
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" (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia, 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 FOREIGN CITIZENS

1. The subject of the call for applications

The subject of this call for applications are grants for partial funding of living expenses of visiting scientists, who are foreign citizens, during their three (3) to twelve (12) month scientific cooperation or during their two (2) to twelve (12) month pedagogical cooperation in the Republic of Slovenia.

This call for applications opens one day after its publishing in the Official Gazette and lasts until closing on 31. August 2007 or until all resources have been allocated.

Ad futura will co-finance the living expenses of the grant recipients in amount of up to 1.000,00 EUR per month.

2. Conditions

Conditions for applying institutions:

- Institutions must be registered as research institutions with the Slovene Research Agency;
- Researchers must be involved in projects or programs, which are already subsidized by the Republic of Slovenia, or in pedagogical work at accredited programs at higher education level.

Conditions the candidate applied by the institution must meet:

- Holds PhD or is a PhD level student;
- Candidate has not been awarded an Ad futura scholarship for studying in Slovenia;
- Candidates, who have been awarded grants under previous calls for application can be applied again for the remaining months for up to twelve (12) months combined;
- Candidates, who have been awarded grants under previous calls for application can be applied again in full if they are involved in a new project.

Conditions for applications from the business sector:

- researcher must be involved in development projects or programs, conducted by the business in question.

Conditions the candidate applied by the business sector must meet:

- Candidate is a PhD level student at the foreign higher education institution;
- Candidate has not been previously awarded an Ad futura scholarship for studying in Slovenia.

Priority shall be given to projects or programs important for technological development.

3. Selection criteria:

The criteria for awarding the grants to institutions are:

- Scientific success or knowledge and experience of the visiting researcher;
- Scientific success or knowledge and experience of the head of the research project, if the application is for cooperation in research programs.

The criteria for awarding the grants to business sector are:

- the applicability of the research project or program in practice.

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 researcher (page with personal data and page with valid residence permit for the duration of cooperation in Slovenia).

For candidates, applied by the business sector, application must additionally include a photocopy of the enrolment into the doctoral studies at the foreign higher education institution, translated into Slovene or English language.

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 grant was awarded has been completed, the applicant must submit a written report of the success of the cooperation with visiting researcher.

6. Deadline and submission of applications

Applicants should submit a completed and signed application form with the necessary documentation to the following address: Ad futura, Kotnikova 34, 1000 Ljubljana (adding: za 28. razpis). At the same time, the completed application form in electronic format should be sent to 28.razpis@ad-futura.si. The period of collecting applications begins a day after the call for applications has been published in the Official Gazette and continues until expiry date 31. August 2007 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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