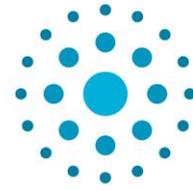




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UCA^{JEDI} CALL FOR APPLICATIONS
"FELLOWSHIPS FOR YOUNG RESEARCHERS"
2021

CONTEXT

As part of the UCA^{JEDI} Initiative of Excellence and its policy of attractiveness, Université Côte d'Azur is launching a call for applications for “Fellowships for Young Researchers” aimed at promoting the recruitment of young postdoctoral researchers to its research laboratories.

This call will enable young high-level scientists to join a laboratory of Université Côte d'Azur, for a period of 12 months, renewable once, with the specific objectives:

* to allow a postdoctoral fellow to prepare an application for a CR (*chargé de recherche*) position in a French national research organization (EPST) nominating the Université Côte d'Azur host laboratory as his or her top placement choice,

OR

* to allow the supervisor of the postdoctoral project to submit an ERC grant application within two years of recruitment.

The call is endowed to fund 10 contracts.

All disciplines and themes are eligible.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

ARTICLE 1 - ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- The candidate must hold a university doctorate or PhD; the thesis must have been defended at the time of submitting the application.
- The candidate must have defended his or her doctoral thesis within the 4 years prior to the closing date for applications: the thesis must therefore have been defended after April 30, 2017¹.
- The supervisor must be accredited to supervise research (hold an *Habilitation à Diriger les Recherches*).

¹ This maximum period of 4 years may be revised and extended in various conventionally recognized cases such as taking into account maternity leave (counted at 100%), parental leave (counted at 50%), sick leave of more than 3 months, and certain other cases which will be assessed following a substantiated request.



ARTICLE 2 - PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA

- Ability to meet the objectives of the call for applications.
 - Quality of the candidate's CV (degrees, publications, caliber of the career plan).
 - The scientific quality of the proposed project (importance of the question addressed, originality and technical feasibility, taking into account the duration of the contract).
 - Suitability of the host laboratory to carry out the research project.
 - Quality of the host laboratory and of the supervisor's CV (publications, scientific and technical environment, etc.).
- In the case of projects aimed at preparing an application for a CR position in an EPST, the alignment of the project with the strategic programs of the Idex will be considered favorably (see list in the appendix).

ARTICLE 3 - DURATION

The duration of the funding will be 12 months, renewable once.

ARTICLE 4 - OTHER FUNDING

These individual fellowships cannot be combined with other sources of funding.

Candidates who have applied to other organizations for the same period must, if they are successful, inform Université Côte d'Azur of their choice as quickly as possible. If this offer is not accepted in this period, the funding cannot be deferred. The fellowship will then be offered to a candidate on the waiting list.

ARTICLE 5 - CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCES

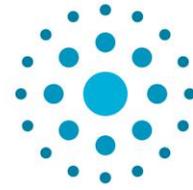
If a successful candidate is recruited to another organization during the period of the funding, the postdoctoral fellow must notify Université Côte d'Azur in writing; similarly, the university should be advised of any relevant change in the candidate's circumstances.

ARTICLE 6 - ACTIVITY REPORT

At the end of the first year of funding, an activity report must be submitted to the Idex Bureau before renewal of the contract for the second year.

ARTICLE 7- PUBLICATIONS

Publications resulting from the project must acknowledge the financial support of the ANR using a standard acknowledgements statement and include the Université Côte d'Azur signature in the author affiliations. A copy of each publication should be deposited in the HAL-UCA database.



ARTICLE 8 - SELECTION COMMITTEE

An ad hoc selection committee will be established with the support of the Université Côte d'Azur Graduate Schools (EUR); it will be chaired by a UCA^{JEDI} Program Director.

This committee will be responsible for assessing and ranking the applications submitted.

The committee may be assisted as necessary by specialists able to provide expert opinion on each application.

The committee will send its opinion to the Idex Bureau, which will ultimately decide the final ranking of candidates and award the fellowships.

ARTICLE 9 - RECRUITMENT AND FUNDING CONDITIONS

- Funding will be awarded through a temporary contract (*CDD*) effective no later than January 31, 2022,
- The employer will be Université Côte d'Azur,
- The recipient must reside near the host laboratory for the duration of the postdoctoral contract,
- The approximate amount of the gross monthly salary (*brut mensuel*) will be 3200 euros.
- This is a full-time research contract, additional activities will not be authorized.

ARTICLE 10 - COMPOSITION OF THE APPLICATION

Regarding the candidate:

- A cover letter explaining the reasons for choosing the host laboratory,
- A complete curriculum vitae,
- A list of publications,
- A letter of recommendation from the director of the candidate's current laboratory .

NB: for publications under review or in press, attach the abstract and editor's response.

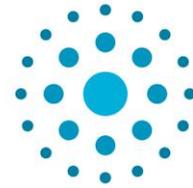
Regarding the research project:

- A description of the project, 6 pages maximum, including the bibliography, explaining the feasibility and key stages of the project and its alignment with the project of the host team or laboratory,
- A half-page summary of the project.

Regarding the strategic positioning of the application

- A letter of commitment from the candidate to apply for the post of researcher in an EPST, nominating the Université Côte d'Azur host laboratory as the top placement choice, within the year following his or her recruitment

OR



- A letter of commitment from the supervisor to submit an application within the two years for an ERC grant and explaining how the award of a postdoctoral contract will be a strong support for this application.

Regarding the host laboratory

- A letter of recommendation from the director of the laboratory or the team that will be responsible for hosting the postdoctoral fellow,
- A list of the main publications of the team and / or the supervisor over the last 3 years.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

ARTICLE 11 - CALENDAR OF THE CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

- Beginning of February 2021: launch of the call for applications
- April 30, 2021: deadline for submission of applications.
- June 30, 2021: notification of results
- January 31, 2022: deadline for taking up the post.

No feedback will be provided at the end of the selection process.

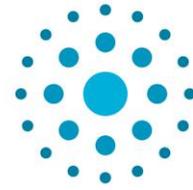
ARTICLE 12 - HOW TO APPLY

The application files must be submitted by the supervisor on the Nuxéo platform for managing UCA^{JEDI} calls for applications: https://nuxeo.univ-cotedazur.fr/nuxeo/nxdoc/default/96b9e75d-96a3-471a-a3e6-c6dbf228ffcc/view_documents

All the requested documents must be **concatenated in a single PDF file** named as follows:
candidateLASTNAME-candidateFirstname-postdocUCA-2021



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APPENDIX: List of Idex Strategic Programs

- Quantum
- Biocontrol
- Astrophysics
- Aging
- Arts, Sciences, Culture
- Tourism
- Socio-environmental challenges
- Risks in Mediterranean territory
- Digital Health