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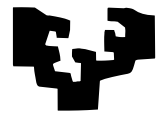
Vice-Chancellor's Office for
Research

PROFESSIONAL RESEARCH CAREER AT THE EHU



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1. Why choose EHU for your research?

The University of the Basque Country / Euskal Herriko Unibertsitatea, true to its commitment to serving society, contributes to the development of its socioeconomic environment.

The university's research groups carry out first-rate work, participating in various public and private project calls. In addition, our University establishes collaboration agreements with research centers and contracts with companies and institutions for the transfer of research results, scientific and technological cooperation, and the establishment of strategic alliances in the field of R&D.

Among the strategic objectives of the Vice-Rectorate for Research are the development of research excellence and contributing to the generation and transfer of knowledge to companies and institutions.

Some of the **strategic objectives** of the Vice-Chancellor's Office for Research:

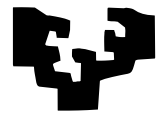
- The promotion of research excellence.
- Contributing to the generation of knowledge.
- The transfer of knowledge to businesses, institutions, and society.



1. Why choose EHU for your research?

More than **6,000 researchers** at the **University of the Basque Country**
150 research groups active in a wide range of **knowledge areas**

Arts and Humanities	Health Sciences	Engineering and Architecture	Sciences	Social and Legal Sciences
Philosophy	Medicine	Industrial Engineering	Mathematics	Law
Linguistics	Nursing	Civil Engineering	Physics	Economics
History	Pharmacy	Electrical Engineering	Chemistry	Education
Cultural Studies	Psychology	Architecture	Biology	Political Science

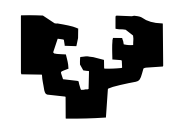


2. European framework for research careers

To harmonize research careers across different countries and sectors, the European Framework for Research Careers (2011) defines four general profiles, regardless of the area of knowledge, in the development of a research career.

This classification provides a common reference framework for mobility, recognition, and career planning within the European research system:

- R1** Researchers in training (up to doctoral level).
- R2** Recognized researchers who hold a doctorate but are not fully independent.
- R3** Established researchers with a certain level of independence.
- R4** Researchers who are leaders in their area or field of research.



3. Characteristics of research profiles

	R1 First Stage Researcher	R2 Recognised Researcher	R3 Established Researcher	R4 Leading Researcher
Approximate duration (years)*	4-6	≥3	5-10	≥5-10
Profile	They carry out their work under supervision; these pre-doctoral students do not have significant independence in their research.	Researchers with a Ph.D. or equivalent qualification who do not have significant autonomy.	They have achieved independence in their research.	Researchers recognized as leaders in their field with an international reputation.
Key Features	Supervised research. This includes doctoral students and individuals preparing to enter a doctoral program.	A solid and systematic understanding of your field, preparing you to take on a leadership role.	Leads projects, collaborates with, and supervises other researchers. Builds networks within and outside the research community.	Leads research groups and R&D teams in academia or industry. Possesses the critical judgment to identify research objectives.
Objective	Acquire skills in research processes, methodology, and critical data analysis.	Conceiving and conducting research without leadership.	Develop our own lines of research and secure funding.	Conduct strategic research and carry out high-impact activities.

* The duration of each stage is approximate, as it depends on experience and leadership skills.

4. R1. Doctoral programmes

At the EHU Doctoral School (DOKe), you can choose from between 67 doctoral programmes covering all areas of knowledge to prepare your thesis.

Doctoral programmes:

- 15 in Science
- 16 in Engineering and Architecture
- 10 in Health Sciences
- 17 in Social and Legal Sciences
- 9 in Arts and Humanities

You can also broaden your **training at other national and international institutions** (for example, by means of co-supervision agreements with other universities) and obtain **several special mentions** (industrial, international, ...) in the same **doctoral thesis**.

All this makes studying for a Doctorate at the EHU a unique and valuable experience for our students, who we hope will play an important part in improving our society and strive to fulfil the sustainable development goals.

5. Funding opportunities for each researcher profile

Depending on your research profile, there are various funding opportunities available to help finance your research career.

You can find more information at EHU Research Management: [Gestión de la Investigación EHU](#)

Email addresses that will help you advance your research career at the University of the Basque Country (EHU):

- **Research staff contracts:** contratos-rrhh.dgi@ehu.eus
- **Projects funded by the Recovery, Transformation, and Resilience Plan (PRTR):** igz.erresilientzia@ehu.eus
- **Data Management:** datos.dgi@ehu.eus
- **Research certificates:** ikertu@ehu.eus
- **Participation in external groups/projects (procedure):**

<https://www.ehu.eus/es/web/ikerkuntza/documentaci%C3%B3n-proyectos-externos>

5. Funding opportunities for each researcher profile

Contractual arrangements for researchers under the Science, Technology, and Innovation Act of Law 2022

- Contracts under Art. 21 of the Science Law (PRE-DOCTORAL)
- Contracts under Art. 22 of the Science Law (POST-DOCTORAL)
- Contracts Art. 23 bis - Scientific and Technical Activities (PERMANENT)
- Fixed Term Contract (Disp. Adic. 10 LCTI y Royal Decree-Law 32/2021) – linked exclusively to PRTR and **Next Generation EU funds**

