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PROGRAMME  
**VICENTE LÓPEZ**

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**VICENTE LÓPEZ PROGRAMME**

**FOR THE HIRING OF TRAINEE  
RESEARCHERS**



## **RULES GOVERNING THE APPLICATION PROCESS**

### **1. Introduction and Explanation**

The Eurecat Foundation is a technology center that needs to engage in research in order to fulfill its mission. To carry out this research, the Foundation encourages collaboration with universities and research centers and promotes the training of research staff through the production of doctoral theses.

This program is called Dr. Vicente López Martínez in honor of his contribution to innovation in Catalonia and his tireless work to promote links between universities, technology centers and companies. Vicente López was not only the founder of the Barcelona Media technology center, which today forms part of Eurecat; he was also an outstanding researcher, manager and entrepreneur.

### **2. Purpose**

The purpose of this program is to increase scientific knowledge by hiring researchers who will produce their doctoral theses at Eurecat.

### **3. Rules**

#### ***3.1 List of Contracts***

For the 2020-2021 program, **8** pre-doctoral contracts will be offered.

#### ***3.2 Contract Specifications***

The candidates who are chosen/hired will hold the position of Trainee Researcher (TR).

The contract will be of a temporary nature, with a maximum duration of three years, and will be linked to the researchers' completion of their theses. The positions are full-time.



The main obligation for those chosen/hired will be the production of a thesis at Eurecat, within the context of the official doctoral program of the partner universities and in relation to Eurecat's own knowledge areas. To this end, a professor from the university in question, and a doctorate-holder representing Eurecat, will act as the co-directors of the trainee researcher's thesis.

As well as the production of doctoral theses, the program also offers the opportunity to become involved in technological collaboration, to which a maximum of 20% of the trainee researchers' annual working hours may be dedicated.

### ***3.3 Applicant Requirements***

Applications may be submitted by anyone who is qualified and able to begin an official doctoral program in accordance with the regulations in force. Consequently, applicants must possess an official university undergraduate degree and Master's degree (whether issued by a Spanish university or another institution within the European Higher Education Area) that qualifies them to access a doctoral program under the terms of article 16 of Royal Decree 1393/2007 of 29 October. They must also have completed a minimum of 300 ECTS credits as part of their official university studies, of which at least 60 must have been at Master's degree level.

Applications are also welcomed from those who are currently enrolled on an official university Master's degree program that will enable them to access a doctoral program in the 2020-2021 academic year.

All applicants must have a good level of English.

When applying, applicants must provide documents accrediting their academic qualifications. Before signing the contract with Eurecat, successful applicants must provide evidence accrediting their admission into a doctoral program at one of the partner universities.

During the first three months of the contractual relationship, the trainee researchers must provide evidence accrediting their effective enrolment into the aforementioned doctoral program.



Applicants must be of Spanish nationality, or must hold an official work permit enabling them to be employed, upon commencement of their participation in the program.

In order to ensure they participate in the program in person and in situ, the trainee researchers must reside in Catalonia for the duration of the program, except for when they embark on study visits to other universities or research centers as part of their doctoral studies.

### **3.4 Duration**

The TR contracts are linked to the production of a doctoral thesis at Eurecat and will have a maximum duration of three years. They will be renewed on a yearly basis, dependent upon a favorable report from the thesis directors.

The TR contracts may be rescinded at any time by mutual agreement of both parties.

### **3.5 Remuneration**

The remuneration provided for in the contracts is divided into the following two items:

a) Annual gross compensation:

- 1st year: €16,128
- 2nd year: €16,128
- 3rd year: €17,280

b) The cost of enrolment and tutoring for the thesis.

*\*\* Annual import corresponding to the gross salary before deducting taxes (IRPF and Social Security). Taxes depend on the particular situation of each applicant\*\**

### **3.6 Submission of Applications**

All candidates must submit their applications via the Eurecat website (<http://www.eurecat.org>) in accordance with the procedures specified therein.

In order to formalize their application, applicants must:

1. Complete the registration forms, making sure they provide all of the information requested
2. Provide the following documentation:

- A photocopy of their valid NIF, NIE or passport.
- A CV and covering letter explaining their reasons for applying to the program.



