

Reference: BEAGAL18/00119

Resolution nº 277/2019 on 15 th April, by the Rector of the University of La Rioja, announces that Beatriz Galindo position is being convened as a senior modality for the Department of Chemistry

The Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports, with the aim of attracting research talent that has spent part of their professional career in research centres and foreign Universities, published, in the Official State Gazette of April 7, 2018, the Spanish Order ECD/365/2018, of 23 March, approving the regulations and issuing the call for the Beatriz Galindo grants.

Having completed the evaluation of the applications submitted by the Universities, the Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities and in particular the Secretary of State for Universities, Research, Development and Innovation, in accordance with the provisions of Articles 9 and 10 of Order ECD/365/2018 has issued a final resolution for grants to each beneficiary and the senior or junior category assigned to each.

In the final resolution on grant approvals the University of La Rioja (UR) was awarded a Beatriz Galindo grant in the senior category in the field of Chemistry.

The announcement published herein is in general subject to the regulations contained in the aforementioned Order ECD/365/2018 (*hyperlink*).

1. Purpose

The purpose of this announcement is to enter into a contract to appoint, by competitive call, a senior distinguished researcher contract, reference BEAGAL18 / 00119 in the Department of Chemistry, in accordance with the provisions of Order ECD/365/2018.

The contract will be governed by the provisions in Article 23 of Spanish Law 14/2011, of 1 June, on Science, Technology and Innovation. The contract will have the senior category in the field of Chemistry, in accordance with the final resolution in the aforementioned Order ECD/365/2018.

This contract will be funded under budget allocations 03.28.01 500I 133.02 and 03.28.01 500I 160.00.

This call will be published on the official notice board, on the website of University of La Rioja: <https://www.unirioja.es/servicios/sgib/investiga/,and> and the website of the Ministry of Science:

<http://www.educacionyfp.gob.es/servicios-al-ciudadano-mecd/catalogo/general/educacion/277089/ficha/277089-2018.html>

2. Regulation and Execution of the Procedure

The Office of the Vice-Rector for Research of the UR will be the competent body for the regulation, execution and resolution of the procedure. The proposal for awarding the positions will be drawn up by an international expert committee.

3. Contract Conditions

1. The duration of the distinguished researcher contract shall be 4 years.
2. The duration of the working day, timetables, public holidays, leave and payed holidays shall be those specified in the contract and in applicable regulations.
3. The contracted party shall not enter into employment contracts with other bodies during the period of the distinguished researcher contract, unless otherwise authorised by the UR, and always subject to the applicable incompatibilities regime.
4. The contract may be terminated in accordance with the provisions of article 23 of Law 14/2011, of 1 June, and applicable regulations.
5. Employment under the contract shall be full time.
6. The contract will be jointly funded by the Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities and the University of La Rioja. The annual funding will be:
 - 1º 65,000 euros by the Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities.
 - 2º 25,000 euros by the University of La Rioja (amount that includes the salary, tax liabilities and Social Security corresponding to the teacher's and researcher's contract).
7. The contracted party shall join the following research UR group: Protein Bioconjugation Group.

4. Candidate profile

Teacher profile.

The preferred candidate shall have previous experience in:

1. Teaching of Organic Chemistry and Bioorganic Chemistry.
2. Teaching of the Chemistry of natural products, biopolymers and Biological Chemistry.
3. Theoretical and practical instruction in solid-phase peptide synthesis as a tool for biomolecule synthesis.
4. Ability to teach degree-level Chemistry in English and Spanish.
5. Teaching students to be able to read academic papers and present their own research work.
6. Using teaching methodology based on active learning.
7. Developing teaching material for Organic Chemistry experiments.
8. Promoting bilateral inter-university academic agreements.
9. Scientific dissemination.

Researcher profile.

The appointed researcher will join the Protein Bioconjugation Group at the Department of Chemistry (University of La Rioja).

Preferred candidate shall have previous experience in:

1. Solid-phase peptide synthesis, glycopeptides synthesis and biophysical assays with excellent achievements.
2. Methodology for solid-phase peptide synthesis to obtain peptides and glycopeptides. Combinatorial synthesis.
3. Design of glycopeptides with application in immunotherapy as vaccines and cancer diagnostic tools.
4. Analysis and characterization of glycopeptides using high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) and mass spectrometry techniques such as MALDI-TOF MS.
5. Evaluation and biological activity using *in vitro* biophysical techniques, in particular, microarray assays.
6. Supervision of undergraduate students, graduate students and researchers.
7. Obtaining research funding as principal researcher.
8. Positively planning and developing international partnerships.

