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On the basis of Article 7 of the Act on the Founding of "Ad futura, Science and Education Foundation of the Republic of Slovenia, Public Fund" (*Uradni list RS*, Nos.: 63/01, 78/01, 59/03), Ad futura hereby issues a call for applications for

## **GRANTS FOR RESEARCH AND TEACHING COOPERATION IN SLOVENIA FOR SLOVENES LIVING ABROAD AND FOREIGN CITIZENS**

### **1. The subject of the call for applications**

The subject of this call for applications is the awarding of scholarships and partial covering of living expenses of visiting scientists, who are Slovene or foreign citizens, during their scientific and pedagogical cooperation in the Republic of Slovenia for a period of three (3) to twelve (12) months.

This call for applications opens one day after its publishing in the Official Gazette and lasts until closing on September 29th 2006 or until all resources have been allocated.

Ad futura will co-finance the living expenses of the receivers of grants up to the amount of 170.000,00 SIT per month.

### **2. Conditions**

Conditions for applying institutions:

- Institutions must be registered in the registry of research institutions at the Public agency for research of the Republic of Slovenia.
- Researchers must be involved in projects or programs, which are already subsidized by the Republic of Slovenia, or in pedagogical work at nationally approved programs of higher education.

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Priority shall be given to projects or programmes, which are classified as important for Slovenian technological development.

Conditions for the candidate:

- Slovene citizens must have worked abroad in research and development or pedagogical activities for at least three years;
- completed studies at doctoral level;
- reapplication is only possible for those scholarship recipients (past calls for applications have been published in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia 127/2003 and 122/04), who have received grants for a period of three months.

### **3. Selection criteria:**

The criteria for awarding the grants are:

- Success in the field of science or knowledge and experience of foreign research worker, ,
- Success in the field of science of the project leader, if the application is for cooperation in research programmes

The visiting scientist must have new knowledge, methodology or skill in the techniques of research work.

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#### **4. Required documentation:**

The application must include a filled out and signed application form and the following documents:

- A photocopy of a valid passport of the foreign visiting scientist (page with personal data and page with valid residence permit for the time of cooperation in Slovenia),
- A certificate of permanent or temporary residence, or an employee certificate which proves that a Slovene scientist has worked abroad for more than three years.

#### **5. Processing applications**

Applications will be dealt with on an on-going basis, while the allocation of funds will be carried out by special evaluators. Decisions are executable when they become final, i.e. after the expiry of the deadline for appeals, which is 15 days. Subsequent to this, the applicants will receive a financing agreement for signature, following which Ad futura will transfer the approved sum to their business account.

After the research work for which a subsidy was granted has been completed, applicants must submit written confirmation of the obligations carried out by the researcher in question.

#### **6. Deadline and submission of applications**

Applicants should submit a completed and signed application form with the necessary documentation on the following address: Ad futura, Kotnikova 34, 1000 Ljubljana (adding: za 19. razpis). At the same time, the completed application form in electronic form should be sent to [19.razpis@ad-futura.si](mailto:19.razpis@ad-futura.si). The period of collecting applications begins on the day the call for applications is published in the Official Gazette and continues until expiry date September 29<sup>th</sup> 2006 or until all funds have been allocated.

The documentation will be deemed to have been submitted in time if:

- It is sent by ordinary post so that it is delivered at the latest on the day of the deadline
- It is sent by registered mail at the latest on the day of the deadline (according to the postmark)
- It is handed to an official person at the Ad futura office during office hours on the day of the deadline at the latest.

#### **7. Accessibility of information and documentation:**

The application form is available on our internet site or at Ad futura office during office hours (Monday to Friday from 12:00 to 15:00). Additional information can be acquired by phone and in person during office hours as well as via e-mail.

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