

RESOLUTION BY THE PRESIDENCY OF AGENCIA ESTATAL CONSEJO SUPERIOR DE INVESTIGACIONES CIENTÍFICAS (CSIC) BY WHICH JOINT MOBILITY ACTIONS ARE CALLED IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TAIWAN MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (MOST) AND A.E. CSIC. CALL 2021.

CALL FOR PROPOSALS OF MOST-CSIC MOBILITY ACTIONS 2021

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I. PURPOSE OF THE CALL

The joint call for MOST-CSIC mobility actions 2021 aims to encourage the scientific exchange and collaboration between the research groups of both institutions of Taiwan and Spain, as well as to discover new cooperation and to pave ways for further scientific communications.

The call is open to any thematic area developed by the CSIC research groups. Nevertheless, there must be a common and complementary research topic between both groups, according to the bilateral nature of the call.

The expected impact of the Program is the improvement of the internationalization of CSIC through the consolidation of stable links of scientific cooperation between teams of CSIC and MOST, through the implementation of work visits and the specialization of the research groups of both institutions.

2. TERMS OF THE CALL

This call provides funding for a maximum of **5 grants** for a maximum amount of **€24,000** each one, up to **2 years** (12.000€/per year), since the opening of the financial year 2022 to the end of the financial year 2023.

MOST provides funding for their research groups with an amount that includes transport, accommodation, per diem expenses and mandatory insurance fee.

2.1. Eligible Actions

2.1.1. These actions will be all those aimed at creating stable international collaboration links with MOST research groups.

2.1.2. The call is open to any thematic area which is developed in CSIC.

2.1.3. A modality of actions for the establishment of stable links with MOST research groups is considered.

2.2. Participants

2.2.1. All proposals must have at least **one CSIC research group** (CSIC participating team), which will act as project coordinator, and **a group from MOST**. Every participating team from the Taiwanese institution must be led by a Principal Investigator (foreign PI) conducting research works in any field at institutes or centers in Taiwan recognized by the MOST.

2.2.2. The PI and the other members of the CSIC research team must maintain their employment relationship with CSIC at the time of application and throughout the action course. Exceptionally, the team members may participate as long as they maintain their working relationship with the CSIC until they have completed the actions in which they are involved in the action. During the aid validity, each member from the foreign institutions will remain under the exclusive direction and dependence of their home institution.

2.3. CSIC Participating Team Requirements

2.3.1. CSIC Principal Investigator (PI) must be a CSIC researcher and his/her statutory or employment status shall comply with the Instructions set out in the Personnel Management Manual which provides its services in the ICUs of the CSIC.

2.3.2. Members of CSIC team can only form part of a MOST-CSIC proposal, regardless of whether they participate as a PI or as a member of the team.

2.3.3. The PI and the rest of the members must be staff or have a contract compatible with participation in cooperation networks¹. Personnel from Joint Centres and Associated Units may participate as team members.

2.3.4. The principal investigator and the other members of the CSIC research team must **maintain their employment relationship with the CSIC** for the duration of the action. Exceptionally, the members of the team may participate as long as they maintain their employment relationship with the CSIC until they have completed the actions in which they are involved in the action. Likewise, the exception will apply when the principal investigator is the beneficiary of a Ramón y Cajal or COMFUTURO contract.

2.3.5. The Vice Presidency for International Affairs (VRI) will be responsible for **authorizing any addition or removal of the team members** after the reasoned request of the PI, which will be processed via e-mail to the institutional address of the call at least one month in advance if the researcher to whom the registration was made will take part in some action of the project and indicating the technical or scientific reason.

2.4. Eligible Expenses and Management

2.6.1. Transport, subsistence and accommodation costs:

a) Trips of CSIC teams exclusively between Spain and Taiwan. These aids will be governed by the bases of this call, applying in its amount the **ROYAL DECREE 462/2002, of 24th May, on compensation for service**, and will be processed through the application 233.00.201 according to the twenty-second provision of the Resolution of 16 February 2018 or in force at the time, of the President of the Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas M.P., approving the Operating Budgets of the Institutes, Centres and Units, the provision of project credit, the management of the system of Operating Treasury Endowment (DTO) and Libraries to be Justified, and certain criteria for economic management and administrative contracting.

Regarding **transport costs**, these must be processed from the ICU, respecting the travel contract applicable to the CSIC. The amount of the transport aid will include the amount of the expenses

¹ The members of the CSIC research group must be registered in the application: Gestión de Entidades y Personas (GEP) or in the equivalent registers of the recently assigned National Centers.

corresponding to the processing of visas and/or vaccines not covered by the National Health System, when they are obligatory for entry into the country of destination.

The cost of **medical insurance or travel assistance** for CSIC researchers travelling to countries without reciprocity agreement will be processed from application I 62.05.202 by the management of the ICU.

b) Trips of MOST teams

MOST will fund up to €24.000€, for the two annuities, the expenses related to its research teams.

The eligible costs will include transport, accommodation, per diem expenses and mandatory insurance fee. The conditions for the execution of the action, as well as the costs, are defined in the **ANNEX MOST**.

2.4.2. All the expected expenses must be adequately indicated in the work plan and will be consistent with the proposed activities. Those expenses included in the proposal contrary to the call resolution will not be selected as eligible.

