TECNIOSPRING INDUSTRY – CALL 2021

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In case of discrepancy with the regulatory bases, what is published in the DOGC prevails

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What is granted?

The 2021 Tecniospring INDUSTRY call subsidizes the **recruitment of experienced researchers** of any nationality for a period of 2 years in order to develop an applied **research project oriented** towards technology transfer. Can beneficiate of this aid any company, technology center located in Catalonia and TECNIO accredited entity.

Eligible projects will be linked to two types of mobility:

(1) Mobility A: Outgoing and return

> **One year abroad** spent by the researcher at a host entity (university, research center, technology center, or R+D department of a company) to develop an applied research project aimed to technology transfer.

> **One other year in Spain** spent at the beneficiary entity to complete the project started at the abroad host entity.

The abroad host entity and the aid beneficiary cannot be associated with one another.

(2) Mobility B: Incorporation to a company or a TECNIO accredited entity or a technology center

> **Two years** spent by the researcher in a company with its operational establishment in Catalonia or a TECNIO accredited entity or a technology center located in Catalonia, to develop an applied research project oriented towards technology transfer.

Who can be a beneficiary?

The following entities can be beneficiaries of the subsidy:

- **Companies with their operating establishment** in Catalonia. A company is meant here as an entity with any of the following legal forms: limited liability company, public limited company, labor company and cooperative society
- **TECNIO** accredited technology **developers**
- **Catalan technology centers** (EURECAT, LEITAT)

What are the specific requirements?

The **project** will have to be about applied research and/or technology transfer and it will have to be circumscribed to one or several transversal facilitating technologies and to one or more sectorial areas identified by the **RIS3CAT** strategy.

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The contracted **researchers** will have to meet at least one of the following requirements on the closing date of the call:

- hold a PhD and have 2 years of additional full-time research experience (or the equivalent part-time) after its obtention,
- have at least 6 years of full-time research experience (or the equivalent part-time) after having obtained any academic qualification granting access to PhD studies.

In addition, the following **mobility rules** apply:

- **Mobility A:** Researchers must not have lived or carried out their main activity (work, study) in the country of the abroad host entity for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately preceding the closing date of the call.
- **Mobility B:** Researchers must not have lived or carried out their main activity (work, study) in Spain for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately preceding the closing date of the call.

Which is the application submission period?

- Publication of the regulatory bases: **June the 23rd, 2020**
- Opening of the call: **April 2021**
- Closure of the call: **June 2021**
- Resolution of the call: **October 2021**
- Start of contracts / projects: **between October 2021 and April 2022**

What expenses are eligible?

- **Salary expenses**
- **Research expenses**
- **Open access publication expenses**
- **Mobility expenses**

Which is the period of execution of the eligible action?

The duration of the researcher's contract in connection with the technology transfer or applied research project, and therefore of the grant, will be of **24 months**.

What is the amount of the grant?

The aid will be 100% of the eligible cost within the specified maximum amounts below:

- Personnel costs according to the type of mobility:

Mobility A: maximum amount of **117.000** euros for the researcher's 2-year total salary expenses paid by the beneficiary , amount to which an adjustment coefficient depending on the destination country will be applied for the first year of the project, allowing for the salary differences between countries to be taken into account, in accordance to the coefficients specified by the Marie Skłodowska-Curie programme.

Mobility B: maximum amount of **117.000** euros for the researcher's 2-year total salary expenses paid by the beneficiary (58.500 euros per year)

- Research expenditures of a maximum of **15.240** euros for the 2-year duration of the project
- Open access publication expenditures of a maximum of **3.000** euros for the 2-year duration of the project
- Mobility expenditures of a maximum of **1.920** euros for the 2-year duration of the project

The first payment corresponding to 70% of the **grant** will be paid in advance. The rest of the subsidy will be paid once the justification of the project's implementation has been verified.

Which are the evaluation criteria?

The following criteria will be assessed:

a) The CV of the researcher (maximum score: 150 points)
b) Scientific and technological trajectory, implementation capacity and suitability of the host entity(ies) (maximum score: 100 points)
c) Quality and feasibility of the project (maximum score: 100 points)
d) Technology transfer and impact (maximum score: 150 points)

For a project to be approved, it must obtain a **minimum score of 350** points out of a maximum of 500.

What are the procedures?

Application for grant:
To qualify for these grants, applications must be submitted electronically using the appropriate standard forms and within the deadline indicated in the call, through the following channels:

- the **EACAT platform** (eacat.cat) if the applying entity is a public administration or an entity dependent or mainly owned by the public administration, registered in Catalonia,
- the **Canal Empresa** (canalempresa.gencat.cat) for all other cases,

Applications submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.