5. Functions

The main responsibilities for the appointed teacher and researcher will include the following functions. Previous experience of these tasks by the candidate is highly desirable:

1. For teaching duties, the use of novel classroom methodologies based on Active Learning.
2. Developing and teaching a new course to instruct senior undergraduate students in reading academic papers and presenting scientific work.
3. Focus on teaching Organic Chemistry, specifically solid phase peptide synthesis methodology.
4. Supervision of undergraduate and graduate students' research projects.
5. Research based on glycopeptide design, synthesis and evaluation for application in immunotherapy and cancer diagnosis tools.
6. Publication of academic papers and presentations at international conferences.
7. Applying to national and international calls for research funding as principal investigator.
8. Organizing seminars of prestigious scientists at the University of La Rioja.
9. Scientific dissemination.
10. Ability to positively promote inter-university and inter-departmental agreements.

6. Requirements

1. Applicants must meet the following requirements:



- a) No specific requirements as regards nationality or residence of applicants are required for participation in the procedure.

However, the hiring of non-EU foreign researchers will be conditional upon obtaining the corresponding residence permit authorising them to reside and work in Spain under the Organic Law 4/2000, of 11 January, on rights and freedoms of foreigners in Spain and their social integration and applicable regulatory provisions.

- b) Be at least sixteen years of age and not having reached the age of compulsory retirement.
- c) Be functionally capable of performing the tasks.
- d) Not being excluded, through disciplinary proceedings, from serving in any branch of government, nor disqualified from performing the functions. In the case of nationals of a state given above, not be subject to disciplinary penalty or criminal conviction that prevents holding public office in their state.
- e) Hold a doctorate and have at least nine years professional experience abroad. The years shall be calculated from the date of granting of the Doctorate, until the end of the date of submission of the applications (this will be stated in the award resolution for the first phase)

2. The requirements and accomplishments must be met on the date of submission of the applications except the provisions of Article 6.1.a) which must be met on signing the contract.

7. Submission of Applications

1. Applications will be submitted on the website:

<http://www.educacionyfp.gob.es/servicios-al-ciudadano-mecd/catalogo/general/educacion/277089/ficha/277089-2018.html>

Both the form and the accompanying documentation shall be submitted in English.

2. The deadline for submitting applications is one month:

- It will be open from 24th of April 2019 at 8:00 CET (Official Time Spain).
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3. Applications shall be accompanied by the following information and documentation:

- a) Applicant's proposed teaching work.
- b) Applicant's proposed research work and knowledge transfer.
- c) Applicant's curriculum vitae listing predoctoral and postdoctoral placements and current or recent relationships with universities or research centres in other countries.
- d) Explanatory report on the benefits to the University from the proposed teaching and research work and knowledge transfer.
- e) Affidavit concerning the authenticity of the documents presented as regards content and translation, notwithstanding that at any time the candidate may be required to prove the veracity of said documents and provide the originals.
- f) Authorization to the UR to consult, verify, obtain or require accreditation that the applicant is up to date with tax and Social Security obligations, by either original documents or certificates, including online resources.



- g) Photocopy of the Spanish national identity document or passport. However, for Spanish applicants it will be sufficient to provide consent to the consultation and verification of the identity information included in the application by the UR using the Identity Information Verification System in accordance with the single article 3 of Royal Decree 522/2006, of 28 April.
- h) Copy of the official Doctorate qualification.

4. Applicants must provide evidence of all merits and affirmations contained in the application

At any time during the process, candidates may be required to present the applications supporting documents.

8. Correction of Applications after Submission

If the documentation provided during the application submission period is incomplete or contains correctable formal errors, the applicant will be required to complete or correct the application within ten business days using the official website, on the understanding that, failure to do this, the application will be considered withdrawn, subject to a resolution issued under the terms of Article 68 of Law 39/2015, of 1 October.

9. Selection

1. The selection will be made in accordance with the provisions of article 15 Order ECD / 365/2018, of March 23.

2. Selection will be carried out by an international expert committee of recognized prestige and professional competence, appointed by the Secretary General for Universities, acting as a collegiate body, with the function of evaluating the applications submitted. It will consist of 10 members including a President and a Secretary, appointed from among its members. The members of the international expert committee may be the same as those who evaluated applications submitted by the Universities to the Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities.

3. The evaluation will be carried out in a single phase. Applications will be rated with a score between 0 and 10 by the international expert committee which will assess the documentation submitted by candidates with the following evaluation criteria and always in relation to the applicant's curriculum vitae:

- a) Candidate's proposed teaching work, up to 2.5 points.
 - 1st, Quality of the proposed teaching work, up to 1.25 points.
 - 2nd, Programme for proposed teaching work, up to 1.25 points
- b) Candidate's proposed research work, up to 2.5 points.
 - 1st, Quality of the proposed research work, up to 1.25 points.
 - 2nd, Programme for proposed research work, up to 1.25 points.
- c) Candidate's proposed knowledge transfer, up to 2.5 points.
 - 1st, Quality of the proposed knowledge transfer, up to 1.25 points.
 - 2nd, Programme for proposed knowledge transfer, up to 1.25 points.
- d) Benefits to the UR from the proposed teaching work, proposed research work, and proposed knowledge transfer, up to 2.5 points.



