



PhD SCHOLARSHIP  
PROGRAMME  
**VICENTE LÓPEZ**



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**FOR THE HIRING OF  
TRAINEE RESEARCHERS**



## **RULES GOVERNING THE APPLICATION PROCESS**

The Eurecat Foundation is a technology center where research is a fundamental activity 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 named after 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.

The PhD Scholarship Programme Vicente Lopez started in 2018. Eurecat has granted thirty-five people since then.

### **1. Purpose**

The purpose of this program is to train researchers through the development of doctoral theses at Eurecat who will in turn strengthen and support Catalonian research later on.

### **2. Offered Positions**

Eurecat will post open PhD positions on its website ([www.eurecat.org](http://www.eurecat.org)) together with the topics, descriptions and requirements for the theses ([www.eurecat.org](http://www.eurecat.org)).

### **3. Programme Benefits**

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

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 positions are full – time.

The TR contracts may be rescinded at any time by mutual agreement between both parties.



Producing a thesis at Eurecat will be the main responsibility for the TRs who are chosen/hired. It must be within the context of the official doctoral program of any of the catalan universities and in relation to Eurecat's own knowledge areas.

The thesis must be written in English, and it must be submitted in a by-paper format adapted to the corresponding university requirements. To defend the thesis, at least two papers must have been published in Q1 journals and a third article must have been submitted.

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.

In addition to 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.

The chosen/hired person will be able to telework according to Eurecat's telework policy. Vicente Lopez doctoral students can telework 1 day per week when they are in the third year of their contract to write the thesis. They are not allowed to telework during the first two years. As an exception, Vicente Lopez doctoral students who are working in the digital area can work from home three days per week since the first – year whenever their manager authorizes it.

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

a) Annual gross salary:

- 1st year: €17.651
- 2nd year: €17.651
- 3rd year: €18.912

b) The cost of enrolment and tutoring for the thesis, as well as the cost of the thesis deposit and publication.

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



## 4. Applicant Requirements

Applications may be submitted by anyone is qualified and able to begin an official doctoral program in accordance with the regulations in force and who have not previously held a pre-doctoral or trainee researcher contract. 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 in an official university master's degree program that will enable access to a doctoral program in the 2023-2024 academic year.

All applicants must prove 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 hold an official work permit enabling them to be employed, upon commencement of their participation in the program.

In order to ensure their participation 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.

## 5. 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 in an official university master's degree program for the 2022-2023 academic year (and which will grant them access to a doctoral program for the 2023-2024 academic year) must submit a photocopy of the enrolment documents for their master's degree program.
- ✓ The academic transcript of their undergraduate degree studies.
- ✓ The academic transcript of their master's degree studies. Applicants who have not yet completed their master's degree studies must submit their most recent academic transcript.
- ✓ Accreditation of any other relevant achievements.

## **6. Selection Process by Eurecat**

A committee that has been specifically created for each research position 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.

The committees will select candidates for each research position 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.

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. A failure to comply with these rules, a 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.



## **7. University Admission and Enrolment**

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

## **8. Formalizing the Contract and Joining Eurecat**

The chosen candidates will join Eurecat once the Human Resources department has finished all the administrative work needed to draw up the contract.

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.

## **9. 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.

## **10. 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



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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.