Grant resolution:
The granting or rejection of the subsidy will be notified by an announcement on the Government of Catalonia's electronic notice board (tauler.gencat.cat) of the provisional proposal for the award of grants. This publication replaces individual notifications and has the same effects. This provisional proposal must content:

- list of applications approved
- list of those rejected, with an indication of the reason for their rejection
- reserve list of applications

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Proposed beneficiary institutions must submit a document accepting the subsidy, according to the standardised model, and the documentation accrediting the information provided in their application (copy of the degree of the studies, copy of the documentation and/or certificates accrediting the research experience, copy of the agreement with the institution acting as host abroad or for the secondment, etc – look at term 7.9) **within 10 business days** from the day following publication of the provisional award proposal. It is recommended to compile this documentation well in advance in order to meet the deadlines.

Once the documentation provided has been checked, the **definitive proposal for allocating the subsidies**, will be published.

If the competent body does not issue and notify the resolution within a maximum period of 6 months from the date of completion of the application submission period, it will be understood that the application is rejected.

Grant justification:
The actions that are the object of the subsidy must be justified within the period provided for in the granting resolution, or, if applicable, within the period established in accordance with the corresponding call. The supporting documentation must be presented in accordance with the standardized model that will be available to the beneficiary entities through the EACAT platform (eacat.cat) the Canal Empresa (canal.empresa.gencat.cat).

All procedures require electronic signature.

The supporting documentation to be submitted can be obtained in the website:
http://www.accio.gencat.cat/ca/serveis/convocatories-dajuts/justificacions-dajuts/

What documentation must be provided?

Application for grant:
The application includes:

- A Technical report completed with all the required information and preferably written in English, for which a mandatory template is available on the Tecniospring INDUSTRY website (tecniospring.com).

- A complete detailed budget for the project, using the template available on the Tecniospring INDUSTRY website (tecniospring.com)

- A copy of a document supporting the current working situation of the researcher at the time of the aplication's submission, which can according to the case: either the last employment contract, or the current employment contract, or an employment record issued by the Social Security authorities no later than a month before the submission of the application.

If applicable, the following must also be attached:

- In case of secondment (both mobility A and B): a letter of commitment from the entity where the researcher will be doing the secondment. The letter must be signed and dated of 2021.

- In the case of type A mobility: a letter of commitment from the abroad host organization, confirming that it will host the researcher for a year if the subsidy is granted. The letter must be signed and dated of 2021.

Grant justification

The beneficiary must justify 100% of the eligible expenses by means of a single financial report provided at the end of the project, including a categorized list of all the expenses incurred during the implementation of the project as

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well as the scanned version of all paper invoices, electronic invoices, supporting documents and proof of payment detailed in the expense report. They must also provide a report of the activities carried out.

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Observations

The beneficiary entities may receive more than one Tecniospring INDUSTRY mobility grant. However, they cannot:

- Submit more than one application with the same supervisor, or with a supervisor who is already supervising a TECNIOspring PLUS or Tecniospring INDUSTRY project still in progress on the closing date of the call

- Submit more than one application with either the same project or the same researcher.

Researcher may not:

- Participate in more than one application.

- Participate in an application if, on the closing date of the call, they already beneficiate from a TECNIOspring PLUS or Tecniospring INDUSTRY subsidy.

- Participate in an application if they have previously received a TECNIOspring, TECNIOspring PLUS or Tecniospring INDUSTRY subsidy. Exception: when the applying entity is a company that has not received any TECNIOspring or TECNIOspring PLUS or TECNIOSPRING INDUSTRY subsidy and the project of the researcher previous granted is completed on the closing date of the present Tecniospring INDUSTRY call.

- Have an indefinite contract with the applying entity before the publication of the granting resolution.

With whom can you consult your doubts?

Administrative management: tecniospring.accio@gencat.cat

Technical management: Rita Riba, 93 484 96 03 / Pablo Martínez, 93 567 68 70 / Laura Pérez, 93 567 49 30

What regulations should you review if you are interested in the grant?

Regulatory bases published on June the 23rd, 2020 in the DOGC: RESOLUTION EMC / 1446/2020 of June the 18th, 2020 – available here.

Modification of the Regulatory bases published on December the 14th, 2020 in the DOGC: RESOLUCIÓN EMC/3294/202 of December the 18th, 2020 – available here.

Call 2021: to be published, soon available on the Tecniospring Open Calls webpage