the waiting list.
 - ✓ If the project chosen in the waiting list includes various candidates, the joint committee will rank them.
- Therefore, the same project can be included at the same time in the main list with the selected candidate and in the waiting list with another(s) candidate(s).
- Both lists (the main list and the waiting list) will be commonly published by both universities.
- The selected PhD candidates must hold a Master degree or must have obtained an equivalence when they start the thesis.
- The selected PhD candidates will be supported by a doctoral contract for 3 years.

The following rules will be applied:

 - The PhD candidate will pay the registration fee in the university which finances his thesis.
 - The PhD candidate will pay the costs for printing the diploma in the University of the Basque Country.
 - The PhD candidate will have to complete as a minimum a 9 month-mobility period in the hosting university.
 - The running costs linked to the mobility and the thesis defense won't be covered in the framework of the common call for proposals.
- An agreement of the joint supervision will be signed between the two institutions for every financed thesis, with the specified details of the thesis.
- The provisions which apply are those provided within the cooperation agreement and the co-supervision agreement signed between the UPV/EHU and the UPPA. In the case where some aspects are not foreseen in the agreements, the rules of the funding country shall apply.
- The authorities of both universities (Doctoral schools, research Council and Research Committee of the UPPA, Masters and Doctoral School of the UPV/EHU) will be kept informed of the process and the results.
- The candidates who are already Phd students are eligible if they fulfil the two following conditions:
 - they are registered in 1st year of Phd studies at the UPV/EHU or at another Spanish university

and

-the recruitment is done in the framework of the present call for proposal and is done by the UPV/EHU

DATES

- **Common Publication of the call for projects:** 09/05/2017
- **Application deadline:** 09/06/2017
In the UPPA (DRV) for the French teams (file in French or in English) and in the UPV/EHU (call for proposal office, vice-rectorate of research) for the Spanish teams (file in Spanish, Basque or English).
- **Examination of the files by the joint committee:** first half of July 2017
- **Publication of the results projects and PhD students selected:** first half of July 2017 (Main list and waiting list)
- **Beginning of the doctoral thesis:** September 2017

JOINT COMMITTEE

The joint committee will be constituted exclusively by researchers, the only ones who will participate in the debates and discussions

UPPA:

- Director of doctoral school for human and social sciences (or delegate)
- Director of doctoral school for sciences (or delegate)
- Vice-rector for the Research Committee (or delegate)
- Vice-rector for cross-border relations (or delegate)

UPV/EHU:

- Director of doctoral school (or delegate)
- Vice-rector for research (or delegate)
- Vice-rector for postgraduate studies and international affairs (or delegate)
- A representative of the Research Committee, Development and Innovation of the UPV/EHU (CIDI)

EVALUATION TABLE

The evaluation of the projects will be made according to the following criteria:

- Evaluation of the thesis project: Objectives/Interest of the thesis project/ Methodology. (/15 points)
- Research teams and directors of the thesis; complementary expertise of both teams. (/25 points)
- Actions carried out to develop the employability of the PhD candidate. (/15 points)

- Perspectives / link with current or future projects (especially European ones) (/15 points)
- Information about the PhD Student: Curriculum, academic record. (/30 points)

APPLICABLE REGIME FOR PHD STUDENTS RECRUITED BY THE UPV/EHU IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE PRESENT CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The Phd students recruited by the UPV/EHU will be submitted to the rights and obligations regime established by the 2017 call for recruitment of research people in training, published by the Vice-Rectorate of research of the UPV/EHU.

APPLICABLE REGIME FOR PHD STUDENTS RECRUITED BY THE UPPA IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE PRESENT CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The Phd students recruited by the UPPA will be submitted to the dispositions of the decree n°2009-464 of 23rd of April 2009 relating to contractual Phd students of the higher education and research organizations. **The recruited candidates must not be registered in Phd studies.**

**APPLICATION FORM FOR REQUEST FOR FUNDING
CONTRACTS FOR JOINTLY SUPERVISED DOCTORAL THESIS
UPPA-UPV/EHU**

SUBJECT of the thesis:

UPPA

Name of the director of the thesis: *he/she should have habilitation to supervise research (HDR)*

Reporting-research team:

Telephone:

Email:

<p><u>Approval of the director of the team:</u></p> <p><u>Surname:</u></p> <p><u>First name:</u></p> <p><u>Date:</u></p> <p><u>Signature:</u></p>	<p><u>Approval of the director of the doctoral school:</u></p> <p><u>Surname:</u></p> <p><u>First name:</u></p> <p><u>Date:</u></p> <p><u>Signature:</u></p>
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UPV/EHU

Name of the director of the thesis: *They have to belong to the Phd program which the thesis project will be part of*

Research team:

PhD programme:

Telephone:

Email:

<p><u>Approval of the director of the team:</u></p> <p><u>Surname:</u></p> <p><u>First name:</u></p> <p><u>Date:</u></p> <p><u>Signature:</u></p>
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Description of the project (maximum 4 pages):

(Answer to the points mentioned below)

- 1- Abstract (10 lines max)
- 2- Objectives/Interest of the subject/Methodology
- 3- Brief presentation of the research teams and of the directors of the thesis (short CV 10 lines max or forward to website); complementary expertise of the teams
- 4- Actions carried out to develop the employability of the PhD candidate
- 5- Perspectives / link with current or future projects (especially European ones)

Information about the Phd student

- 1- CVs of the candidate (in English, in Spanish, in French, in Basque)
- 2- Transcript of records (all the academic records: from undergraduate to postgraduate)
NB: If the file includes various CVs, these two documents must be provided for each candidate
- 3- Current situation of the candidate (if s/he is registered in master, in doctorate); name of the master completed and date of completion