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2020 call for permanent positions as Research Professors & Research Associates

Call abstract

- **Ikerbasque** offers **10 permanent positions** for researchers willing to develop a long-term scientific career in the Basque Country. This call is open to both:
  - **Established researchers**, with 8 to 12 years of postdoctoral experience, will obtain a permanent position as **Research Associates**.
  - **Senior leading researchers**, with longer research experience, will obtain a permanent position as **Research Professors**.
- Selected candidates will carry out their research in one of the universities of research institutions of the Basque Country.
- These positions are financed by the Basque Government, the European Commission and the host institution where the researcher will develop her/his research: therefore**, the acceptance letter of the host institution is mandatory**.
- Researchers are expected to perform **independent research**. They should be capable of attracting competitive funding and leading their own research lines.
- Applications from **women** are especially welcome.

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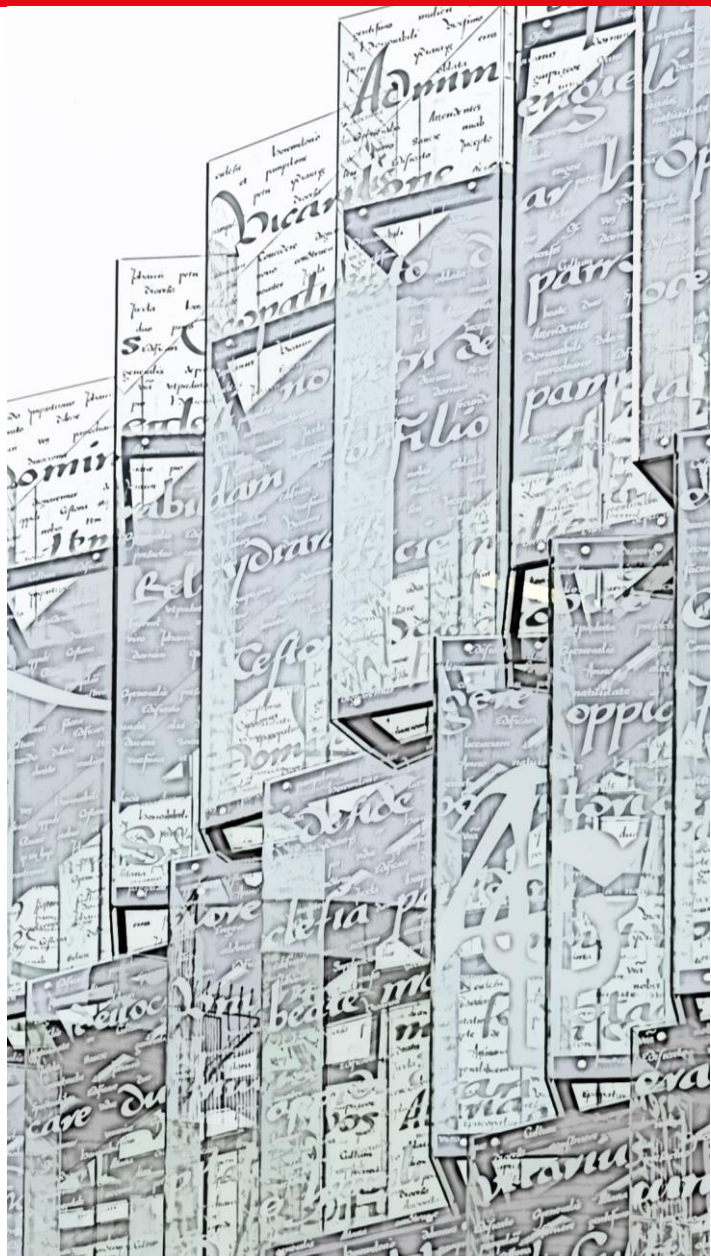
- Selected researchers are offered **10 permanent employment contracts**, with full social security under the Spanish Labour law, to develop a long-term scientific career in research center and universities of the Basque Country.
- The evaluation committee will grant the permanent positions as **Research Associate** or **Research Professor**, based on the evaluation and seniority of the selected candidates.
- **Salaries** will be in line of the current salaries in the Basque research institutions, and they will be consistent with the experience of the candidate.
- Initial **moving allowance up to 5,000 €** is provided for international moves.
- A **start-up funding** is provided for the initial research costs.

Candidates

- The applicants must have their PhD completed before January 2012.
- This call is open to both:
  - **Established researchers**, with 8 to 12 years of postdoctoral experience will obtain a permanent position as **Research Associates**.
  - **Senior leading researchers**, with longer research experience, will obtain a permanent position as **Research Professors**.
- Only researchers with a solid research track and international research experience will be considered.
- Demonstrated intellectual independence and scientific maturity are also required. Researchers are expected to perform **independent research**. They should be capable of attracting competitive funding and leading their own research lines.
- Researchers with a permanent position in the Basque Country are not eligible under this call.

Host research institution

- Selected candidates will carry out their research in one of the universities of research institutions of the **Basque Country**.
- Basque research host institutions, research groups and infrastructures can be found at www.science.eus
- An **acceptance letter** from the Vice-Rector for Research or Scientific Director of the host institution is **mandatory**.
- These positions are financed by the Basque Government, the European Commission and the Host institution where the researcher will develop her/his research.
- The Host Institution covers 40% of the position costs.



Application process

- Candidates must apply online before **September 17, 2020,** at 13:00, CET, at calls.ikerbasque.net including:
  - CV and the proposed research project.
  - At least two reference letters.
  - An acceptance letter from the host institution, which is mandatory since the positions are partly co-funded by the host institution.
- Applications from **women researchers** are specially welcome.
- Open to **all research areas**.

Evaluation procedure

Application
Deadline: September 17th 2020

- Registration
- Applicant information
- Submission

Receipt of application

Examination
Approx. 2-3 weeks

- ☑ eligible → If not eligible: formal rejection to applicant
- ☑ **complete**

Evaluation
Approx. 2 months

- independent peer reviews
- **Selection committee meeting**

January 2021 — Approval

- Awarded Researchers are contacted individually
- Incorporation process with researcher and host institution

January 2021 — Rejection

- Information on factors that led to rejection to applicant
- Re-application possible, but only after further scientific development and while taking into account the factors for rejection

About Ikerbasque

- Ikerbasque is the **Research Council** of the Basque Country in Spain aimed to attract research talent.
- Ikerbasque currently employs over **260 scientists** of **37 nationalities**, including 12 ERC grantees.
- They research in **23 research centers and universities** of the Basque Country.
- Annual **budget of 18 million €**, funded by the Basque Government and the European Union.
- Over **1,200 research publications** and **30 million €** for research projects per year.
- The **European Union** co-funds ikerbasque calls for attracting research talent.
- Ikerbasque has been granted the **HR excellence for research** award by the European Commission.

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Further information at www.ikerbasque.net