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## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR eidA3-ceiA3 GRANTS FOR THE PREPARATION OF CO-SUPERVISED DOCTORAL THESES FROM FOREIGN PHD STUDENTS

On 26 November 2009, the ceiA3 project (A3 stands for “Agro Alimentation Andalucía”), a joint initiative by the universities of Almeria, Cadiz, Huelva, Jaen and Cordoba, headed by the University of Cordoba, was declared a Campus of International Excellence by the Spanish Ministry of Education. This project aims to modernize and internationalize the participating universities in order for them to drive the change towards a sustainable knowledge-based production model.

The International Agrifood Doctorate School (eidA3) aims to achieve excellence in researcher training. Its Advisory Board – formed by the Vice-Chancellors responsible for PhD studies at the ceiA3 universities – promotes initiatives to increase international mobility, establish international networks and capture talent.

Pursuant to the foregoing, this public call for applications for academic mobility grants is hereby approved to support PhD students from foreign universities who wish to study at the eidA3 universities in order to prepare their doctoral theses on a co-supervised basis.

### 1. Purpose of the call

The aim of this call for applications is to award grants to PhD students from foreign universities to prepare their doctoral theses on a co-supervised basis in PhD programmes offered by the ceiA3 Universities as partner institutions in the eiDA3 (Appendix 1).

### 2. Scope and type of grant

These academic mobility grants are intended to cover stays of six (6) months at one of the Universities participating in the ceiA3 by PhD students from foreign universities wishing to carry out research activities related with the scientific content of their doctoral theses and to obtain the title of doctor on a co-supervised basis in accordance with the requirements established in the standard agreement attached (Appendix 1). If the research programme extends beyond the date indicated, the period must be financed by the host university in the same terms as those set out in this call for applications, for which a formal agreement must be concluded.

### 3. Beneficiaries

The grants envisaged in this call are eligible to PhD students from foreign universities in the second or subsequent years of their doctoral theses.

### 4. Number and allocation of grants

1. Eight (8) grants will be offered.
2. The duration of stays will be 6 months at the same host university. The stay may be divided into two periods: one period must last at least 3 months and finish before December 20<sup>th</sup> 2013, completing the stay during 2014.
3. Grants will be to the value of 1,060 euros per month with a single allocation of up to 340



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euros for travel.

4. To cover the costs of stays, each grant will include an allowance of up to 3,300 euros, depending on the field of study of the recipient group, in order to cover expendable expenses.

## 5. Conditions for applicants

PhD students applying for academic mobility grants must have completed the doctoral training period (master, courses, etc.) established by legislation in the country of origin at the moment of incorporation to the host university and/or are enrolled in doctoral studies.

## 6. Presentation of applications and documentation

1. Applications must be completed and presented using the on-line application <http://www.uco.es/estudios/idep/aplicaciones/ceia3/cotutela/>.

Printed application form and the corresponding supporting documents should be sent by e-mail ([escueladoctoral@ceia3.es](mailto:escueladoctoral@ceia3.es)) before May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 2 PM

2. Documentation:

- Application form with acceptance by the thesis supervisor at the university of origin and the supervisor at the host university.
- Research programme.
- Commitment of the university of origin to sign the standard agreement included in the call for applications (Appendix 2).
- Passport, residence permit in the country of origin in the case of non-EU students. DNI (Spanish National Identity Card) number in the case of Spanish PhD students enrolled at foreign universities.
- Certificate of academic record with details of the studies giving access to the doctoral studies.
- Proof of academic, scientific and professional qualifications obtained, as indicated on the form included in the call.
- Research and doctoral supervision experience of the recipient group and co-supervisor according to the model set for this call. This model set should be sent by spanish co-supervisor to [escueladoctoral@ceia3.es](mailto:escueladoctoral@ceia3.es)

## 7. Evaluation of applications

1. Applications will be evaluated by an Academic Evaluation Committee appointed by the Advisory Board of the eidA3.

The following general evaluation criteria will be applied:

- a) Average grade on the student's academic record, up to a maximum of 4 points.
- b) Publications, papers at congresses and other scientific experience of the applicant deriving from work on the doctoral thesis up to a maximum of 4 points, evaluating the position of the applicant on the list of authors and the international nature of the contribution.

c) Years spent writing the thesis (years enrolled in a supervised academic programme). 0.5 points per year, up to a maximum of 1.5 points.

d) Research and doctoral training experience of the recipient group. Up to a maximum of 8 points.

