

NanoforumEULA selection visiting researchers from Latin America to Europe

Utrecht, 6 September 2007. Today, the NanoforumEULA specific support action funded by the European Union announced the results of the selection of 20 researchers from Latin America who will receive support for a visit up to 3 months in one of four European nanotechnology research organizations, in the period September 2007 until 1 May 2008. The successful candidates are listed below.

Name	Position	Employer	Country	Host
Mr. Conrado Rosales Torres	PhD student	ITESM	Mexico	Fraunhofer IWS
Mr. Francis Aviles Cetina	Professor	CICY	Mexico	Fraunhofer IWS
Ms. Vivechana Agarwal	Professor	UAEM	Mexico	MINATEC
Mr. William Javier Herrera	Professor	Univ. Nacional de Colombia	Colombia	MINATEC
Ms Sandra Denise Prado	Professor	UFRGS	Brazil	UAM
Ms. Yadira Vega-Cantu	Researcher	IPICYT	Mexico	MINATEC
Mr. Patricio Toro Estay	Researcher	Univ. de Chile	Chile	Fraunhofer IWS
Mr. Sergio Baron	Lecturer	CETAD-La Plata National Univ.	Argentina	MINATEC
Mr. Guilherme Osvaldo Dias	PhD student	State Univ. Campinas	Brazil	MINATEC
Mr. Luis Fernando Rojas-Ochoa	Postdoc	IPN	Mexico	UAM
Mr. Miztli Yolotzin Yepez Martinez	PhD student	UNAM	Mexico	UAM
Ms. Inga Tuzovskaya	Postdoc	CCMC-UNAM	Mexico	MESA+, UT
Mr. Juan Carlos Moreno Lopez	PhD-student	INTEC	Argentina	UAM
Ms. Jannett Hung	Postdoc	IVIC	Venezuela	UAM
Mr. Fernando Marques Freitas	PhD-student	ITA	Brazil	Fraunhofer IWS
Mr. Hugo Tiznado	Postdoc	CCMC-UNAM	Mexico	Fraunhofer IWS

Mr. Jose Alfredo Alvarez-Chavez	Fellow	CIO	Mexico	MESA+, UT
Mr. Edgar Zayago Lau	Assistant	Univ. Autonoma Zacatecas	Mexico	MESA+, UT
Ms. Erika Patricia Briones	PhD-student	IPICYT	Mexico	MESA+, UT
Mr. Velumani Subramaniam	Professor	ITESM	Mexico	MESA+, UT

About the selection procedure

A total of 29 applications were received, including 19 by men and 10 by women. Of the 29 applicants, 15 came from Mexico, 5 from Brazil, 3 from Argentina and Colombia, 2 from Venezuela and 1 from Chile. Of all applicants, 12 preferred to go to the Universidad Autonoma de Madrid (UAM) in Madrid, Spain, 8 preferred to go to the MESA+ research centre of the University of Twente, Enschede, Netherlands, 6 preferred to go to the Fraunhofer Institute for Materials and Beam technology (IWS) in Dresden, Germany and 3 to go to MINATEC in Grenoble, France.

Each of the host organisations ranked the applicants for their organisation on four criteria, using a five point scale for each criterion:

- scientific quality of the proposed work,
- relevance to the nanotechnology research strategy of the employing and host organisation;
- social aspects, including relevance to the development of Latin America and dissemination plan;
- balance of gender and research experience in the ranked list.

Subsequently, MINATEC reviewed the applicants who had preferred to go to another organisation, but were not selected there, and chose the two best candidates who have been asked if they are willing to go to MINATEC in stead. For each organisation, the five highest ranked candidates have been selected.

In the selection, all countries NanoforumEULA received applications from are represented. A balance was also achieved between PhD students, postdocs and experienced researchers. 30% of the selected candidates are women, slightly less than the 35% women among the applicants. The main cause for this is that only men applied for visiting the Fraunhofer IWS institute.

Other mobility funds and fellowships

To assist these and other interested students and researchers in finding other European grants or opportunities for mobility, the following website are recommended:

Eracareers: http://ec.europa.eu/eracareers/index_en.cfm

Cordis nanotechnology webpages on mobility:

<http://cordis.europa.eu/nanotechnology/src/mobility.htm>

The Erasmus Mundus programme:

http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/mundus/index_en.html

Interested students and researchers may also find the database of over 2300 nanotechnology research organizations at the Gateway to Nanotechnology in Europe www.nanoforum.org

useful in helping them identify other potential host organizations in Europe. This database is accessible online after free login.

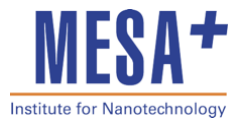
Furthermore, a list of other EU or European national mobility schemes is included below.

Scholarships /Fellowships	Subject and Eligibility Criteria	Support Offered	Organisation/ University	Contact Details
EU: Marie Curie Incoming International Fellowships	All, non-European early stage and post-doc fellowships at a European host organisation	Funding, information	European Commission	http://cordis.europa.eu/mariecurie-actions/iif/apply.htm http://ec.europa.eu/research/fp6/mariecurie-actions/indexhtml_en.html
EU: Eracareers	All, researchers interested in working in Europe	Vacancies, information, database of fellowships and grants	European Commission	http://europa.eu.int/eracareers/index_en.cfm
Austria: Grant database	General database of grants for international students from all countries to Austria	See database	ÖAD	www.grants.at ; http://www.oead.ac.at/_start/index_english.html
Denmark: Study in Denmark	All, students incl. bachelor, master and PhD	Information, links to scholarships and grants	Danish Ministry of Education	http://www.studyindenmark.dk/
Finland: CIMO	All, students and researchers interested in study and research in Finland	Scholarships, information	CIMO	http://finland.cimo.fi/scholarships.html
France: Edufrance	All, students interested in study in France	information	Edufrance	www.edufrance.com
Germany: DAAD	All, students and researchers interested in study and research in Germany	Information, scholarship database	German Academic Exchange Service	http://www.daad.de/deutschland/foerderung/stipendientatenbank/00462.en.html ; http://www.daad.de/deutschland/index.en.html

Greece: YPEPTH	All, students interested in study in Greece	Information, scholarships	Ministry of Education and Religion	http://www.ypepth.gr/en_ec_home.htm
Ireland ICOS	All	Information, scholarships	Irish Council for International Students	http://www.icosirl.ie/
Norway: Study in Norway	All	Information, scholarships	SIU	http://www.studyinnorway.no/
The Netherlands: Netherlands Fellowship Programme	All subjects; students from 57 countries including India; Masters, Short Courses and PhD fellowships	Funding, information	Nuffic	www.nuffic.nl > NFP Netherlands Fellowship Programme
The Netherlands: Grantfinder	All Subjects; Bachelor, Masters, PhD grants, research grants	Information on grants	Nuffic	www.grantfinder.nl ; www.studyin.nl
Sweden Study in Sweden	All Subjects	Information, scholarships	Sweden.se	http://www.sweden.se/templates/cs/SISFrontPage_4908.aspx
Switzerland: SER	All subjects	Scholarships, information	State secretariat for Education and Research	http://www.sbf.admin.ch/htm/bildung/stipendien/eskas-e.html
UK UCAS	All subjects	Admission, list of courses	University and Colleges Admission Service	http://www.ucas.ac.uk/
UK British Council	All Subjects	Information, scholarships	British Council	http://www.britishcouncil.org/home

About NANOFORUMEULA

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