2ND CALL FOR APPLICATIONS
RUN-EU INTERNATIONAL RDI MOBILITY PROGRAMME

POLITÉCNICO DE LEIRIA
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The Regional University Network - European University (RUN-EU) has a shared vision to become a global innovation leader, to drive a strong, sustainable economy for society where research and innovation projects provide key enabling activities to achieve our goals. In this context and supporting our other tasks within this work package including joint RDI project preparation and submission and strengthening the RDI research teams, RUN-EU has designed an international internship programme for the mobility of researchers.

Our mobility programme provides networking opportunities for researchers and innovators to strengthen the RUN-EU consortium research clusters to address Horizon Europe scientific, technological, and societal challenges in promoting and spreading excellence, fostering interdisciplinary research, and empowering independence of our young researchers and innovators. Early-stage researchers will be targeted as part of the internship programme to promote career development, research independence and consortium development.

Figure 1 RUN-EU Research Areas

This new call for the RUN-EU international RDI internship mobility programme includes two main types of activities:

> **i)** 4-week mobility for research staff (teachers and researchers) – maximum 3 grants;

> **ii)** 4-week mobility for research students (students engaged in research projects) – maximum 4 grants;

Maximum amount available for Travel Costs: 2.100€
Maximum amount available for Subsistence Costs: 14.100€

Financial Conditions:
Travel:
- To Portugal (IPCA): 40€
- To Ireland (TUS): 270€
- To Austria (FHV): 330€
- To The Netherlands (NHL Stenden): 330€
- To Hungary (SZE): 380€
- To Finland (HAMK): 470€

FHV: Vorarlberg University of Applied Sciences
HAMK: Hame University of Applied Sciences
SZE: Széchenyi István University
TUS: Technological University of the Shannon
NHL Stenden: NHL Stenden University of Applied Sciences
IPCA: Instituto Politécnico do Cávado e do Ave

Subsistence:
i) Research missions for staff (4 weeks):
   a. 2200€/staff for a mission at IPCA (Portugal)
   b. 3600€/staff for a mission at TUS (Ireland)
   c. 2600€/staff for a mission at FHV (Austria)
   d. 2600€/staff for a mission at NHL Stenden (The Netherlands)
   e. 2200€/staff for a mission at SZE (Hungary)
   f. 3600€/staff for a mission at HAMK (Finland)

ii) Research missions for students (4 weeks):
   a. 1600€/student for a mission at IPCA (Portugal)
   b. 2860€/student for a mission at TUS (Ireland)
   c. 2020€/student for a mission at FHV (Austria)

d. 2020€/student for a mission at NHL Stenden (The Netherlands)
e. 1600€/student for a mission at SZE (Hungary)
f. 2860€/student for a mission at HAMK (Finland)

The internship programme will promote, consolidate, and complement the transfer of technical knowledge and the processes of peer-learning within RDI activities in the RUN-EU alliance. These internships will allow for the placement of researchers within the consortium while also facilitating intra- and extra-consortium visits by all consortium members. Industry participation where appropriate will be encouraged in the internship programme to enhance the commercial exploitation and technology knowledge transfer to deliver the expected impacts of RUN-EU.

The RDI internship mobility programme is intended to create immersive placements within an infrastructure belonging to the RUN-EU alliance members or relevant partners. Funding for these mobility activities will be granted based on an application and evaluation process managed by each partner, which will consider the work plan and objectives of the mobility action, how it will strengthen the network, the relevance of the RDI area and the expected impacts on the social and economic development of the regions.

Participating students and researchers will have to report on their experience and activities to the research group/team as well as to the task coordination group. The mission reports will include information on current and future cooperation opportunities.

RUN-EU International Research Development and Innovation Mobility Programme Evaluation Process

Proposals will be evaluated by experts chaired by RUN-EU project leaders, on the basis of the award criteria '**excellence**', '**impact**' and **'quality and efficiency of the implementation**'. The application form template is detailed below. The total evaluation score is calculated according to the following rules:

1. **Excellence (50%)** will be evaluated from 0-5 based on

    i.) Quality and credibility of the research/innovation mobility project, level of novelty with appropriate consideration of inter/multidisciplinary and gender aspects;

    ii.) Quality and appropriateness of the training and of the two-way transfer of knowledge between the researcher and the host;

    iii.) Quality of the supervision and/or of the integration in the team/institution;

    iv.) Description of the hosting arrangements.

2. **Impact (30%)** will be evaluated from 0-5 based on

    i) Expected impact of the planned research and training (i.e. the added value of the fellowship);

    ii) Quality of the proposed measures to exploit and disseminate the project results;

    iii) Impact relevance to the RUN-EU research areas.

3. **Implementation (20%)** will be evaluated from 0-5 based on

    i) Coherence and effectiveness of the work plan, including appropriateness of the allocation of tasks and resources

- Evaluation scores (integer number) will be awarded for each of the criteria, taking into account the sub-criteria indicated above.

- Candidates with a total score above 3.0 will be approved. The actual number of eligible candidates to receive the RUN-EU Grant depend on the available budget and the maximum allowed number of grants for each type (either staff or student).

- If the number of approved candidates exceeds the maximum number of grants for a certain type (either staff or student), the jury may decide to award alternate candidates from the other type up to the limit of available funding.

- If two or more candidates obtain the same total score, then preference is given to those who have not yet benefit from mobility grants within the RDI mobility programme of RUN-EU.

- All selected candidates must deliver a final report of the mobility using a template provided at the time of signature of grant agreement.

- All activities should be concluded by the end of September 2023.

- All cases not foreseen in this call-text are decided by the President of the Polytechnic of Leiria, taking into account the usual practice of the Institution and principles and rules contained in the Grant Agreement of RUN-EU and the document *"Regras de Execução no âmbito da RUN-EU para atribuição de Bolsas de Mobilidade",* approved in the Management Board of the Polytechnic of Leiria.

