

#### **PREAMBLE**

The University of the Basque Country/Euskal Herriko Unibertsitatea has set up a framework agreement with the universities that make up IdEx Bordeaux to develop a Euroregional Campus of Excellence within the context of their respective excellence projects, Euskampus and IdEx Bordeaux, signed on 19th November 2014. The purpose of the Euroregional Campus is to establish a cross-border network with an international impact, representing the Atlantic Axis for the generation of knowledge and scientific and technological skills throughout the knowledge value chain, from the idea through to its conversion into a benefit to society.

Among the objectives of this framework agreement are to foster academic cooperation between the signatories in order to teach degree, master and continuing training courses jointly, with mutual recognition of credits; to pursue joint research projects and joint supervision of doctoral theses.

#### **Rule 1. OBJECT OF THE CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**

The purpose of this call for applications is to finance five pre-doctoral contracts to prepare doctoral theses under a system of joint supervision between the University of the Basque Country / Euskal Herriko Unibertsitatea and the universities that make up IdEx Bordeaux: University of Bordeaux (UB), University of Bordeaux Montaigne (UBM), Polytechnic Institute of Bordeaux (IPB), Institute of Political Studies of Bordeaux (BSPo) and Institute of Agricultural Science (BSA), in connection with the objective set down in the framework agreement signed by these universities.

In accordance with current UPB/EHU academic rules, both universities will sign a joint supervision agreement for each of the theses financed, to include the academic details of these theses.

Any matters not regulated by the said agreements will be governed by the regulations of the country providing the finance.

#### **Rule 2. FEATURES OF THE CONTRACTS**

This call for applications falls within the sphere of application of the Spanish Science, Technology and Innovation Act, known by its Spanish acronym of LCTI, article 21 of which regulates the form of the contract to be used for this call for applications.

- 2.1. the object of the contract will be the performance of research tasks within the scope of a specific, original project. The people on contract will be considered as predoctoral research staff in training.
- 2.2. The contract is to be made in writing between the pre-doctoral research staff in training, in their capacity as an employee, and the University of the Basque Country / Euskal Herriko Unibertsitatea, in its capacity as the employer.
- 2.3. The beneficiary will therefore join a department, institute or centre at the UPV/EHU, where they will prepare their doctoral thesis.

# **Rule 3. REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANTS**

This call for applications is open to people who meet the following requirements:

- 3.1. They must be in possession of a residence permit, in the case of people from outside the European Union.
- 3.2. They must be enrolled on a doctoral programme at the UPV/EHU. Meeting of this requirement must be proven at the time of signing the contract. The applicant will be responsible for enrolling on the doctoral programme stated in the application in due form and time.
- 3.3. Applicants must meet one of the following requirements:
  - a. They must hold a licentiate or bachelor's degree or equivalent at the time of submitting the application, having completed the said studies in June 2013 or later.
  - b. In the case of university graduates who, before gaining a university place in the pertinent entrance examination for specialist healthcare training, have successfully completed at least two years of a programme leading to an official degree in any of the Health Science specialities, and these two years' training were completed in June 2013 or later.
- 3.4. Not be benefiting from or have benefited from grants for non-doctoral research staff for the purpose of training and preparing a doctoral thesis, awarded under the Research Staff Statute regulated by Royal Decree 63/2006 of 27th January 2006.
- 3.5. Proposals for doctoral theses submitted by applicants must fall within one of the "Topics and ongoing collaborations" agreed between the universities and described in Annexe I to these rules.

#### Rule 4. REQUIREMENTS FOR THESIS SUPERVISORS

- 4.1. No thesis supervisor can appear on more than one application. Failure to meet this requirement will be grounds for rejecting all the applications affected.
- 4.2. The joint thesis supervisor belonging to the UPV/EHU must be part of the teaching staff on the doctoral programme stated in the application at the time of its submission.
- 4.3. The joint thesis supervisor belonging to the UPV/EHU must have a permanent employment, statutory or contractual relationship with the UPV/EHU from such time as the application is submitted and throughout the period for which the assistance is given.
- 4.4. The joint thesis supervisor belonging to the UPV/EHU must have, at least a six-year active period awarded by the National Research Activity Assessment Commission (CNEAI) or a positive assessment (equivalent to six-year active period) awarded by a similar accredited assessment agency, in the case non-tenured lecturers, by the end of the application period.
- 4.5. The joint thesis supervisor belonging to any of the universities that make up IdEx Bordeaux must include in the application documentation the document entitled "Scientific Contributions by the Thesis Supervisor", attached to this call for applications as Annexe II.

