



2009 TERMS AND CONDITIONS POST-DOCTORATE POSITION IN ASTRONOMY CONICYT – CNRS

I. BACKGROUND

This contest is developed under the general framework of the “Memorandum of Understanding between the French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS) and the National Commission for Scientific and Technological Research (CONICYT)”, signed on December 11, 2007.

II. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this call for applications are: (i) to strengthen cooperation in astronomy and astrophysics research; (ii) to stimulate productivity and the future scientific leadership of PhD-holding researchers; (iii) and to contribute to the Researcher Exchange Program and links between the Chilean and French scientific communities;

III. REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Must hold a PhD in Astronomy or Astrophysics at the time of application, doctorate given by a French University.

IV. BENEFITS

CONICYT will finance one (1) post-doctorate position for a 2-year period. This post-doctorate position includes:

- 4.1** Monthly salary for 24 months, in the amount of 32,000 USD annually (\$19.200.000 Chilean pesos)
- 4.2** 5,000 USD to cover the expenses of research and participation in national and/or international scientific meetings per year.
- 4.3** Plane ticket between Chile and France (one roundtrip).
- 4.4** Health insurance for a maximum of USD \$800 annual.

These benefits shall be given exclusively to the selected participant and do not include his or her family.

V. APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

- 5.1** Application form (attached).
- 5.2** Accreditation of PhD degree. The applicants must include a certificate or legal photocopy of the awarded degree.

5.3 Sponsorship letter from the Chilean institution where he or she will perform its research during the Post-doctoral position.

5.4 Proposal (in English) of the research project during the post doctoral position.

VI. EVALUATION AND SELECTION

The evaluation of the applications will be done by of a committee designated jointly between CNRS and CONICYT. The main factors to be considered in the evaluation are listed below, in order of priority:

- Academic qualifications of the applicant
- Academic value of the research proposal

CONICYT will issue a resolution that adjudges the contest, and also an approving resolution of the adjudged agreement, on the final decision and the selected proposal.

VII. RESPONSIBILITIES

After the dictation of the resolution that adjudges the contest is given, the selected candidate, from a French university, will be required to sign a written agreement with CONICYT in which the rights and responsibilities of both parties are established.

VIII. COMPLIANCE AND INTERPRETATION OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS

8.1 Only those applications that comply with the requirements specified in these Terms and Conditions will be accepted; non-compliance with these will be cause for the applicant to be considered ineligible.

8.2 Incomplete applications will be ineligible.

8.3 No applications will be accepted after the deadline date.

8.4 CONICYT reserves the right to interpret the meaning and scope of the present terms and conditions in the event that questions and conflicts arise during the application of these.

8.5 The applicants' file will not be returned.

IX. TIMEFRAME

9.1 The present applications will be published in a national circulation newspaper of the republic of Chile, at the same time the CNRS should spread the information in France.

9.2 Applications must be sent by e-mail to postdoc_cnrs@conicyt.cl in a single compressed Zip file, which contains all documentation requested in PDF format. The compressed zip file must be named by the name of the applicant (example: John Smith, jsmith.zip).

9.3 All documentation presented outside term will be considered ineligible.

9.4 Applications must be sent no later than **October 5, 2009 at 4:00 p.m.**

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