2.5. Duration and execution of the action

2.5.1. The selected proposals will have a duration up to **two years**. For the execution of the expenses included in the action, **the processing deadlines established in the corresponding CSIC financial year-end instructions will be respected.**

2.5.2. The continuity of the grant in its second year must be authorised by the VRI, following the submission of a scientific technical report detailing the activity carried out to date, and another report detailing the distribution of the expenditure executed, accompanied by a statement of the internal account of the project. **The unjustified failure to carry out the planned activities or the incorrect use of funds, may lead to the cancellation of aid and repayment of credit.**

2.5.3. All expenditure must be carried out in accordance with the proposed work plan and with the rules of the call.

2.5.4. The VRI will authorise the annual budget allocation at the beginning of the 2022 and 2023 financial years to the CSIC's ICUs for their execution and control of the expenditure from the ICUs Management.

2.5.5. Budget flow from one annuity to another will not be authorized.

3. PROCEDURES AND DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS

3.1. The proposal and the required documentation will be presented in a single application by the CSIC PI and project coordinator, through the telematic application for calls on the CSIC Intranet:

<http://siw.csic.es/icv/> “**JOINT MOBILITY ACTIONS MOST-CSIC**”

Exceptionally, National Centers that have recently joined the CSIC, according to RD 202/2021 of 30th March, may submit the application and the rest of the required documentation by sending it by email to internacional@csic.es, indicating at the title "MOST-TAIWAN APPLICATION + IP Name + National Center Name" (maximum 15 MB per email).

3.2. Applications will be written in English or Spanish.

3.3. Only the following standard call documents will be used:

3.3.1. Action memory, including, as indicated in the templates and with a maximum size of 5MB:

A) Activities of the action (up to 3 pages):

- Summary of the proposal (objectives, scope of the study, international relevance, etc.).
- List of key words (in Spanish and English).
- Alignment and relevance of the application with the Sustainable Development Goals.
- **Implementation**: work plan that includes the objectives and proposed actions chronogram.
- **Expected scientific impact**: on CSIC research groups and the institution
- **Consortium composition**:
 - Background and current status of the collaboration
 - Description of the participating teams and their experience

B) Detailed budget related to the proposed **chronogram** of activities (up to 3 pages).

C) CV of the PI of the CSIC highlighting the main achievements from 2017 to the present (up to 2 pages).

D) CV of foreign PI(s) highlighting major achievements from 2017 to present (up to 2 pages).

E) Acceptance/commitment letters from the institutions (CSIC and MOST) on which the participating teams depend. This letter must include the authorization to the Principal Investigator for participation in the project, committing to carry out the activities foreseen in the presented scientific-technical report and its corresponding financing. The format of presentation of the document will be by means of an official letter from the institution dated and signed by the Institutional or Scientific

Head/Manager. In the event that these ones coincide with some of the PIs or team members, please indicate it in this section of the request.

3.4. The application will require the telematic validation by the ICU Management for its later submission by the applicant.

3.5. The deadline for submission of applications will be from **10st June 2021 to 9th August 2021**. The reception of applications will end at 23:59 h on the closing day of the call. Incomplete applications or applications that do not meet the requirements established in this resolution on the closing date will be automatically rejected.

3.6. Once the period for submitting applications has ended, a provisional list of those admitted and excluded will be published on the CSIC intranet. There will be no time period to rectify errors.

3.7. The personal data included in the application will be subject to the protection established by the Organic Law 3/2018, and the Regulations (UE) 2016/679 of the European Parliament. On the basis of Articles 6 and 7 of that Regulation, by sending the application, the corresponding processing of the personal data sent shall be deemed authorised.

4. EVALUATION

4.1. A *joint technical-scientific evaluation committee between CSIC and MOST*, designated for this purpose, will evaluate the applications to select by consensus the actions to be jointly funded. In particular, the following aspects will be considered:

- **Scientific quality (up to 10 points)**

The objectives, activities and added value will be evaluated. Likewise, it will be positively valued that the participating groups present 3 key documents that support their experience in the stated line of research. Its access will be provided via internet, indicating the appropriate and operational links, or it will be included as an attachment if it is not accessible electronically.

- **Implementation (up to 10 points).**

The feasibility of the activities, the chronogram and the budget will be evaluated.

- **Impact for the foreign institution and its country (up to 10 points).**

The following aspects will be evaluated:

- I. Impact of the project on CSIC team, including possible future scientific cooperation collaborations and sustainable capacity building.

2. Adequacy and complementarity of CSIC teams with teams from foreign countries for the execution of the project.

4.5. In case of tie in the second phase, those with the best score in **Implementation** will be prioritized.

5. INFORMATION ON THE CALL RESULTS

5.1. The result of the selection process will be informed by means of a Resolution of the Presidency of the CSIC, which will be published on the CSIC's INTRANET and will be communicated by e-mail to the Principal Investigators of the proposals.

6. SCIENTIFIC AND ECONOMIC JUSTIFICATION

6.1. The beneficiaries of this program will have to justify the activities and expenses in two reports (intermediate and final) whose standardized template will be sent from VRI.

The **interim report** will be sent before 5 December 2022, and the **final report** before 31 January 2024.

Each justification report shall include the following concepts:

- **Scientific-technical report:** performed activities, results obtained, and degree of fulfilment of the proposed objectives.
- **Financial report:** implemented expenditure, taking into account the bases of the call and the approved chronogram.

The reports will be sent only in electronic format to the address internacional@csic.es

6.2. Eventually, the Principal Investigators of the participating teams may be required to present these results in a public act before a committee of experts.

7. PENALTY REGIME

The lack of adequacy in the use of the aids granted, the non-compliance with the rules for the execution of the expense and payment, the lack of execution of the budget granted or the lack of compliance with the scientific-technical objectives of the project may be subject to sanctions from VRI. These sanctions could include the ineligibility of the PI for the request of any VRI call for a period up to five years, as well as the reimbursement of the expenses unduly justified.

8. CONTACT DETAILS:

internacional@csic.es

Madrid, 10st June 2021

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