The document should be sent by the vice-rectorate for research to the postgraduate studies service for submission to the doctoral commission of the vice-rectorate for postgraduate studies and international relations.

If the result of the assessment of ability to supervise the thesis is negative, the applicant will be informed of this in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 12.1.

Notwithstanding this, if circumstances permit, the applicant may be notified immediately if the thesis supervisor specified in their application is not suitable, so that they can find an alternative and name them before the period set in Rule 12.1 expires.

#### **Rule 5. LENGTH OF CONTRACTS**

- 5.1. The contract will be of a fixed term, for full-time occupation.
- 5.2. The term of the contract will be for one year, renewable for 2 annual periods after receiving a favourable report from the doctoral programme academic commission, or where appropriate the doctoral school, during the time the person continues in the programme.

Successive renewals of the contract will be conditional on the existence of an available budget.

In all cases, annual formal enrolment on the doctoral programme specified in the application will be an indispensable requirement for access to renewal of the contract. A change of programme will not be accepted for renewal of the contract.

The accumulated term of the initial contract plus the renewals may not exceed three years, except where the contract is made with a person with 33% or greater disability, in which case consideration will be given to further renewals until the person has used up the maximum full-time doctoral training period.

- 5.3. No person may be contracted by the UPV/EHU in this way for a period greater than the difference between three years and the time they were contracted by another organisation with this same form of contract.
- 5.4. Circumstances of temporary disability, risk pregnancy, maternity, adoption or fostering, lactation risk and paternity will suspend counting of the term of the contract.
- 5.5. The vice-rector for research may grant an interruption in the term of the assistance for a maximum of six months in response to a justified request by the interested party. In this case, the said period will not be made up, and the assistance will end on the date set in the decision. During the period of the interruption the person will be absent from work for social security purposes. Failure to resume work once the period of the interruption will be considered as withdrawal and the person will be automatically de-registered.

# **Rule 6. RETRIBUTION UNDER CONTRACT**

The gross retribution for contracts made will be 15,971 euros in the first year, 17,112 euros in the second year and 18,538 euros in the third, divided into twelve monthly amounts.

# **Rule 7. RIGHTS OF PEOPLE CONTRACTED**

- 7.1. To obtain from the departments, institutes or centres they join the cooperation and support necessary for the normal progress of their studies and research programmes, according to their availability.
- 7.2. The people contracted will have guaranteed access to and use of the university's general research services (SGlker), and the use of the infrastructures and materials of the research group or team to which they are attached. They will also have guaranteed access to and use of the research resources belonging to the department and, where appropriate the centre in which the group conducts its research activities, on the conditions laid down in each case.
- 7.3. The people contracted may provide complementary services in teaching tasks related to the research activity proposed, up to a maximum of 60 hours a year, by prior agreement with the department involved and subject to current regulations on incompatibilities of staff working for the UPV/EHU: they cannot be responsible for subject courses, conduct tests or assess students.

#### **Rule 8. OBLIGATIONS OF PEOPLE CONTRACTED**

- 8.1. To formally enrol every year on the doctoral programme stated in the application within the periods and deadlines set by the UPV/EHU postgraduate commission.
- 8.2. To do their work in the department, institute or centre to which they are attached in the two universities.
- 8.3. To submit the reports, forms and other documents required by the competent bodies in the two universities.
- 8.4. To make reference to this call for applications in any publications or other results that might arise from the research activities conducted during the term of the contract.
- 8.5. To submit to any checking, financial control and monitoring of their research activity by the competent authorities, supplying whatever information may be required in the exercise of these functions.
- 8.6. To recognise ownership by the UPV/EHU and the pertinent university within IdEx Bordeaux of any publications, patents, utility models and objects or works of intellectual property which may arise as a result of the research conducted by staff in training, while maintaining their recognition as the inventor of the industrial or intellectual property.
- 8.7. To meet the general and specific obligations laid down by the European Charter for Researchers.

