



THE GARCÍA-PELAYO POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP programme at the Centre for Political and Constitutional Studies (CEPC) is intended to attract PhD graduates to spend up to three years researching at the Centre. Their work should fall within the scope of a CEPC Research Programme. The CEPC encourages Fellows to take part in its programme of teaching and academic activities (seminars, workshops, debates), to which they will be duly invited. Fellows will be asked to present their research during the Research Seminar.

CONDITIONS

1. Eligibility

Six fellowships are open to candidates holding a postgraduate doctoral degree. The fellowships are intended to support postdoctoral research by academics in the early stages of their professional career. Accordingly, applications will be considered from candidates who gained their PhD not more than five years prior to the closing date for the current tender.

A one-year extension may be applied to this five-year period for applicants whose academic career has been interrupted by maternity leave, illness or compulsory military service.

Candidates must explain such circumstances in their application.

2. Nationality

Nationals from all countries are eligible for the fellowships.

3. Languages

A sufficient knowledge of English and Spanish is required in order to engage in CEPC activities

4. Duration of fellowships

Fellowships are for 3 years.

5. Residence

Fellows are required to reside in Madrid for the duration of their fellowship in order to become actively involved in the academic activities of the CEPC.

6. Stipend

Total stipend is 55.349,30 euros per year gross (plus benefits).

7. Taxation

Fellows must comply with Spanish taxation rules.

8. Medical insurance

Fellows are covered by Spanish Social Security.

9. Moving and related expenses

Expenses incurred in moving to Madrid or setting up residence here are payable directly by Fellows.

APPLICATIONS

Applications might be submitted online. The application form is available at www.cepc.es/application.asp

Applicants must also submit:

- Curriculum vitae
- Research Project
- Letters of reference of professors or researchers (3 maximum)
- Doctoral degree certificate
- Documents accrediting the merits of the candidate, according to the call

Deadline for applications: 18 January 2010 at 14:00 (Central European Standard Time Zone)

SELECTION OF CANDIDATES

The Selection Committee will be composed of the Director of the CEPC, a member from the National Evaluation and Foresight Agency, the Deputy Director General for Studies and Research of the CEPC, and a number of experts appointed by the Director of the CEPC.

The selection process consists of two stages:

1. Evaluation of academic merits

A total of 100 points will be marked in accordance with the following parameters:

- a) Scientific contribution of the candidates to their field of study. Evaluation of this criterion will be based on the different fields of the CV model. Up to 60 points.
- b) Scientific ability to put into practice the proposed research project. Up to 20 points.
- c) Adequacy to the research project to the research programmes of the CEPC. Up to 20 points.

The Selection Committee will decide the minimum mark required to pass the first phase.

2. Interview

In the second phase, the Selection Committee will call for interview those applicants that have obtained the minimum mark established for the first phase. The proposed project of the candidate will be discussed in the context of the corresponding CEPC research programme.

The Selection Committee will seek to assess:

- Theoretical and epistemological rigour, the degree of innovation, specific results anticipated (for example, publications) and whether these are realistic
- The adequacy of the proposed research project to the objectives of the CEPC
- The complementary activities proposed

- A sufficient knowledge of English and Spanish to participate in CEPC activities

Candidates will receive a maximum of 100 points. The Selection Committee will decide the minimum mark required to pass this second phase.

RESEARCH PROGRAMMES

Fellows will be assigned to the following research programmes of the CEPC:

Territorial pluralism of the state

2 fellowships

- Reforms and evolution in federal systems
- Constitutional justice and political autonomy
- Fiscal decentralization

European Union

1 fellowship

- Overcoming the constitutional crisis: the Treaty of Lisbon
- National constitutional courts and European integration
- The new institutional architecture of the European Union

Democracy and representation

1 fellowship

- Reforms of electoral systems
- New modes of political participation
- Electoral administration institutions

Immigration and citizenship

1 fellowship

- Asylum
- Rights and obligations of immigrants
- Integration of immigrants

- Economic crisis and immigration

Fundamental rights

1 fellowship

- Limits and extension of the principle of universal criminal jurisdiction
- Liberty of conscience and constitutional duties
- Capital punishment abolition
- Equality and prohibition of discrimination
- Religious freedom

FACILITIES AT THE CEPC

Library.

Documentation service

Office facilities. The CEPC makes office space available to Fellows.

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