



PhD SCHOLARSHIP
PROGRAMME
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THE PhD SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AT EURECAT



RULES GOVERNING THE APPLICATION PROCESS

The Eurecat Foundation is a technological center whose mission is to promote research, technological development, the generation and transfer of knowledge, and innovation aimed at enhancing the competitiveness of companies and other organizations, as well as the well-being of citizens and society. In pursuit of this mission, Eurecat has established an internal applied R&D programme that supports scientific and technological advancement, fosters collaboration with universities and research centers, and strengthens the training of research personnel through the completion of doctoral theses within the framework of the Vicente López programme.

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 Program Vicente Lopez started in 2018. Eurecat has granted fifty-nine people since then.

1. Purpose

The aim of this programme is to train researchers through the development of a doctoral thesis at Eurecat, so that, once their thesis is completed, they may continue their research career at Eurecat, if appropriate, or contribute to strengthening the Catalan research ecosystem and Eurecat's network of research collaborations at the national and international levels.

2. Offered Positions

Positions on different topics will be available throughout the year and they will be published in Eurecat PhD Scholarship programme website ([Eurecat, el Centre Tecnològic de Catalunya](#)), as well as on other websites linked to the search for employment or training projects such as LinkedIn, Euraxess or the corresponding university web page accompanied by its specific conditions. These conditions shall include the subject, the description of the thesis associated with the vacancy, the requirements for its implementation, the deadline for registration in the selection process, the selection criteria and the committee responsible for evaluating the applications.

3. Program Benefits

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

The trainee Researcher contracts are linked to the production of a PhD thesis at Eurecat and will have a maximum duration of three years. They will be renewed on a yearly basis, dependent upon a favourable report from the PhD



supervisors. The positions are full – time.

Producing a PhD thesis at Eurecat will be the main responsibility for the junior researchers who are hired. It must be within the context of the official doctoral program of any of the Catalan universities or, particularly, in collaboration with a university around the Eurecat 's locations outside Catalonia and related to the knowledge areas of Eurecat.

The PhD thesis must be written in English, and it must be submitted in a by-paper format adapted to the corresponding doctoral program requirements of the university. To defend the PhD thesis, at least two papers must have been published in Q1-Q2 journals, and a third one must have been submitted.

To this end, a professor from the selected university and a PhD - holder representing Eurecat professional will act as the co-supervisors of the PhD work.

In addition to the production of PhD theses, the program also offers the opportunity to become involved in technological collaboration to which a maximum of 20% of the junior researchers' annual working hours may be dedicated.

To support the development of the thesis, doctoral candidates may undertake a secondment at universities or research centres other than Eurecat, at both national and international levels. All secondments are subject to prior approval by the doctoral programme management.

The hired person will be able to telework according to Eurecat's telework policy. Vicente Lopez PhD students can telework one 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. Vicente Lopez doctoral students who are working in the digital area can work from home three days per week since the first – year, as Eurecat telework program indicates, whenever their Eurecat supervisor authorizes it.

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

- a) Annual gross salary:
 - 1st year: 22.500€
 - 2nd and 3rd year: 25.500€
- b) The cost of enrolment and PhD supervision, as well as the cost of the PhD manuscript 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***

*** Modifications to the annual gross remuneration will be subject to Spanish legal regulations.*

4. Applicant Requirements



Applications may be submitted by anyone who is qualified and able to begin an official PhD program in accordance with the regulations in force and who has not previously held a pre-doctoral or research trainee contract and has not previously obtained the PhD degree. Applicants must hold 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 20 of Royal Decree 822/2021 of 28 September. 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 2026-2027 academic year.

For all applicants, knowledge of Catalan and Spanish will be taken into consideration, and in all cases, candidates are required to demonstrate a good level of English (B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages – CEFR).

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 junior researchers must provide evidence accrediting their effective enrolment into the aforementioned doctoral program.

Regarding selected candidates who do not hold Spanish nationality and do not have a work permit, the corresponding authorisation will be processed so that they can be hired. For this purpose, it will be necessary for them to meet the requirements established by law to obtain access to this permit.

In order to ensure their participation in the program in person and in situ, the junior researchers must live 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 PhD studies. Also, in extraordinary situations in which the PhD student is allocated to a university and work center outside of Catalonia and therefore, they will have to reside near the center to which they are assigned to ensure the necessary presence.

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 2024-2025 academic year (and which will grant them access to a doctoral program for the 2025-2026 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

The selection of candidates will be conducted by a panel made up of Scientific Management, a selection specialist from People department, and the associate thesis director.

After verifying that the applicants meet the requirements, the Commission will assess the merits of applications based on their curriculum vitae, academic record, research activity, previous experience in the field of the thesis in the industrial or business sector and level of English knowledge. Selection interviews will be conducted as part of the evaluation process.

<i>Curriculum Vitae</i>	<i>Up to 20 points</i>
<i>Motivation letter</i>	<i>Up to 10 points</i>
<i>Academic transcript</i>	<i>Up to 20 points</i>
<i>Previous research activity</i>	<i>Up to 10 points</i>
<i>Previous experience in the field of the thesis in the industrial sector or company</i>	<i>Up to 10 points</i>
<i>Fluency in English</i>	<i>Up to 20 points</i>
<i>Fluency in Spanish</i>	<i>Up to 5 points</i>
<i>Fluency in Catalan</i>	<i>Up to 5 points</i>

The committee will then compile a list of successful candidates that are prioritized. The commission may drop the call if none of the candidates obtained a minimum score of 60 points according to the criteria set out in the previous paragraph. In this case, Eurecat can re-open the selection process by setting new deadlines for applications and selection.



All applications will receive a response regarding the acceptance or rejection of their application to the programme. The submission of the application implies the acceptance of these bases. Candidates who fail to comply with the rules or submit applications that are lacking documentation, or any other formal defects will be excluded.

The decisions will be communicated to the candidates via the e-mail provided during the registration process.

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 People department has finished all the administrative work needed to draw up the contract and once the university accepts him/her for the assigned doctoral program.

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

9. Other Provisions

The awarding of a trainee researcher 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.

The training activities organised within the framework of the doctoral programme will be mandatory for all participants in the programme. Attendance and successful completion of these activities must be certified whenever required by the programme as a condition for its proper progress and annual evaluation.

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 RT contract must cite Eurecat as the funding body in the appropriate section. Likewise, the final version of the doctoral thesis is expected to be published in Eurecat's institutional repository.



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 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.

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.