- A photocopy of the official academic certificate (or payment receipt for it) that grants them access to the doctoral program. Applicants who are currently enrolled on an official university Master's degree program for the 2019-2020 academic year (and which will grant them access to a doctoral program for the 2020-2021 academic year) must submit a photocopy of the enrolment documents for their Master's degree program.
- The academic transcript for their undergraduate degree studies.
- The academic transcript for their Master's degree studies. Applicants who have not yet completed their Master's degree studies must still submit the corresponding academic transcript.
- Accreditation of any other relevant achievements.

### ***3.7 Preselection by Eurecat***

#### *Application Period*

For the 2020-2021 application process, the application period is from the **27<sup>th</sup> of July to 10<sup>th</sup> of September (both dates inclusive)**.

#### *Selection Process*

The selection process will take place between **10<sup>th</sup> of August to 20<sup>th</sup> of September**.

A committee that has been specifically created for each research post will select candidates. The committee will comprise the proposed thesis directors, the head of Eurecat's Technology Unit for the knowledge area in question, and a recruitment specialist from Eurecat's Human Resources Department, who will act as secretary.

The committees will select candidates for each research post based primarily on their applications and their suitability for producing a doctoral thesis in the knowledge area in question. The committee members may wish to conduct a personal interview with the candidates.

*Final decision date:* **30<sup>th</sup> of September 2020**

The committees will draw up a prioritized list of those candidates they have assessed favorably.



All applicants will be informed as to whether their application has been successful or unsuccessful.

Submission of an application implies the acceptance of these rules. Failure to comply with these rules, failure to provide the required documentation or any other incidence of noncompliance with the application process will result in exclusion from said process.

Candidates will be notified of the committee's decisions via an email sent to the address they provided when applying.

### ***3.8 University Admission and Enrolment***

The university admission and enrolment process must be completed in accordance with the criteria and within the periods stipulated by each university.

### ***3.9 Formalizing the Contract and Joining Eurecat***

The trainee researchers will join Eurecat on **15<sup>th</sup> of October 2020**.

Prior to this date, they must provide Eurecat's Human Resources Department with the necessary documents for drawing up the contract. The contract will be a Trainee Researcher Contract. It will be a full-time contract and have a specific duration. The trainee researchers will be registered in the general system for social security contributions.

### ***3.10 Other Provisions***

The awarding of a TR contract does not imply any form of commitment on the part of Eurecat with regard to the subsequent employment of the trainee researcher as one of its full-time staff.

Any intellectual property pertaining to the scientific work carried out shall be held by the author of the work in question, by virtue of having created it; however, the right to exploit said work shall be transferred to Eurecat and the partner university, unless agreed otherwise.



Any publications or other results deriving from the TR contract must cite Eurecat as the funding body in the appropriate section.

### ***3.11 Processing of Personal Data***

In accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and the corresponding state legislation, Eurecat, as the body responsible for processing said data, hereby informs the applicants that their data has been gathered in order to process and manage the Vicente López Program pursuant to the hiring of trainee researchers. As such, the processing of said data shall be permitted by virtue of the applicants' consent. Said data shall not be transferred to any other party, except where there is a legal obligation to do so, or when such a transfer is essential in order to achieve the purpose for which the data is provided, or when prior and express authorization has been given. The data shall be stored for the period required to achieve the purpose for which it has been provided.

In accordance with the provisions of the aforementioned legislation, applicants may exercise their right to access, rectify, cancel and oppose their data by writing to the Eurecat Foundation at Av. Universitat Autònoma, 23, Parc Tecnològic Del Vallès, 08290 Cerdanyola del Vallès, or by sending an email to [legal@eurecat.org](mailto:legal@eurecat.org).

Likewise, Eurecat hereby informs the applicants that it complies with all of the requirements stipulated in the corresponding data protection regulations and has implemented all of the technical and organizational measures that are necessary in order to guarantee the security of the personal data provided.

In the event that the party responsible fails to comply with its obligations with regard to the processing of personal data, a complaint may be lodged with the Spanish Data Protection Agency.