#### **Rule 9. OBLIGATIONS OF THESIS SUPERVISORS**

9.1. Thesis supervisors will be obliged to ensure the objective of the assistance granted to doctorands is achieved, by acting as thesis supervisors throughout the period of the assistance. Likewise, they will be responsible for informing the vice-rectorate for research of any circumstance that night prevent the defence of the thesis.

- 9.2. To inform the vice-rectorate for research of the award of the degree of doctor to the person contracted on the basis of this call for applications.
- 9.3. To submit the reports, forms and other documents required by the vice-rectorate for research or the services cooperating in the management of the call for applications.

#### **Rule 10. SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS**

10.1. Applications must be made using the official forms available on the vice-rectorate for research website http://www.ikerkuntza.ehu.eus

After filling out the application form, it must be submitted on PAPER and in DIGITAL FORMAT (PDF and Word) on a USB, CD or DVD storage medium, within the application period laid down in the call for applications, plus one copy on a DIGITAL MEDIUM (PDF only) of the following documents:

- a. **Application form**, in accordance with the stipulations of of article 13 section 2 of the electronic access by citizens to public services act, Law 11/2007 of 22nd June 2007; this must be signed by the thesis supervisors and the director of the department, institute or centre where the thesis is to be prepared, in one of the following forms: DNI-e, electronic certificate recognised by the authorities or original manuscript signature. Scanned signatures will not be accepted. This document must be submitted on paper.
- b. **Personal academic transcript** of the licentiate or bachelor's degree or equivalent, showing all grades awarded and the date thereof. The certificate must show that all the subject courses and credits completed make up the total of the degree or equivalent.
- c. Certificate of the equivalent average mark for university studies followed abroad, issued by ANECA, the Spanish National Quality Assessment and Accreditation Agency. This document only has to be submitted by applicants who studied abroad. They can obtain it through the ANECA service portal (http://notasmedias.aneca.es).
- d. Curriculum Vitae of applicants.
- e. Copy of the DNI (Spanish identity card), NIE (Spanish foreigner identity card) or passport or equivalent official identity document from the applicant's country of origin.
- f. **Applicant's statement of employment**, issued by Social Security, in the case of Spanish citizens.
- g. **Brief curriculum vitae of thesis supervisors** (UPV/EHU and universities within IdEx Bordeaux).
- h. **Binding declaration** signed by the thesis supervisor belonging to the UPV/EHU, certifying their commitment to meet the obligations described in Rule 9 and to assure the economic and research conditions to allow the thesis to be completed. This document must be submitted on paper.
- i. Document with the scientific contributions of the thesis supervisor, a model for which is attached as Annexe II to the call for applications. This document

need only be supplied in the case of people affected by the last paragraph in rule 4.5.

10.2. Applications must be submitted by the applicant and will only be considered formally lodged when the documentation is handed in, addressed to the Vice-Rector for Research at the UPV/EHU, at any of the General Registries on the Araba, Bizkaia or Gipuzkoa Campuses, or at any of the offices listed in the UPV/EHU Resolution of 16th May 2012, (published in the BOPV, official journal of the Basque Country, of 18th June 2012) or, if appropriate, in accordance with article 38.4 of the Legal Regime for Public Administration and Common Administrative Procedure Act, Law 30/92.

The opening hours of the above registries are: from Monday to Thursday: 9.00am to 1.00pm and 3.00 to 4.30pm; Fridays all year round, during the summer timetable and Easter Week and Christmas periods: 9.00am to 1.00pm.

