

CALL FOR GRANTS TO STUDY ON A UNIVERSITY MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMME
AT THE ROVIRA I VIRGILI UNIVERSITY
STUDY GRANTS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
ACADEMIC YEAR 2011-2012
Postgraduate and Doctoral Committee of 28 February 2011

1. Conditions of the call

The Rovira i Virgili University is announcing a competitive call for grants to study on a university master's degree programme during the academic year 2011–2012. These grants are aimed at new international students.

1.1 Aim

The present call aims to facilitate and increase the participation of new international students who fulfil the entry requirements of the URV university master's degrees.

In the present call 2011-2012, all the university master's degrees will have at least one student awarded with a grant. Those interuniversity master's degrees whose registration procedure is not organized by the URV are expressly excluded.

The number of grants awarded can be increased by means of any extra resources proposed by the organs responsible for organizing the master's degree, as long as they use the specific application form.

1.2. Characteristics of the grant

The grants consist of the whole amount of the registration of the first academic year (60 ECTS credits, including registered and recognized, fees and insurance) and a study bursary of 4.000€.

In the case of on-line masters degrees, the grant only will consist of the whole amount of the registration fees of the first academic year.

In the case of masters' degrees of 120 ECTS credits, if 60 ECTS credits of the first year are recognized due to previous formation, the grant will involve the whole amount of the second year registration (60 ECTS credits). The student should pay the fees of recognition of the first year.

The Postgraduate and Doctoral School will be responsible for transferring the study bursary to the beneficiary student, by means of the Economic Resources Service. In addition, it will be responsible for paying the registration and tuition fees to the Academic Management Service, and for paying the insurance premium to the insurance company.

The students will receive the amount of 4.000€ in three payments:

First payment: As soon as the students will enrol the university, they will be paid an advance sum of 600€ so that they can cover the first expenses they may have. To receive this advance sum, however, they must have completed the registration procedure.

Second payment: During the two following months after registration to the master, the sum of 2.000€ will be transferred directly into the current accounts of the beneficiaries.

Third payment: During the last week of February 2012, the beneficiaries will be paid the outstanding sum of 1.400€.

Under no circumstances will the registration or tuition fees be transferred to the students. The Postgraduate and Doctoral School will transfer this amount directly to the Academic Management Service.

Likewise, the Postgraduate and Doctoral School will also pay the insurance premium for these students, which will cover the costs of health care, accidents and repatriation during the period they are beneficiaries of the grant.

1.3. Requirements

a) General

1. Students must not be the beneficiaries of other incompatible grants or bursaries (see section 1.9 of the present call). Should they be awarded another grant or bursary of the same characteristics, they will have to explicitly renounce one of them and return the amount they have already received.

b) Specific

1. Beneficiaries must be registered for at least 60 ECTS credits of a URV university master's degree. This figure includes the number of recognized credits.

2. Beneficiaries must have been favourably evaluated by the specially appointed Committee and their coefficient must be within the total number of grants to be awarded.

3. International students must not have Spanish residence.

4. Those beneficiaries who are registered in master's degrees with a virtual component must spend at least two months in the URV.

1.4. Documents that must be presented with the application:



- a. Signed application form addressed to the rector of the university (see attached form)
- b. Declaration that the beneficiary does not reside in Spain
- c. Academic transcript with the average grade of the previous academic year.
- d. The Postgraduate and Doctoral School can ask students for any other documents that may be required to appraise their application during the selection process.

1.5. Presentation of applications

The deadline for presenting applications is **30th April 2011** inclusive.

Applications can be submitted by e-mail at the address escoladoctorat@urv.cat.

Alternatively, they can be submitted by certified mail or handled physically at the following address:

Escola de Postgrau i Doctorat
Universitat Rovira i Virgili
Crta. de Valls s/n, Edifici W1, planta baixa,
43007 Tarragona
SPAIN

1.6 Selection procedure

After the deadline for presenting the applications, students will have a period of five days to amend any possible lack of documentation and, after this period, the final list of admitted and excluded applications will be published on the website at the following address: www.urv.cat/masters_oficials/en_beques_edpd.html.

The applications will be appraised by a Selection Committee consisting of three members from the knowledge area of the master's degree. The committee will be chaired by the coordinator of each master's degree. This committee will raise the proposal of grant awards to the Vice-rector for Postgraduate Studies and Lifelong Learning and indicate the order of priority, so that all grants can be awarded should there be any withdrawals. Applications will be appraised using the following criteria:

1. Academic transcript (maximum 5 points).
2. Curriculum Vitae (previous training, languages, temporary stays in other countries, mobility, professional experience) (maximum 3 points).
3. Undergraduate studies in another university (maximum 2 points).

To guarantee efficiency, the Selection Committee of each master's degree must meet between 10–20 May 2011.

On the basis of the proposals made by the various Selection Committees, the Vice-rector for Postgraduate Studies and Lifelong Learning shall convene the Standing Recruitment Committee, which will make the definitive award of the

grants and indicate the order of priority. This Committee will consist of five members, representing five different scientific areas.

