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For the period between 2008 and 2010, the National Office for Research and Technology (NKTH) wishes to create a complex Research Career Development Programme to develop human resources in the R&D sector. Under the above, on behalf of the minister without portfolio responsible for R&D, NKTH and the Hungarian Scientific Research Fund (OTKA) publishes a call for proposals titled "MOBILITY" for the period between 2008 and 2010 to support the international mobility of researchers in order to promote research careers (call acronym: HUMAN-MB08).

Objectives

The aims of the MOBILITY Call, co-financed by NKTH-OTKA-EU 7th Framework Programme (Marie Curie actions), include promoting the scientific careers of experienced researchers with PhD degree or at least 4 years of full-time employment as researchers by supporting their mobility and gaining international experience, as well as promoting the Hungarian exploitation of experience acquired in third countries by supporting researchers returning to Hungary.

Between 2008 and 2010, the call shall be published **under three priorities** - i.e. outgoing mobility, incoming mobility and reintegration - for researchers carrying out **basic, industrial or applied research in the fields of technical-, natural-, life- and social sciences**. As to which of the three priorities are open may change annually.

All three thematic priorities are open for applications in the above scientific fields in 2009.

Source and Budget of Funding

Source of funding: the Research and Technology Innovation Fund, co-funding provided under FP7 by the European Commission (EU co-funding of regional, national and trans-national programmes – COFUND), and the funding allocation for the Hungarian Scientific Research Fund.

The earmarked budget for the Mobility call between 2008 and 2010 shall be
HUF 3 billion, out of which HUF 300 million shall be provided by the budget of OTKA.

The expected number of funded projects per annum, by priority: A./ 18-20
B./ 10-14
C./ 8-10

Eligible Applicants

A./ Outgoing mobility (HUMAN-MB08-A)

Researchers with **Hungarian nationality**, **with PhD degree or at least 4 years of full-time employment as researchers** at the time of application shall be eligible, who wish to enhance

their professional knowledge via realizing a research project at a **prominent international research** unit. Reintegration phase may also be funded for a maximum period of 1 year, but the total funding period may not exceed 2 years.

B./ Incoming mobility (HUMAN-MB08-B)

Researchers with non-Hungarian nationality (nationals of EU members, associated countries or third countries), **with PhD degree or at least four years of full-time employment as researchers** at the time of application shall be eligible, who wish to enhance their professional experience via realizing a research project **at an internationally renowned Hungarian research unit**.

C./ Reintegration (HUMAN-MB08-C)

Researchers with the nationality of EU members or associated countries, with PhD degree or at least four years of full-time employment as researchers at the time of application may receive funding for creating a research unit in Hungary, who have carried out research activities in a third country outside Europe for at least 36 months prior to application. Applications may be **submitted for a maximum of 1 year following the return of the applying researcher from a third country**.

Form of funding: final grant disbursed to the beneficiary with no repayment obligation ("grant").

Minimum and maximum duration of funding, by thematic priority:

A./ Outgoing mobility   min. 1 year - max 2 years
(Including the possible reintegration period of the researcher.)
B./ Incoming mobility   min. 1 year - max 2 years
C./ Reintegration   min. 2 years - max 3 years

Funding Intensity: The funding does not qualify as state aid, there is no need to provide own resources for the projects.

Minimum and maximum amount of funding per annum, by proposal and by priority:

A./ Outgoing mobility   min. 10 - max. 15 million HUF/ annum
B./ Incoming mobility   min. 10 - max. 12 million HUF/ annum
C./ Reintegration   min.12 – max.30 million HUF/annum

Place, process and deadline for proposal submission

Proposals shall be submitted in English.

The call is open for continuous submission from its publication until its budget is exhausted, but no later than 1st October 2010. We reserve the right to amend and annually update the call.

Proposals shall be evaluated twice in 2009.

Submission deadline: 20 April 2009

Those proposals shall be considered in the first round of evaluation which are **submitted and finalized** in the OTKA EPR system electronically **by 24 hours on 20 April 2009 and their identical hard copies with authorized signatures are sent by 25 April 2009 (according to their postal timestamps)** to the OTKA Office.

Submission deadline: 20 September 2009

Those proposals shall be considered in the second round of evaluation which are **submitted and finalized** in the OTKA EPR system **electronically by 24 hours on 20 September 2009 and their identical hard copies with authorized signatures are sent by 25 September 2009 (according to their postal timestamps)** to the OTKA Office.

On the parcel, please indicate the priority acronym:

„HUMAN-MB08-A", or „HUMAN-MB08-B", or „HUMAN-MB08-C"
Postal address:

OTKA OFFICE
1476 Bp. 100. Pf. 289.

For information concerning this call you may contact our colleagues:

- By phone during office hours at the **OTKA Office:** +36-1-219-8700

- By e-mail at: **MB08@otka.hu** /'MB' 'zero' 'eight'/. The acronym of the proposal should be indicated in the **subject field**: *HUMAN-MB08.*

Before turning to the OTKA Office, applicants are kindly advised to carefully read through the Call for Proposals and the Guide for Proposers, as their questions might be answered immediately!

The Call for Proposals and the Guide for Proposers together contain all necessary requirements for application.