- 1st, Benefits of the proposed teaching work, up to 1.25 points.
 - 2nd, Benefits of the proposed research work, up to 0.75 points.
 - 3rd, Benefits of the proposed knowledge transfer, up to 0.50 points.
4. The minimum score for the selection of candidates is established as 6 points. Applications achieving a lower score will be automatically rejected. Additionally, the score for each individual item must be at least 50% of the maximum possible score for each.
5. In the event that two or more candidates achieve the same overall score, the points awarded for individual general evaluation criteria will be used as a tie-breaker, and the candidate with the highest score for criterion a) will be chosen, or, in the case of new tie, the candidate with the highest score in criterion b), and so on, until the four criteria are exhausted. If the candidates have been awarded the same individual score for all the general criteria, the candidates' seniority in the centre in which they work will be taken as the tie-breaker criterion.
6. In its report, the international expert committee will propose to the University Rector a lead candidate and as many substitutes as applications have been awarded more than the minimum score, in order of score.
7. The University will publish on its official website the provisional resolution of selected candidates ordered by score.
8. Candidates may present allegations to the provisional resolution, through the official website, within the period of 10 business days.
9. Once the allegations have been resolved or, if that is the case, the deadline has expired without any being submitted, the University will publish on its official website the candidate finally selected and any substitutes, as well as the proposed selection of the candidate with the highest final score. This resolution will inform about the date for the selected candidate to take up the post.
10. Following this Resolution, which exhausts the administrative procedure, a Contentious-Administrative appeal may be filed against it within two months from the day following its publication, before the Contentious-Administrative Courts of Logroño.
- Nonetheless, an appeal for reconsideration may be filed against this resolution, within one month, addressed to the Rector. In this case it will not then be admissible to file the aforementioned Contentious-Administrative appeal while there is no express or presumed resolution of the appeal for reconsideration, in accordance with the provisions of Articles 123 and following of Law 39/2015, of 1 October, on Administrative Procedure for Public Administrations.
11. If the selected candidate voluntarily fails to sign the contract for distinguished researcher within the term indicated in the selection decision for the position will be considered withdrawn.



10. Submission of Documents

1. The candidate proposed to fill the position must submit to the UR, prior to the date set for starting work, the following documents:

- a) Affidavit attesting to not being excluded, through disciplinary proceedings, from serving in any branch of government, nor disqualified from performing public functions. Candidates that are not Spanish nationals shall also prove that they are not subject to disciplinary penalties or criminal convictions that impede holding public office in their home country.
- b) Affidavit that they have no illness or physical or mental limitation that prevents them from performing the corresponding functions.
- c) Photocopy of their affiliation card for the General Social Security Scheme (*Régimen General de la Seguridad Social*), if applicable.
- d) Declaration of not being affected by any incompatibility.
- e) Non-EU foreigners must have obtained, prior to signing the contract, the appropriate residence permit or work permit. Signing may be delayed until this is obtained. In the event that such authorization or permit is not obtained within two months and therefore the contract cannot be signed, the right to it will be lost and the corresponding substitute may be selected, and if necessary, the process may be declared null and void.
- f) In the case of contracts with non-EU foreigners, clauses relating to the duration of the contract may be included in accordance with the residence permit or work permit.

2. Those who do not submit the documentation, and those for who upon examination of said documentation it is deduced that they fail to fulfil some of the requirements of the present announcement, may not be employed by this University.

3. The contracts shall be signed in compliance with the regulation in Articles 19 to 21 of Order ECD/365/2018, of 23 March. Grants will be awarded starting from the date given in the Instructions published by the General Secretary for Universities when the Universities decide the awards under the second phase of the Beatriz Galindo Grants programme. Beneficiaries shall take up their posts at the Universities within the period given in these instructions. The period for taking up the post and the start of the contract period may be longer than that given in exceptional cases contemplated in the instructions, and for exceptional cases as long as these are duly justified.

4. Any concealment or falsification of information, or failure to comply with the provisions of this announcement shall entail revocation of the contract and reimbursement of any amounts unduly paid.

11. Additional Provision Use of Non-sexist Language

In application of Spanish Law 3/2007, of 22 March, for effective equality of women and men, any reference to persons or group positions included in this document with masculine gender are intended to include both women and men.

12. Final Provision. First

Following this Resolution, which exhausts the administrative procedure, a Contentious-Administrative appeal may be filed against it within two months from the day following its publication, before the Contentious-Administrative Courts of Logroño.

Nonetheless, an appeal for reconsideration may be filed against this resolution, within one month, addressed to the Rector. In this case it will not then be admissible to file the aforementioned Contentious-Administrative appeal while there is no express or presumed resolution of the appeal for reconsideration, in accordance with the provisions of articles 123 and following of Law 39/2015, of 1 October, on Administrative Procedure for Public Administrations.



13. Final Provision. Second

This resolution shall enter into force on April 23, 2019.

Logroño, on 15 th April of 2019. The Rector.- Julio Rubio García