



Programa MASTER

Fourth round of grants

I. Objective of the round of grants

With the aim of contributing to the development of human potential in the area of cardiovascular research, the National Cardiovascular Research Centre (CNIC) is offering through this new programme the necessary economic support in order for students who are going to complete a doctoral thesis at one of the CNIC's laboratories to study an Official Master's Degree from any Spanish University that matches their abilities and potential.

II. Conditions of the grants

A maximum of 8 grants will be awarded in the 2011 round of grants of the MASTER Programme.

The selected candidates will receive a total economic subsidy of €13,704 distributed in 12 monthly instalments of €1,142 from the start date of the Master's Degree. The enrolment costs of the Master's Degree will also be provided by the CNIC upon presentation of the certificate of enrolment.

In the event of candidates not having medical coverage at the University in which they have enrolled, the CNIC will provide them with medical and accident insurance for the length of their Master's Degree programme.

The awarding of these grants in no way implies any contractual relationship between the recipient and the CNIC.

If for any cause attributable to the student it is not possible to complete the Master's Degree for which the grant is awarded, or if it is interrupted, students must inform the CNIC and repay any unduly received amounts.

III. Requirements for applicants

- Applicants must be graduates, of any nationality, in subjects related to biomedical sciences and must hold the qualifications required in order to be eligible to carry out a Master's degree programme.
- Applicants must not be the recipients of any other grant or financial assistance from public or private bodies (Spanish or foreign). The awarding of this grant is incompatible with the receipt of any other grant or work contract.
- Students must have been accepted in one of the CNIC's laboratories to carry out the experimental component of their Master's course and their future doctoral thesis.
- Applicants must have **an average grade of above 2 in their completed credits** (scale 1 to 4)

(The translation of foreign grades to this system will be carried out by the CNIC following with the rules applied by the Spanish *Ministerio de Educación* to foreign grades)

IV. Application documents

The interested parties must present the following documentation:

- Document 1: A duly filled-in application form, available on the CNIC website: <http://www.cnic.es>.
- Document 2: Curriculum Vitae.
- Document 3: Declaration that no other publicly or privately-funded grant or financial assistance is being received and that no work contract is being held.
- Document 4: Letter of acceptance signed by the Head of the laboratory where the student will carry out the experimental component of his/her Master's course and his/her future doctoral thesis.
- Document 5 (if applicable): In accordance with the legislation in force, non European Community students must provide proof of their resident status or provide a student visa.

Documents 1 and 2 (application form and Curriculum Vitae) must be sent **by e-mail** to the following address: master@cnic.es, indicating the candidate's name and surname in the "Subject" box of the corresponding e-mail.

All the documents from 1 to 5 (the latter if applicable) must be sent **by post, with the corresponding signatures**, to the following address.

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Departamento de Gestión Científica
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The deadline for the presentation of applications is **2nd September 2011**.

V. Selection of candidates and awarding of grants

The grant applications will be assessed by the Research Committee of the CNIC and the selection process will be carried out by means of a competitive awarding procedure based on the following: the academic merits of candidates, the interviews carried out and the interest held by the students' chosen Master's degree programmes in terms of the strategic lines of the CNIC.

The awarding of grants will be approved by the Centre Management and the interested parties will be informed during the last week of September 2011.

The list of selected candidates will be published on the CNIC website: www.cnic.es.

In order to complete the grant-awarding process, the selected candidates must present the following documents to the Human Resources Department of the CNIC (Melchor Fernández Almagro, 3 - 28029 Madrid):

- Photocopy of the Master's degree enrolment application for the academic year 2011-2012 (confirming the payment of fees)
- Photocopy of the Academic Certificates of the prior studies that have made the candidate eligible for a Master's degree.
- Photocopy of the candidate's national identity document or passport.

VI. Obligations of the recipients

The recipients will have the following obligations:

- To complete their requested Master's degree programme in accordance with the regulations of the corresponding University.
- To complete the experimental component of the Master's degree (if there is one) at their chosen CNIC laboratory.
- To complete their doctoral thesis at the chosen CNIC laboratory, following completion of their Master's degree.