

## IKERBASQUE RESEARCH FELLOWS 2017 CALL for postdoctoral researchers

Ikerbasque - the Basque Foundation for Science, has launched a call offering **15 positions for postdoctoral researchers**. These positions are financed by the Basque Government, the European Commission and the host institution where the researcher will develop his/her research: therefore the acceptance letter of the host institution is mandatory.

These five year Fellowships are directed to promising young researchers; they are intended to offer a track towards a PI role and independent research. The selected Fellows should be able to acquire the necessary skills for a research leader role. Ikerbasque is committed to offer a long-term career to the research community.

The applicants must have their PhD completed between 1/1/2006 and 31/12/2014.

Applications from women are especially welcomed. The eligibility period will be extended under special circumstances such as maternity.

**Candidates can only apply to one of the annual Ikerbasque calls, Research Professors or Research Fellows.**

### SUMMARY DATA

Deadline	30 March 2017, 13:00, CET.
Contract	Ikerbasque offers <b>15 Research Fellowships: a 5 year employment contract</b> including full social security under the regulations of the Spanish Science Law 14/2011.
Salary	The <b>gross annual salary</b> of the Fellowship is <b>35,000 €</b> . The corresponding annual net income after taxes, social security and medical coverage would be approximately 26,000 €. There is a moving allowance for those researchers that come from a <b>research institution outside the Basque Country</b> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>4,000 €</b> gross for researchers coming from a foreign research institution.</li><li>▪ <b>2,000 €</b> gross for researchers coming from a Spanish research institution outside the Basque Country.</li></ul>
Candidates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Promising young researchers with a solid research track and international experience.</li><li>▪ The applicants must have their PhD completed between 1 January 2006 and 31 December 2014. This eligibility period might be extended under special circumstances such as maternity or long-</li></ul>

	<p>term illness.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Researchers with a permanent position in the Basque Country are not eligible under this call.</li> <li>▪ This call is cofinanced by the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Cofund Programme of the European Commission; at least 75% of the positions will be awarded to candidates who meet the Marie Curie international mobility criteria, meaning the applicant has not lived, worked or studied in Spain for more than 12 months in the three years immediately prior to the deadline of this call.</li> </ul>
Application procedure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Candidates must apply online at <a href="http://calls.ikerbasque.net">calls.ikerbasque.net</a>.</li> <li>▪ At least two reference letters are mandatory, additional letters are strongly recommended. Candidates are responsible for contacting their referees so the letters are uploaded by the given deadline. Any time a new referee is added to the application, a URL will be automatically generated. The candidate must send this link to the referee, so he/she can upload their reference letter.</li> <li>▪ An acceptance letter from the Vice-rectorate or Director of the host institution is mandatory. Please note the letter from the host institution will also be assessed by the evaluation committee as a reference letter.</li> <li>▪ An updated CV and the proposed research project must be uploaded in the application.</li> </ul>
Host institution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Fellowships can be associated to the following Basque Research Institutions: Universities, BERC - Basque Excellence Research Centres, CIC – Cooperative Research Centres, Biomedical institutions and Technology Corporations.</li> <li>▪ These positions are financed by the Basque Government, the European Commission and the host institution where the researcher will develop his/her research.</li> <li>▪ The Host Institution covers 40% of the personnel costs; therefore the acceptance letter of the host institution is mandatory.</li> </ul>
Evaluation Procedure	<p>The external evaluators are members of the international scientific community. The list of evaluators was sent to the European Commission at the start of this programme. The selection committee will review the applications based on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Scientific merit and research track</li> <li>▪ Relevance of research topic and latest publications</li> <li>▪ Concordance with Basque research capabilities</li> <li>▪ Added Value to the research group/organisation and the Basque Science System</li> </ul>
Website	<a href="http://www.ikerbasque.net">www.ikerbasque.net</a>
FAQ	<a href="http://www.ikerbasque.net/faqs.html">www.ikerbasque.net/faqs.html</a>

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