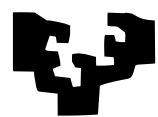


5. Funding opportunities for each researcher profile

CONTRACT TERMS

Contracts under Article 21 of the Science Law (Pre-doctoral)

CONTRACT DURATION	DEDICATION	Compensation Entitlement	COLLABORATION ON TEACHING TASKS	INCOMPATIBILITY
4 years The contract duration may not be less than 1 year.	Full-time (100%)	YES (12 days per year)	60 hours (in some cases per academic year and in others annually; see call). Maximum 180 hours over 4 years.	Incompatible with any employment contract.
RELEVANT ASPECTS	<p>This contract is used for all predoctoral research staff linked to research grants for doctoral thesis projects.</p> <p>Some calls include restrictions if the contract has been previously enjoyed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Basque Government: no prior use of Art. 21 allowed. - FPI: Maximum 12 months under Art. 21. - FPU: Maximum 24 months under Art. 21. - EHU: Minimum 1 year remaining under Art. 21. <p>Postdoctoral orientation: contracts may be extended up to 12 months if the PhD is completed before 4 years, without exceeding the 4-year maximum.</p>			



5. Funding opportunities for each researcher profile

CONTRACT TERMS Contracts under Art. 22 of the Science Law (Post-doctoral)

CONTRACT DURATION	DEDICATION	Compensation Entitlement	COLLABORATION ON TEACHING TASKS	INCOMPATIBILITY
Maximum of 6 years Initial contract term: at least 3 years. Extensions must be for a period of at least one year.	Full-time (100%)	YES (12 days per year)	80 hours (Contracts entered into before the amendment to the law) 100 hours (Contracts entered into after the amendment to the law).	Incompatible with any employment contract
RELEVANT ASPECTS	<p>This is the contract used for all appointments of doctoral-level staff associated with a research grant. If this type of contract was used for a previous appointment, sufficient time must have elapsed in that position to be eligible for a second contract requiring the same contractual arrangement.</p> <p>Eligible to apply for R3</p>			

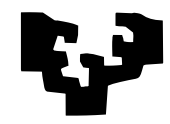


5. Funding opportunities for each researcher profile

CONTRACT TERMS

Contracts under Art. 23bis of the Science Law (Scientific and Technical Activities)

CONTRACT DURATION	DEDICATION	Compensation Entitlement	COLLABORATION ON TEACHING TASKS	INCOMPATIBILITY
PERMANENT CONTRACTS	Full or Part-time (min 50%)	YES (20 days per year if there is a valid reason)	NO	Teaching contract for up to 4 hours (for full-time). Teaching contract for up to 6 hours (75% or less of a full-time work).
RELEVANT ASPECTS	<p>Contract linked to a research area of a group or project.</p> <p>Continuation is contingent upon the availability of funding for projects/groups in the same research area specified in the initial contract.</p>			



5. Funding opportunities for each researcher profile

Pre-doctoral calls for applications R1

EHU

- Contratación de personal investigador en formación en la EHU



EHU: Joint Supervision

- Contratación para la realización de tesis doctoral en co-tutela (dos o más universidades)

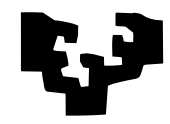
EHU: Research groups / Projects

- Convocatoria para la contratación de personal investigador en formación en la EHU financiado con recursos propios de un Grupo / Proyecto de investigación.

Basque Government

Programa Predoctoral de formación de personal investigador no doctor





5. Funding opportunities for each researcher profile

Pre-doctoral calls for applications R1

Spanish Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities

- [Formación de Profesorado Universitario 2025 \(FPU\)](#)
- [Convocatoria extraordinaria de contratación para la formación de personal asociado a las ayudas concedidas en la convocatoria de “Proyectos de Generación de Conocimiento”](#)



European Commission – HORIZON EUROPE

- [Doctoral Networks - Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions](#)
- [COFUND - Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions](#)





5. Funding opportunities for each researcher profile

Pre-doctoral calls for applications R1

AECC

- [Investigador predoctoral AECC](#)

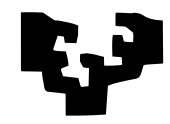
Fundación Ramón Areces

- [Ayudas predoctorales de la Fundación Ramón Areces 2025 \(Ciencias de la vida y la materia, Ciencias Sociales y Humanidades\)](#)

La Caixa

- [Becas "la Caixa" para estudios de doctorado en universidades españolas o portuguesas 2025](#)

Predoctoral calls for applications
[Ayudas predoctorales](#)



5. Funding opportunities for each researcher profile

Posdoctoral calls for applications R2-R3

EHU

- Contratación de personal investigador doctor en la EHU



Basque Government

- Programa Postdoctoral de perfeccionamiento de personal investigador doctor



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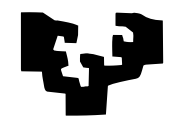
- Ikerbasque Research Fellow



Gipuzkoa Provincial Council

- Diputación de Gipuzkoa: Programa Fellow Gipuzkoa de atracción y retención de talento