2. The Evaluation Committee is empowered to establish specific criteria within the scope of these general criteria where appropriate and ensure the correct distribution of the grants among different disciplines.

3. After evaluating the applications, the Evaluation Committee will inform the applicants of the results of the evaluations within a maximum period of 15 days after the final date set for submission of applications, and applicants will have three working days to present claims. After studying the claims, the Evaluation Committee will submit its proposed resolution to the Advisory Board of the eidA3 for its approval.

#### 8. Obligations of the beneficiaries.

1. Comply with the established research programme.
2. Fulfil the obligations deriving from the co-supervised doctoral thesis agreement signed by the universities.
3. Subscribe health insurance.
4. Justify the funding received under the terms indicated in this call for applications.

#### 9. Grant supporting documents.

Within five (days) after the PhD student has enrolled at the host university, he/she must present the following:

1. Certificate of enrolment signed by the thesis supervisor at the host university and approved by the Doctoral Programme Coordinator or the person responsible for PhD studies at the university.
2. Original tickets of public transport used to travel from the university of origin to the host university. Students must present original airplane boarding passes and train tickets.

During the final 15 days of their stay, and before this ends, PhD students must present the following:

1. Report on the activities carried out with the conformity of the thesis supervisors.
2. Certificate of attendance accredited by the university where the student has completed the stay.
3. Original tickets of public transport used for the return journey.

The abovementioned documentation must be presented at the **ceiA3 Technical Office** of the university where the PhD student is enrolled (Appendix 3).

#### 10. Application and budget.

These grants will be funded from the subsidy awarded to the AGRIFOOD CAMPUS OF INTERNATIONAL CAMPUS (ceiA3) by virtue of the decision granting the funding adopted by the Ministry of Education on July 26, 2010, under the 2010 Call for Applications of the International Campus of Excellence Programme regulated by ORDER EDU/903/2010 of April 8,





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and EDU/1069/2010 ORDER of April 27. The eidA3 will be entitled to 80,000 euros for this call.

## 11. Legislation applicable to the call

11.1. The grants the object of this call for applications will be awarded on a competitive basis, in accordance with existing regulations governing subsidies.

11.2. The formalities relating to this call, including the lists of admitted/excluded and selected applicants, will be published in the "calls" section on the ceiA3 website.

The abovementioned publication will serve as notification to the interested parties, in accordance with Article 59.5 b) of Law 30/92 of November 26, governing the Legal System applicable to Public Administrations and the Common Administrative Procedure.

11.3. Presentation of the corresponding application will constitute express acceptance of the terms and conditions of this call for applications.

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**APPENDIX 1.PHD PROGRAMMES INCLUDED IN THE EIDA3**

<b>Protected Agriculture</b>	<b>UNIVERSITY OF ALMERIA</b>
<b>Biotechnology and Industrial Bioprocesses</b>	
<b>Applied and Environmental Sciences</b>	
<b>Business Management and Economics</b>	
<b>Advanced Chemistry</b>	
<b>Greenhouse Technology and Industrial and Environmental Engineering</b>	

<b>Arts and Humanities**</b>	<b>UNIVERSITY OF CADIZ</b>
<b>Science**</b>	
<b>Social and Legal Sciences **</b>	
<b>Engineering and Architecture **</b>	
<i>**Consult programmes included in the eidA3 on the web page of the call</i>	

<b>Biosciences and Agrifood Sciences</b>	<b>UNIVERSITY OF CORDOBA</b>
<b>Rural Development</b>	
<b>Dynamics of Biogeochemical Flows and their Application</b>	
<b>Engineering of Agro-industrial Plants</b>	
<b>Engineering and Technology</b>	
<b>Fine Chemistry</b>	

<b>Science and Chemical Technology</b>	<b>UNIVERSITY OF HUELVA</b>
<b>Local Development and Social Economy</b>	
<b>Local Development and Territorial Planning</b>	
<b>Chemical Products and Processes</b>	
<b>Environmental Technology</b>	

<b>Food Safety</b>	<b>UNIVERSITY OF JAEN</b>
<b>Sciences**</b>	
<b>Health Sciences**</b>	
<b>Social and Legal Sciences**</b>	
<b>Engineering and Architecture**</b>	
<b>Marketing and Consumption</b>	
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