

# Researchers Exchange Program of INA Foundation

## *Second call*

INA Foundation announces the 2<sup>nd</sup> call of a **researcher exchange program** in Nanotechnology area to be spent before the end of the year 2018. The objective is to leverage the internationalization and the variety of research disciplines of the projects developed by INA Foundation. For that purpose researcher stays in prestigious national and international centers are supported as well as to attract external researchers to the Foundation in order to make the scientific and technical potential of INA Foundation known.

The following aids to be financed are:

1-Grants for short stays up to three months in other centers for scientists who work in Nanotechnology and Nanoscience areas in any Aragonese Research Center. The stays will be carried out in prestigious national and international centers, which will be proposed by the applicants, according to their research line. The amounts to be allocated for each of the stays will depend on the country of destination. Depending on the requests, expected duration of each one and destination centers, we estimate that between 3 and 7 grants will be granted. Total amount: € 22,000.

2. Grant for the reception of excellent researchers outside the INA Foundation who wish to carry out a research stay there. The amount of each grant will depend on the country of origin of the beneficiary and the duration of the stay. Depending on the applications and the expected duration of each one, it is estimated that between 2 and 4 grants will be granted. Total amount: € 7,000.

Online application is required. Those interested should send an email to Prof. Ricardo Ibarra, Scientific Director of the INA Foundation ([fundacionina@gmail.com](mailto:fundacionina@gmail.com)) Scheme is open to applications and it will close **at 2pm on Friday 14 September 2018**. The message should take the subject RESEARCH STAYS and it should contain as an attachment a single file in .pdf format with the following documentation:

- (1) Curriculum vitae of the applicant.
- (2) Letter of invitation from the responsible researcher at the destination center.
- (3) Cover letter detailing the project title, motivation, planned activity plan, schedule (the stay must be completed in 2018) and the expected impact of the proposed research.
- (4) Budget of the stay (travel expenses, lodging and meals). If the candidate has other sources of co-financing, it must be included in the budget.

Applications will be evaluated according to the scientific merits of the candidates, the quality of the destination center and the project presented (interest and scientific-technological impact of the activities to be developed) and justification of the budget. This selection and the economic allocation to each stay will be carried out by a commission appointed by the Scientific Director of the INA Foundation.

The funding of the grants is subject to the candidates presenting the documentation proving the displacement (travel tickets) and accommodation expenses to make the aid effective as well as a letter from the responsible researcher that accredits the completion of the stay during that the period. Likewise, candidates must ensure before sending the request that the type of link with their home institution (for example, the University of Zaragoza) allows them to complete the planned stay.

The resolution of these grants will be posted no later than September 30, 2018.