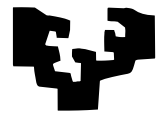
5. Funding opportunities for each researcher profile

Posdoctoral calls for applications R2-R3

Spanish Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities



- [Ayudas postdoctorales Juan de la Cierva](#)
- [Ayudas postdoctorales Ramón y Cajal](#)
- [Ayudas Beatriz Galindo para la atracción del talento investigador \(Junior y Senior\)](#)
- [Convocatoria incentivación para la incorporación de talento consolidado "Programa ATRAE"](#)
- [Convocatoria de ayudas del Ministerio de Ciencia e Innovación para incentivar la consolidación investigadora](#)



5. Funding opportunities for each researcher profile

Posdoctoral calls for applications R2-R3

European Commission – HORIZON EUROPE

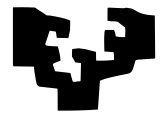


R2:

- [Postdoctoral Fellowships - Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions](#)
- [COFUND - Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions;](#)
- [ERC Starting Grant - Funding Opportunities for Early-Career Researchers](#)

R3:

- [Consolidator Grant|ERC](#)

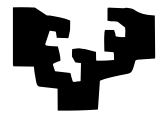


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Posdoctoral calls for applications R2-R3

Other European calls for proposals

- European Molecular Biology Organization (EMBO): [EMBL International PhD Programme](#)
- European Council for Nuclear Research (CERN): [CERN Research Fellowship](#)
- European Space Agency (ESA): [ESA Post doctoral fellowship](#)



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Posdoctoral calls for applications

R2-R3

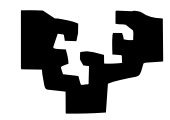
AECC

- [Investigador AECC](#)
- [Ayudas posdoctorales AECC](#)

La Caixa

- [Junior Leader Retainign Programme](#)

For more information, visit the EHU website:
[Ayudas Postdoctorales - Gestión de la Investigación - EHU](#)



5. Funding opportunities for each researcher profile

Calls for Applications R3/R4

EHU:

- [Convocatoria de ayudas a grupos de investigación de la EHU](#)



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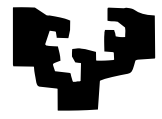
- [Convocatora de ayudas para apoyar las actividades de grupos de investigación del sistema universitario vasco](#)



Ikerbasque:

- [Ikerbasque Research Associate](#)
- [Ikerbasque Research Professor](#)





5. Funding opportunities for each researcher profile

Calls for Applications R3/R4

European Commission – HORIZON EUROPE



R3:

- [Consolidator Grant|ERC](#)

R4:

- [ERC Advanced Grant - Funding for Established Research Leaders](#)

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[Ayudas Postdoctorales - Gestión de la Investigación - EHU](#)



6. Ethics and Responsible Research

Responsible Research at the University of the Basque Country is an approach that seeks to integrate scientific excellence with the university's ethical and social commitments.

This approach is based on the European principles of scientific integrity, as outlined by [ALLEA](#) and adopted by the university as a framework: reliability, honesty, respect, and responsibility.

METHODOLOGICAL RIGOR, INTELLECTUAL HONESTY, AND ACCOUNTABILITY AT EVERY
STAGE OF THE PROCESS, FROM DESIGN TO THE DISSEMINATION OF RESULTS



6. Ethics and Responsible Research

The University of the Basque Country (EHU) has a range of structures and resources in place to guide and support responsible research:

- **Committee on Research and Teaching Ethics ([CEID](#))** The central body responsible for coordinating ethical review and promoting integrity in research.
- **Specialized ethics committees.** These committees conduct preliminary reviews when appropriate and provide guidance on ethical, legal, and methodological risks:
 - Research Involving Human Subjects (CEISH)
 - Animal Research (CEEA)
 - Biosafety and Biological Agents (CEIAB)



6. Ethics and Responsible Research

- **Ethics Office within the Office of the Vice President for Research**
- **Data Protection Officer (DPO):** Ensures compliance with regulations regarding the processing of personal data.
- **Aldezle / University Ombudsman:** An independent channel for inquiries, disputes, and the protection of whistleblowers.
- **Anti-Fraud Commission:** Promotes measures to prevent and respond to misconduct
- **Training and institutional resources:** Courses, guides, and tools to develop scientific integrity skills throughout one's research career.



7. Related links

Information about the EHU campuses

Álava Campus: [Campus de Álava Universidad del Pais Vasco UPV/EHU - Campus de Álava - EHU](#)

Bizkaia Campus: [Campus de Bizkaia - bizkaia – EHU](#)

Gipuzkoa Campus: [Campus de Gipuzkoa – EHU](#)

Campus Life

Álava: [Vivir el Campus - Campus de Álava - EHU](#)

Bizkaia: [Vivir el Campus - bizkaia - EHU](#)

Gipuzkoa: [Vida en el Campus - Campus de Gipuzkoa - EHU](#)

Other useful links

Bizkaia: [Bizkaia Talent - Bizkaia Gazteak - Bizkaia Gazteak](#)

International Welcome Centre: [International Welcome Centre - Nazioarteko Harremanak - EHU](#)



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