Applications can also be lodged at any Spanish post office. In this case, the documentation must be submitted in an unsealed envelope so that post office staff can stamp the first page of the application. Applications without this administrative stamp will not be accepted. The complete documentation is then to be sent by registered post to the following address:

University of the Basque Country/Euskal Herriko Unibertsitatea

Vice-Rectorate for Research
Edificio Rectorado

Barrio Sarriena, s/n

48940 Leioa (Bizkaia)

# 10.3. Content of applications:

- 10.3.1. Applications may be submitted in Basque, Spanish French or English.
- 10.3.2. Together with the applications written in Basque or French, a document must be attached with a translation into English or Spanish of the sections of the application specified in rule 10.3.4.
- 10.3.3. Together with applications written in Spanish, a document must be attached with a translation into English of the sections of the application specified in rule 10.3.4.
- 10.3.4. Sections that must be submitted as a separate document attached to the application:
  - a. Background and current state of the research topic and bibliography.
  - b. General objectives of the research.
  - c. Methodology and tasks in the research to be conducted.

- d. Academic standing of the thesis supervisor in the research topic.
- e. Availability and quality of the facilities necessary for the research.
- f. Applicant's experience.
- g. Other aspects the applicant wishes to mention.
- 10.4. Applicants must formally enrol on the doctoral programme specified in the application, within the periods and deadlines set by the Masters and Doctorate School (EMD) at the UPV/EHU.

# **Rule 11. PERIOD FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS**

Applications may be submitted from March 06th to April 2nd 2016.

#### **Rule 12. PROCESSING AND ASSESSMENT OF APPLICATIONS**

12.1. Within a maximum of twenty working days following the end of the submission period, the list of applications received will be made public, where appropriate indicating those that need amending and those that have not attached all the documents, on the website of the Vice-Rectorate for Research, at the web address http://www.ikerkuntza.ehu.eus/, in the section on pre-doctoral grants.

A period of ten working days will be given for the deficiencies indicated to be remedied. Whole applications cannot be replaced, or documentation not required be submitted. If this period elapses without the said documentation being submitted, the applicant will be understood to have withdrawn their application and the pertinent decision will be issued by the Vice-Rector for Research.

12.2. Assessment criteria 2, 3 and 4 as listed in Rule 12.4 will be considered through an external process via the ANEP, based on the assessment subject area specified in the application.

12.3. The assessment reports will be sent to the CIDI, which will pass on the pertinent award proposal to the Vice-Rector for Research for publication and a subsequent provisional decision.

12.4. In assessing applications the following criteria will be taken into account: Criteria	Maximum score
Weighted average mark on the academic transcript (excluding masters) (a)(b).	40 points
2. Academic interest and quality of the research project, including adequate finance.	30 points
2. Applicant's experience and background.	10 points
4. Curriculum vitae: participation in active research projects and experience in supervising doctoral theses of the doctoral thesis	20 points

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supervisors.	
Academic compatibility of the two teams.	
TOTAL	100

(a) Note: The weighted average mark in the academic transcript (section 1 of the assessment criteria) will be standardised in relation to the degree completed by the applicant, taking for this the average marks of students who have completed the degree stated in the application in previous years at the UPV/EHU.

Should the degree specified in the application not exist at the UPV/EHU or the number of average marks for this degree not be representative, it will be standardised using the average marks obtained for all degrees at the UPV/EHU in previous years.

# FORMULAS USED FOR STANDARDISATION:

**SC\_applicant:** Standardisation coefficient of the applicant's academic transcript.

**AverageMark\_applicant:** Weighted average mark in the academic transcript stated in the application.

**AverageMark\_degree:** Average of the weighted average marks in academic transcripts in recent years for the degree corresponding to that stated in the application.

**SC\_min:** Minimum standardisation coefficient for all degrees.

**SC\_max:** Maximum standardisation coefficient for all degrees.

**StandarDev\_degree:** Standard deviation in weighted average marks in academic transcripts in recent years for the degree corresponding to that stated in the application

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**StandardisedMark\_applicant:** Mark resulting from standardisation, added to the scores obtained in the other criteria set forth in rule 12.4 to give the overall score (rounded to two decimal places).

SC\_applicant =

StandardisedMark\_applicant =

Next, all the standardised scores for each degree will be put together in a single list ordered from highest to lowest.