Proposals must respect the following minimum editing standards:
- A minimum font size of 11 points, except for the Gantt chart and tables where the minimum font size is 8 points;
- Single line spacing;
- A4 page size;
- Margins (top, bottom, left, right) of at least 15 mm (not including any footers or headers);
- A clear readable font (e.g. Arial, Calibri or Times New Roman);

Types of mobility activity can include:
- Organisation of large-scale project submissions. For example, to the Horizon Europe Programme;
- Training-through-research by the means of an individual personalised project, under the guidance of the supervisor and other members of the research staff of the host organisation(s);
- Hands-on training activities for developing scientific skills (new techniques, instruments, research integrity, 'big data'/'open science') and transferable skills (entrepreneurship, proposal preparation, patent applications, management of IPR, project management, task coordination, supervising and monitoring, take up and exploitation of research results);
- Inter-sectoral or interdisciplinary transfer of knowledge (e.g. through secondments);
- Development of research Masters/PhD joint supervision projects;
- Organisation of scientific/training/dissemination events.

Application Process and Calendar

The Application Form Template, CV of the researcher and other associated files should be submitted by e-mail to run-eu@ipleiria.pt until **19 May 23h59**.

Evaluation panel

Pedro Assunção, Vice President

Pedro Morouço, Dean ESECS

Maria Gorete Monteiro, Vice Dean ESTG

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Rui Pinto, Dean ESSLei

Marco Lemos, Polytechnic of Leiria - RUN-EU Discovery Programme

Leiria, 18th of April, 2023

The President

Carlos Rabadão

ANNEX

APPLICATION FORM TEMPLATE

1. Excellence- (Maximum 2 pages)

1.1 Quality and credibility of the research/innovation mobility project; level of novelty, appropriate consideration of inter/multidisciplinary and gender aspects

Provide an introduction, discuss the state-of-the-art, specific objectives and give an overview of the mobility action. Discuss the research methodology and approach, highlighting the type of research / innovation activities proposed. Explain the originality and innovative aspects of the planned research as well as the contribution of RUN-EU research and innovation. Describe any novel concepts, approaches or methods that will be implemented. Discuss the interdisciplinary aspects of the action (if relevant). Discuss the gender dimension in the research content (if relevant).

1.2 Quality and appropriateness of the training and of the two way transfer of knowledge between the researcher and the host

Outline how a two-way transfer of knowledge will occur between the researcher and the host institution(s). Explain what new knowledge the researcher will gain during the fellowship at the RUN-EU hosting organisation(s) and how it will be acquired. Outline the previously acquired knowledge and skills that the researcher will transfer to the host organisation(s). Describe the training that will be offered.

1.3 Quality of the supervision and/or of the integration in the team/institution

Describe the expertise of the host institution research group/area. Provide information regarding the level of experience on the research topic proposed and their track record of work, including main international collaborations, as well as the level of experience in supervising/training. Information provided should include participation in projects, publications, patents and any other relevant results.

1.4 Describe the hosting arrangements

The application must show that the researcher will be well integrated within the team/institution so that all parties gain maximum knowledge and skills from the fellowship. The nature and the quality of the research group/environment as a whole should be outlined, together with the measures taken to integrate the researcher in the different areas of expertise, disciplines, and international networking opportunities that the host could offer. Potential of the researcher to reach or re-enforce professional

maturity/independence during the fellowship Researchers should demonstrate how their existing professional experience, talents and the proposed research will contribute to their development as independent/mature researchers during the fellowship. Explain the new competences and skills that will be acquired and how they relate to the researcher's existing professional experience.

2. Impact (Maximum 1 page)

2.1 Explain the expected impact of the planned research and training (i.e. the added value of the fellowship)
Outline clearly the career goals of the researcher and how the planned research and training are likely to contribute to their achievement. Focus on how the new competences and skills (as explained in section 1.4) can make the researcher more successful in their long-term career.

2.2 Quality of the proposed measures to exploit and disseminate the project results
Describe how the new knowledge generated by the mobility will be disseminated and exploited, and what the potential impact is expected to be. Discuss the strategy for targeting peers and key stakeholders (such as the scientific community, industry, professional organisations, policy makers, etc.). Also describe potential commercialisation (if applicable) and how intellectual property rights will be dealt with, where relevant.

3. Quality and Efficiency of the Implementation (Maximum 1 page)

3.1 Coherence and effectiveness of the work plan, including appropriateness of the allocation of tasks and resources
Describe how the work planning (including deliverables and milestones) and the resources mobilised will ensure that the research and training objectives will be reached. Explain why the number of person-months planned and requested for the researcher (and corresponding to the project duration) is appropriate in relation to the proposed activities. Additionally, a Gantt chart must be included in the text listing the following: work package titles (there should be at least 1 WP), indication of major

deliverables (if applicable), indication of major milestones (if applicable), planning for dissemination, exploitation and communication activities.

CV of the Researcher (Maximum 2 pages)

The CV is intrinsic to the evaluation of the whole proposal and is assessed throughout the three evaluation criteria by the evaluators. At a minimum, the CV should contain:

 a) the name of the researcher

 b) professional experience (in reverse chronological order)

 c) education (in reverse chronological order)

The CV should also include information on:

 1. Publications in peer-reviewed scientific journals, peer-reviewed conference proceedings and/or monographs of their respective research fields.

 2. Granted patent(s).

 3. Research expeditions led by the experienced researcher.

 4. Examples of participation in industrial innovation.

 5. Prizes and Awards.

 6. Funding received so far.

 7. Supervising and mentoring activities.