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CNIC-MSSM CARDIO-IMAGE Program

Fourth Call for Applications

Objective

The CNIC-MSSM Cardio-Image Training Program will be launched against the backdrop of the Collaboration Agreement signed between the *Fundación Centro Nacional de Investigaciones Cardiovasculares Carlos III* (CNIC) and the *Mount Sinai School of Medicine* (MSSM), the aim of which is to create a Joint Training and Research Unit in Cardiovascular Imaging.

The primary objective of this Program is to offer blue-ribbon training in state-of-the-art cardiovascular imaging. This will be achieved via laboratory training at the CNIC-MSSM Joint Unit, located on the MSSM campus in New York.

Program Features

Aimed at:

Degree or PhD holders in any area of Biomedical Science, as well as those with 3 or 5-year degrees in Engineering with specialised training in areas relating to Biomedicine. The program is open to all nationalities, but please note that qualifications must be officially endorsed by the corresponding Spanish Ministry.

Applicants must have at least an upper-intermediate standard of English.

Number of places per year:

Under the agreement between the CNIC and the MSSM, number of places per year will be determined according to the number of training hours assigned to each selected candidate. Number of training hours in total will not be superior to 6.000 hours per year.

Duration of the training period:

The ideal training period per participant is set at 12 months. Priority will be given to applications for periods that best meet established training periods at the MSSM.

For the purpose of attending the training program, successful applicants will enrol at the MSSM between **October 2011 and July 2012**, depending on the timeframe agreed upon with the selected candidate and the availability of MSSM professors and facilities.

The training implies no kind of contractual relationship whatsoever between the beneficiary and the CNIC.

If the selected candidate decides to interrupt or withdraw from the program for any reason, he or she must return any funds he or she may have unduly received.

Financial assistance:

The CNIC will cover the following expenses incurred by participants:

- 1 economic class return ticket to the MSSM (New York) up to a maximum of 1,500 euros.
- Health and accident insurance in USA for the duration of training, and other legal proceedings related to the program up to a maximum of 1,500 euros.
- Accommodation and daily allowance established in accordance with the CNIC Compensation Policy applicable to its researchers for stays in non-EU foreign centres (75 euros per day).
- When deemed necessary, the CNIC may provide additional support, the amount of which will be determined by mutual agreement between the CNIC and the institution with which the selected candidate is associated. The purpose of these additional funds will be to cover possible costs incurred from finding a replacement to cover the candidate's medical or other activities during the course of the training program.

The MSSM shall meet any direct costs incurred from carrying out the Program at its facilities, as set forth in the Collaboration Agreement signed between said institution and the CNIC.

Performance of the Program:

The Program will be implemented by entering into Cooperation Agreements with the institutions to which the selected candidates are linked, whenever this proves necessary.

Such Agreements must define the training timetable, as well as the financial assistance to be channelled into the Program and into regulating it. It must likewise include a clause whereby the institution of the selected candidate expressly undertakes to allow the latter to take part in joint research projects with the CNIC for at least 3 years following the end of the training period.

Application process:

Interested parties must present the following documents **IN ENGLISH**:

- Duly completed application form, available from the CNIC website: www.cnic.es.
- CV of the applicant.
- Report in support of the application, indicating reasons for and interest in the training program (1000 words max.).
- Accreditation of required proficiency in English. Candidates who fail to provide such documentation must pass a specific test to determine whether they meet the required standard.

The required documentation must be sent by e-mail to the following address: cardio-image@cnic.es, indicating the full name of the candidate in the "Subject" box of the e-mail.

The documentation described above must also be duly signed and sent by post to the following address:

CARDIO-IMAGE PROGRAM 2011
Departamento de Gestión Científica
Fundación Centro Nacional de Investigaciones Cardiovasculares Carlos III
Melchor Fernández Almagro, 3
28029 Madrid – España

All applications must be received by **June 13, 2011**.

Candidate selection and award procedure:

The CNIC will be responsible for the evaluation and selection process, upholding at all times the principles of merit, ability and free competition.

Candidates will be evaluated and selected by an *Ad Hoc* Committee comprising the individuals appointed by the Management and Supervisory Committee created by virtue of the Cooperation Agreement signed between the CNIC and the MSSM.

When evaluating and selecting candidates, the Committee will take account of the academic and scientific merits of the applicant, as well as the report on why he or she wishes to take part in the training.

Interviews may be held during the evaluation and selection process, should these prove necessary or advisable.

The decision to grant aid must be approved by the Scientific Direction of the CNIC beforehand, and the final decision will be communicated to interested parties in July-August 2010.

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

Before the decision to award assistance can be formalised, the corresponding Cooperation Agreement must be signed between the CNIC and the institution of the selected candidate.

Agreement to return:

The institution with which the selected candidate is associated must, by means of the relevant Cooperation Agreement signed with the CNIC, ensure that the candidate is able to commit at least **30% of his or her time** to carry out research projects with the CNIC for the term of 3 years following the end of the training period.

Other considerations

1. At the end of the training period, the Joint Unit will issue a certificate attesting the work performed by each of the participants, with express mention of any achievements reached.
2. In relation to intellectual or industrial property rights arising from training under this Program, the terms and conditions of the Cooperation Agreement signed between the CNIC and the MSSM will take precedence.
3. In accordance with the provisions of article 5 of Organic Law 15/1999 of 13 December on the Protection of Personal Data, we inform you that personal data collected as a consequence of the current session will be incorporated into an automated file called HR registered in the Spanish Agency of Data Protection under the ownership of the Foundation National Center for Cardiovascular Research CARLOS III, its purpose being to process your registration and participation in this notification/announcement, as well as to track your career and professional training by sending different corporative material of the Centre to the address you provided. There is no expectation of the transfer of personal data to any third party outside to the Center. Also, you may exercise your right to object to the treatment described, as well as the rights of

access, rectification and deletion of information provided to the Centre by contacting the following address: National Center for Cardiovascular Research Carlos III (CNIC), Calle Melchor Fernández 3, (28049) Madrid.

The processing of your personal information as described in the previous section is necessary for the Centre to manage your registration in this training event, without which, the inscription will not be possible.

4. The ongoing development of this programme shall be subject to CNIC budget availability. If necessary, the CNIC may approve the temporary suspension or alteration of the contributions made to the programme.