Ikerbasque Research Professor Call 2018 for senior researchers

Ikerbasque offers **10 permanent contract positions** for senior researchers willing to develop a long-term scientific career in the Basque Country. These positions are financed by the Basque Government, the European Commission and the host institution where the researcher will develop her/his research: therefore **the acceptance letter of the host institution is mandatory**.

The evaluation committee will only consider the strongest candidates with excellent leadership capabilities and an outstanding research record. Research Professors are expected to perform independent research. They should be capable of attracting competitive funding and establishing their own research groups.

**Applications from women** are especially welcomed.

**Candidates can only apply to one of the annual Ikerbasque calls, Research Professors or Research Fellows.**

**SUMMARY DATA**

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<td>Contract:</td>
<td>Selected Ikerbasque Research Professors are offered a permanent employment contract with full social security under the Spanish Labour law.</td>
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| Candidates: | • The applicants must have their PhD completed before January 2010.  
• Only researchers with a solid research track, senior level and international research experience will be considered.  
• Researchers with a permanent position in the Basque Country are not eligible under this call.  
• At least **two reference letters are mandatory**. Candidates are responsible for contacting their referees so the letters are uploaded by deadline. Any time a new referee is added to the application, a URL will be automatically generated. The candidate must send it to the referee, so she/he can upload her/his reference letter.  
• **Acceptance letter** by potential host institution is mandatory.  
• This call is co-financed by the European Commission; at least 75% of the positions will be awarded to candidates who meet the MSCA international mobility criteria, meaning the applicant has not lived, worked or studied in Spain for
more than 12 months out of the three years immediately prior to the deadline of this call.

Host institution:
- These positions are financed by the Basque Government, the European Commission and the Host institution where the researcher will develop her/his research.
- The Host Institution covers 40% of the budget.
- An **acceptance letter** from the Vice-Rector or Director of the host institution is **mandatory**.

**Evaluation Procedure:**
The external evaluation committee is composed of members of the international scientific community. The list of evaluators was sent to the European Commission at the start of this programme.

The evaluation of the applications is based on:
- Scientific merit and research track
- Relevance of research topic and latest publications
- Concordance with Basque research capabilities

These items are assessed in relation to the average performance of the applicants.

Check the Selection Process below.

**Website:** [www.ikerbasque.net](http://www.ikerbasque.net)

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**Research Professors 2018 Selection Process**

**Application**  
Deadline: September 13th 2018

- Registration
- Applicant information
- Expert references
- Submission
- **Receipt of application**
  - Acknowledgement of receipt to applicant. Notification about expected date of decision

**Examination**  
Approx. 2-3 weeks

- ☑️ eligible
- ☑️ complete
  - If not eligible: formal rejection to applicant

**Evaluation**  
Approx. 2 months

- Request of usually 2 independent peer reviews
- Forwarding of reviewed applications to selection committee members
- **Selection committee meeting**

**Approval**

- Awarded Research Professors are contacted individually  
  - approx. 6 weeks after selection meeting
- Negotiation process with researcher and host institution
- By the time the researcher joins Ikerbasque, her/his professional profile is published in [www.ikerbasque.net](http://www.ikerbasque.net)

**Rejection**

- Information on factors that led to rejection to applicant  
  - Approx. 4 weeks after selection meeting
- Re-application possible, but only after further scientific development and while taking into account the factors for rejection