In the event that some awards are not assigned, the Standing Recruitment Committee can redistribute them among the other master's degrees, with the exception of those that are funded by the organs responsible for university master's degrees. In this case, the vacancies will be redistributed under decision of the organ responsible for the master degree.

1.7 Resolution of the call

Once the process has been completed, the Vice-rector for Postgraduate Studies and Lifelong Learning will publish the definitive list of grants awarded. This list will be available at the following website: www.urv.cat/masters_oficials/en_beques_edpd.html. A waiting list will also be published, consisting of those students who will only be awarded a grant if a beneficiary decides not to accept the award or is excluded for any other reason established in the present call.

Should you wish to do so, you can appeal to the rector of the URV within one month of having been informed of the decision, or make any other appeal that you believe to be in your interests

1.8 Payment of the grant

In order to be able to receive payment of the grant, beneficiaries must provide the Postgraduate and Doctoral School with the following documents:

- Photocopy of the application for the NIE (tax identification number for foreigners)
- Personal and bank details (copy of the bank account)

These documents must be presented before 30 September 2011 at the Postgraduate and Doctoral School (Crta. de Valls s/n, Edifici W1, planta baixa, 43007 Tarragona).

1.9 Incompatibilities

1. The beneficiaries of the grants described in this call cannot be the recipients of any other bursary or grant with the same characteristics or purpose, with the exception of the AGAUR or Spanish Ministry's mobility grants, which are regarded as being a complement to a study programme designed exclusively to encourage mobility.
2. If students have been awarded any other bursary or grant of a similar kind, they must renounce their right to the award in writing and return the totality of the sum awarded.

3. Those students who have pre-registered for or been admitted on interuniversity master's degrees, the registration procedure of which is not organized by the URV, are excluded from this call for grants.

1.10 Renewal for master's degrees of 120 ECTS credits

Those students awarded with a grant of a university master by means of URV resources who have registered to the first academic year of a master's degree of 120 ECTS credits (2 academic years), can renew the grant during the academic year 2012-2013, provided that they fulfil the following requirements:

- Having passed the first academic year with an average grade of 2
- Having registered all the credits required so that they can finish the master's degree.

In any case, students should apply for the renewal of the grant.

In the case of grants with own master's degree resources, the renewal call will be under decision of the organ responsible for the master degree.

Important dates in the call for grants for master's degrees at the URV for new international students.

Postgraduate and Doctoral Committee of 28 February 2011

Approval of the call for grants	28 February 2011
Publication of the call on the website, information to the coordinators	1 March 2011
Deadline for presenting applications	30 April 2011
Publication of the list of applications	6 May 2011
Committees meet to propose beneficiaries	10 to 20 May 2011
Standing Recruitment Committee	30 May 2011
Publication of the list of beneficiaries.	3 June 2011
Beneficiaries present their documents	Until 30 September 2011

UNIVERSITARY MASTER'S DEGREES 2011-2012 SUSCEPTIBLE OF GRANTS

University Master's Degree	ECTS
Advanced Studies in Catalan Language, Literature and Culture	60
Advanced Studies of Public Administration and Management ★	60
Ageing and Health	60
Air-Conditioning Technologies and Energy Efficiency in Buildings	60
Analytical Techniques and Innovation in Tourism	60
Applied Chromatographic Techniques	60
Assessment and Measure of Behaviour	60
Business and Contract Law	120
Chemical Engineering ★	90
Classical Archaeology	120
Computer Security and Intelligent Systems	120
Cultural Studies in English. Texts and Contexts	60
Educational Technology: e-Learning and Knowledge Management	120
Electronic Engineering	60
Environmental Engineering and Sustainable Production ★	60
Environmental Law	120
Euro-Mediterranean Relations ★	120
Foreign Language Teaching (Spanish as a Foreign Language/English as a Foreign Language)	60
Genetic, Nutritional and Environmental Factors in Growth and Development	60
Historic Societies and Political Forms in Europe	60
Industrial Organisation	60
Medical anthropology and international health	120
Mental Health: Research in Psychiatry, Neurotoxicology and Psychopharmacology	60
Migrations and Social Mediation	120
Nanoscience and Nanotechnology	60
New Frontiers in Chemical and Process Engineering ★	60
Nursing Sciences	120
Nutrition and Metabolism	60
Occupational Risk Prevention	60
Oenology	60
Political, Institutional and Corporative Communication in Crisis and Risk Environments	60
Quaternary Archaeology and Human Evolution (Erasmus Mundus)	120
Research into Fluid Thermodynamics Engineering	60
Social Sciences of Development: Cultures and Development in Africa	120
Strategic Business Management	60
Synthesis and Catalysis	60
Territorial Planning: Information, Tools and Methods ★	60
Theoretical and Computacional Chemistry	60
Training Education Professionals	120

★ New master's degree