In the event that the applicant has completed more than one degree, the one that meets the time requirement stipulated in Rule 3.2 will be taken for standardisation purposes.

(b) Note: In the case of transcripts from universities outside the Spanish university system, for criterion 1 above the value used will be that assigned by ANECA, the Spanish National Quality Assessment and Accreditation Agency through its service for calculating equivalent average marks from university studies abroad, in cases where such equivalence is necessary for the purposes of entering a competitive process.

The accreditation issued by ANECA must be attached to the rest of the documentation specified in rule 10 of this call for applications.

Should this certification not be submitted, 10 points will be assigned for criterion 1.

# **Rule 13. DECISION**

13.1. The CIDI will propose a provisional decision, which will be passed on to the interested parties and published on the Vice-Rectorate for Research website, together with an indication of the score resulting from the assessment.

The interested party has a maximum of 10 days in which to state their acceptance, withdrawal or any objections they see fit.

If no objections or explicit withdrawal are received within this term, the proposals will be considered accepted, and the right to appeal will be understood to have lapsed.

- 13.2. Once this period has elapsed the Vice-Rectorate for Research will submit any objections lodged to the CIDI for consideration and, consequently, the pertinent proposed final decision on award or rejection will be submitted to the Vice-Rector for Research.
- 13.3. The proposed final decision will be published on the Vice-Rectorate for Research website, together with an indication of applicants' final positions.

Furthermore, the interested parties will be notified of the final decision to award or reject the contract, attaching a copy of the assessment conducted.

- 13.4. The said decision can be appealed against within one month, in accordance with the stipulations of articles 116 and 117 of the Legal Regime for Public Administration and Common Administrative Procedure Act. Furthermore, a contentious-administrative appeal can be lodged against the said decision within two months of the day following the date of its notification.
- 13.5. If no decision on the award of contracts has been published on the appropriate notice boards within six months of the publication of this call for applications, interested parties should consider their application to have been rejected in accordance with the stipulations of article 44.1 of the Legal Regime for Public Administration and Common Administrative Procedure Act, Law 30/1992 of 26th November 1992.

13.6. In the event of a tie in the final score between several applicants, the application with the highest weighted average mark in the academic transcript will take precedence (criterion 1 in rule 12.4).

# **Rule 14. MAKING THE CONTRACT**

14.1. Before signing the contracts, the successful applicants must prove the veracity of the requirements and merits claimed to gain the assistance. Should they be unable to prove this, a negative decision will be issued by the Vice-Rector for Research.

The period for submitting this documentation will be indicated in the provisional decision on assistance awarded or rejected.

Successful applicants must submit the following documentation to the Vice-Rectorate for Research:

- a. Receipt for enrolment fees for the doctoral programme stated in the application.
- b. Document accepting their obligations as a successful applicant in this call for applications, with the approval of the thesis director and the director of their department or institute.
- c. Identification form with personal details, bank details and social security number.
- d. Sworn declaration that the applicant has not been employed under the predoctoral contract system provided for in article 21 of the Science, Technology and Innovation Act, Law 14/2011, or if they have, indication of the length of the contract in days.
- e. Confirmation of arrival.
- f. In the case of disabled people, a certificate is required accrediting the degree of limitations to their activities, given as a percentage in accordance with Royal Decree 971/1999 of 23rd December 1999, governing the procedure for recognising, declaring and rating degrees of disability.
- g. Favourable report by the ethics committee in cases where this is necessary due to the subject of the research project.
- h. In the case of researchers from outside the European Union, a copy of the prior administrative permit to reside and work in Spain, current at the time of entering into the employment contract, in accordance with the stipulations of the Rights and Freedoms of Foreigners in Spain and their Social Integration Act, Law 4/2000 of 11th January 2000, in the wording given by Organic Law 8/2000 of 22nd December 2000.

<u>Failure to submit the documentation requested within the term will be taken as withdrawal from entering into the contract.</u>

14.2. The contract will be signed and the people selected will join their departments, institutes or centres in the month following compliance with the requirements indicated in the previous section.

If the successful applicant does not present themselves to sign the contract on the specified day or does not join their department, institute or centre, they will be understood to have withdrawn from the contract.

