

Call for Applications for a postdoctoral research grant in Physical Activity and Sports Sciences at the Research, Studies and Sport Medicine Center, Government of Navarra (Spain)

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1. Objective.

The objective of this Call is to establish the concession system for a postdoctoral research grant to undertake a research project in Biomechanics and/or Physiology of Muscular Exercise.

2. Purpose.

The grant referred to in the above clause is intended to facilitate postdoctoral training in the subject of Physical Activity and Sport Sciences, promoting and fostering the individual's research skills and professional improvement in relation to Physical Activity and Sports Sciences. The purpose of this grant is to boost doctors' training and professional improvement under the supervision of the research doctors at the Centre for Sports Medicine and Research (CEIMD) of the Navarra Institute of Sports, Pamplona, Spain.

3. Characteristics of the grant.

The research project will be authorized by the Director of the Centre for Sports Medicine and Research (CEIMD) of the Navarra Institute of Sports. The facilities of the Centre for Sports Medicine and Research of the Navarra Institute of Sports will be made available for the research project to be undertaken, taking into consideration with the previous clause.

The maximum duration of the grant will be from 1st January to 31st December 2010. This may be extended by two successive renewals for a period of 12 months each so long as the report from the Research Director on the scientific and research performance is satisfactory.

The amount of the grant will be established by the Evaluation Committee, taking into account existing budgetary resources, but under no circumstances shall be higher than 18,000 € per person per year.

4. Requirements of applicants.

Only individuals who meet each and every one of the following requirements may benefit from educational grants:

- a) Of legal age.
- b) Spanish, or a national of a European Union member state, or a national of a State included in one of the International Treaties agreed by the European Community and ratified by Spain approving the free movement of workers.
- c) Possess the full capacity to act and not be inadmissible to receive grants or public subsidies from the Administration of the Regional Community of Navarra or its autonomous organizations.
- d) Be in possession of an official university doctorate degree from a Spanish or foreign university on the date of the deadline for submitting applications.
- e) The grant is aimed at doctoral graduates who have obtained their university degree after 1 January 2006.
- f) Not be physically incapacitated or have any disease which might impede the educational activity for which the grant is being awarded from being carried out.
- g) Not have benefited either previously or currently from any other grants or postdoctoral contracts of an identical nature to this Call.

For the purposes of this Call, a grant or postdoctoral contract should be understood as any for which a doctoral degree has been/is a prerequisite.

5. Place and time of presentation.

The application and documents should be submitted at the Registry of the Navarra Institute of Sports (Calle Arrieta, 25, 31002-Pamplona) or any of the other places envisaged in Article 38.4 of Law 30/1992, of 26 November 1992, on the Legal System of Public Administrations and Common Administrative Procedures, using the application form shown in the model in Annex 1 of this Call, within one month of the day following the publication of the Call in the OFFICIAL GAZETTE of Navarra. This application should be accompanied by the following documents:

-Document 1:

A report of a maximum of 1,500 words on the research project to be undertaken during the period covered by the grant. It should contain a precise definition of the background, scientific objectives and working hypotheses, the methodology to be followed, a chronological diagram identifying the dates envisaged for the start and finish of the project and the

time that will be devoted to it, an estimate of income and expenses, the facilities of the centre where the research project is to be carried out, and the relevant bibliography.

-Document 2:

Accreditation of a Doctorate degree issued by a Spanish or foreign university.

-Document 3:

An endorsed photocopy of the official academic certificate showing a detailed breakdown of the grades achieved in the different subjects and the dates they were obtained. In the case of applications for the renewal of study plans, the relevant number of credits should be stated.

-Document 4:

Curriculum vitae of the applicant, specifically mentioning any grants or subsidies granted previously.

-Document 5:

Photocopy/ies of the most relevant publications or scientific articles produced by the applicant in the last few years.

-Document 6:

Photocopy of the national identity document or its equivalent in the case of citizens of EU countries; for applicants from other countries it is mandatory to present a Spanish residence card.

-Document 7:

Declaration of the applicant stating that he/she is not and has not been a beneficiary of other grants from Public Administrations or public or private organizations, whether Spanish or international, with the same purpose.

The documents may be submitted in either Spanish or English.

9. Evaluation.

The selection criteria and scale described below will apply, to a possible maximum of 100 points:

a) The quality and interest of the research project and its viability within the time stipulated (up to 30 points).

b) Curriculum vitae and scientific publications of the applicant (up to 60 points).

c) Whether the subject of the research is directly related to the Biomechanics of Physical Activity and Sports or the Physiology of Exercise (up to 10 points).

To facilitate the evaluation of applications, the Evaluation Committee may ask applicants, either by mail or in a personal interview, to enlarge upon or improve the information in the documents submitted, or may ask for any other supplementary documents or information they deem opportune.

Any applicants who do not reach 50 points in the evaluation process will not be considered for the grant.