



SDGine
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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



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1. CALL FOR APPLICANTS

1.1. How many positions are funded?

UPM offers **12 funded positions that can be chosen from the 22 research lines published** with matching supervisors (candidates will choose the line they want to apply for). The 12 selected ESRs will be the ones with the best scores for a selected pair of research lines (for example 1A and 1B).

1.2. Can I submit more than one application to the call?

It is strongly recommended you submit just one application for one research line.

1.3. I already have a doctoral degree. Can I apply for the fellowship for a second doctoral degree?

No, this call is for Early-Stage Researchers who are between the first and fourth years of their research career and have not been awarded a doctoral degree.

1.4. Can I apply for a position if I am in my final year of studies in a country outside the European Higher Education Area?

Yes, if you are studying in a University not adapted to the European Higher Education Area you must have completed a degree that gives access to doctoral studies by 21 August 2021, provided that you are eligible for a doctoral programme in the country where your University is located.

1.5. Are the contracts compatible with other grants or fellowships?

No, the employment contracts are incompatible with any other grant or contract, with payments that imply a contractual link of a similar nature, or with activities that may prevent the individual from dedicating him/herself exclusively to the work that is the object of the contract.

1.6. Is there an age limit to apply for the positions?

No, only the years of research experience will be considered, not the physical age of the candidates.

1.7. What is the mobility criterion (Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions mobility rule)?

Applicants may not have resided or carried out their main activity in Spain for more than 12 months in the 3 years prior to the call deadline. Short stays, such as holidays in Spain, will not be taken into account.

For example, the call deadline is August 21 2021, which implies that from August 21 2018 to August 21 2021 the eligible candidate must have resided or carried out their main activity in a

country other than Spain for more than 24 months. Evidence must be provided in any case, as documents supporting the compliance of the mobility rule (city registrations, employment contracts, and/or university registration).

2. APPLICATION

2.1. Can I send the documents (all or part of it) by postal mail or by e-mail?

No, documents can only be submitted electronically through the Applicants' Portal at SDGine website <https://sdgine.eu/applicants-portal/> and in pdf format.

2.2. Is it possible to submit documents after the call deadline?

Following the Spanish Regulations of Public Calls, time for allegations will be established after each step of the selection procedure: 10 working days from the date of notification to the applicants/publication of lists to query the results and rectify their application, if necessary

2.3. I am currently enrolled in a Doctoral Programme, but I have not defended my PhD Thesis yet. Can I apply?

Yes, provided that you have not been awarded a doctoral degree yet and you have not defended your thesis by the closing date for applications. Note that SDGine fellows will be enrolled in UPM Doctoral Programmes.

3. SELECTION PROCESS

3.1. Who are Members of the Selection Committees? Are their names public?

No. According to standard practice in the selection processes using the peer review system, applicants are not informed of the identity of the individuals that evaluate their application.

3.2. Who are the interviewers? Are their names public?

Yes. The interviewers are the PhD Thesis academic supervisor (UPM staff) and the PhD Thesis industrial supervisor or tutor for each research line (Annex I, Guide for Applicants)

4. APPLICANTS' PORTAL

4.1. I have just registered on the Applicants' Portal but the application references are not working so I cannot gain access. How can I solve this?

If you let us know by e-mail in the address sdgine@upm.es we will solve it for you. Alternatively you can register again with a different email address.

4.2. Where can I find the application reference?

Once you register you will receive your application reference by email.