- 14.3. In exceptional, duly justified cases the Vice-Rector for Research may authorise a postponement or arrival of up to six months. Applications for postponement must be submitted within the period stipulated in Rule 14.1
- 14.4. Any change in the conditions taken into account in assessing applications will interrupt the arrival process and, if appropriate, lead to cancellation of the contract.
- 14.5. Within a maximum of 6 months of signing the contract, the Research Management Directorate (DGI) will automatically proceed to check that the beneficiary has enrolled on the doctoral programme specified in the application, and that the thesis supervisors are in the end the ones specified in the application. Failure to meet either of these two requirements will be considered grounds for termination of the contract.

#### **Rule 15. REGIME OF INCOMPATIBILITIES**

- 15.1. The people selected in this call for applications will not have a permanent contractual relationship with the UPV/EHU or with the pertinent university within IdEx Bordeaux. The temporary contractual relationship will end once the term of the contract has expired.
- 15.2. The contracts financed under this call for applications will be incompatible with any other current employment contract for the researcher contracted or with receiving any amount in the nature of a salary, in accordance with the full-time dedication stipulated in Rule 5.1.

#### Rule 16. WITHDRAWAL, RESIGNATION AND TERMINATION OF THE CONTRACT

Withdrawal, resignation or other comparable actions by the staff contracted under this call for applications must be reported by one of the thesis supervisors to the Vice-Rectorate for Research at the UPV/EHU within three days of the event in question, accompanied by the documentary evidence required in each case.

The researcher contracted must report their withdrawal, resignation or other comparable action to the Vice-Rector for Teaching and Research Staff.

#### **Rule 17. FOLLOW-UP**

- 17.1. Staff contracted under this call for applications must supply any reports, forms and other documents required by the competent bodies at the two universities
- 17.2. In general terms, in the case of the UPV/EHU, these documents are to be supplied in accordance with the models published to this effect and submitted to the Vice-Rectorate for Research within one month following each year in which the contract remains in force.
- 17.3. Within one month of the end of the contract, a final report is to be submitted to the Vice-Rectorate for Research, including all the activities carried on during the term of the contract.

# **Rule 18. TERMINATION OF CONTRACTS**

The work contract will come to an end for any of the following reasons:

- a. Withdrawal of the person contracted.
- b. Expiry of its term.
- c. Loss of the status of person enrolled on the doctoral programme stated in the application.
- d. Failure to fulfil obligations or change in the conditions taken into account in granting the assistance, including enrolment on the doctoral programme or thesis supervisors other than those stated in the application without explicit authorisation by the Vice-Rectorate for Research.
- e. At the request of the thesis supervisors and the person responsible for the doctoral programme, through a justified report backed up by the thesis supervisors and the person responsible for the doctoral programme.
- f. Any incompatibility arising.
- g. Non-existence of budget credit to cover the assistance.
- h. Award of the doctoral degree.

# **RULE 19. PRINCIPLES THAT MUST BE FOLLOWED IN ACTIVITIES**

- 19.1. The proposed activities to be carried on under this call for applications which use human beings, their biological samples and/or personal data must:
  - Abide by the ethical principles established and set forth in various declarations (Belmont 1979, CIOMS 2002, UNESCO 1997 Human Genome, the 1999 Oviedo Convention and the 2004 Tokyo Declaration).
  - Abide by current regulations: the Biomedical Research Act, Law 14/2007, RD1716/2011 on Biobanks, the Patient Autonomy Act, Law 41/2002, the Data Protection Act, Law 15/1999, and UPV/EHU regulation 2008 on data protection.
  - Be accompanied by the obligatory prior favourable report by the Ethics in Research Committee, CEID/CEISH-UPV/EHU, as stipulated in the regulation governing ethics in research bodies and teaching practice at the UPV/EHU in the decision of 30th January 2014 by the Senate, published in BOPV (the official journal of the Basque Country) no. 32 on 17-2-2014.
- 19.2. The proposed activities to be carried on under this call for applications which involve animal experimentation must:
  - Abide by the internationally-promoted principles of replacement, reduction and refinement.
  - Abide by current regulations in the field of research using animals (RD 53/2013).
  - Be accompanied by the obligatory prior favourable report by the Ethics in Animal Experimentation Committee (CEEA), as stipulated in the regulation governing ethics in research bodies and teaching practice at the UPV/EHU in

the decision of 30th January 2014 by the Senate, published in BOPV (the official journal of the Basque Country) no. 32 on 17-2-2014.

 Be accompanied by authorisation by the competent authority (farming department of provincial authorities).

19.3. The proposed activities to be carried on under this call for applications which involve the use of biological agents and/or genetically-modified organisms (GMOs) must:

- Abide by the principles of prevention, precaution and information as regards the protection of human health and the environment.
- Abide by current regulations in this field (Occupational Risk Prevention Act, Law 31/1995, RD 664/1997 on the protection of workers against risks associated with exposure to biological agents, RD 665/1997 on the protection of workers against risks associated with exposure to carcinogenic agents, Law 9/2003 and RD 178/2004 on the confined use, voluntary release and marketing of GMOs).
- Be accompanied by the obligatory prior favourable report by the Committee on Ethics in Research with Biological Agents and/or GMOs (CEIAB), as stipulated in the regulation governing ethics in research bodies and teaching practice at the UPV/EHU in the decision of 30th January 2014 by the Senate, published in BOPV (the official journal of the Basque Country) no. 32 on 17-2-2014.

19.4. The proposed activities to be carried on under this call for applications which involve the use of human embryonic stem cell lines or cell lines derived from them must comply with the stipulations of Law 45/2003 and RD 2132/2004, laying down the requirements and procedures to apply to pursue research projects using stem cells obtained from surplus pre-embryos and RD 09/2014 of 4th July 2014, laying down quality and safety regulations for the donation, obtaining, assessment, processing, preservation, storage and distribution of human cells and tissues.

Furthermore, to obtain and use biological samples of human origin correctly, the regulation on human samples laid down in RD 1716/2011, of 18th November 2011, establishing basic requirements for the authorisation and operation of biobanks for the purposes of biomedical research and the use of biological samples of human origin and governing the operation and organisation of the National Register of Biobanks for biomedical research, must be taken into account. BOE (Spanish official journal) No. 290, Friday 2nd December 2011.

19.5. The proposed activities to be carried on under this call for applications must not collaborate in the prosecution, encouragement and provocation of wars, and specifically will not collaborate either directly or indirectly with companies engaged in the manufacture and/or sales of weapons.

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# **FINAL PROVISION**

This call for applications and its rules, and any administrative measures arising herefrom, may be appealed against by the interested party within the time and form stipulated by the Legal Regime for Public Administration and Common Administrative Procedure Act, Law 30/1992 of 26th November 1992 and the Contentious-Administrative Jurisdiction Act.-

Leioa, 17 june 2016

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# **ANNEXE I**

# Research areas in which research projects for doctoral theses must fall:

Advanced manufacturing and Materials
Ageing and frailty
Archaeology
Arts
Biological ecosystems
Biomedicine
Computing, modelling and simulation
Education
Food and nutrition
Marine energies
Neurosciences
Photonics and translational imaging
Social innovation
Theoretical chemistry and physics at the quantum scale

Applications must specify the ANEP assessment area corresponding to the field of research in which the research project for the doctoral thesis falls.

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AGR	Agriculture Area (AGR)
BFS	Fundamental Biology and Systems Area (BFS)
BMED	Biomedicine Area (BMED)
BVAE	Plant and Animal Biology, Ecology (BVAE)
cs	Social Science Area (CS)
СТ	Earth Science Area (CT)
EDUC	Education Science Area (EDUC)
FI	Physics and Space Science Area (FI)
НА	History and Art Area (HA)
IEL	Electrical Electronic and Automation Engineering Area (IEL)
INF	Computer Science and Information Technology Area (INF)
MCLI	Clinical Medicine and Epidemiology Area (MCLI)
МТМ	Mathematics Area (MTM)
ТМ	Materials Science and Technology Area (TM)