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Department of Higher Education, Science, Technology and Innovation

The Minister of Education, Science, Technology and Innovation, pursuant to Articles 8, 10 and 11 of the Law no. 06 / L-113 on the Organization and Functioning of the State Administration and Independent Agencies (Official Gazette no. 7/01 March 2009, sub-paragraph 1.5, of paragraph 1, Article 11 of Law no. 08/L-117 for the Government of the Republic of Kosova (Official Gazette /no. 34/18 November 2022, Prishtina), Article 32 paragraph 4 of Law no. 04/L-037 on Higher Education in the Republic of Kosova, (Official Gazette) no. 14/9 September 2011, Prishtina), sub-paragraph 1.4, Article 4, appendix, 1 point 7 of the Regulation GRK) no. 14/2023 on areas of administrative responsibility of the Prime Minister’s Office and Ministries and based on the provisions of the Law on Scientific-Research Activities no. 04/L-135 and the Action Plan of the National Science Program, for the support of postdoctoral studies, the Department of Higher Education, Science, Technology and Innovation and the Scientific Council of MESTI, announces:

**CALL**

**For financial support for postdoctoral researches**

Kosovar researchers interested in postdoctoral research stays at the top 1,000 universities in the world according to the 2025/2026 QS World University Rankings are invited to apply for financial support worth up to 10,000 euros, depending on the duration of their studies. The purpose of the call is to support quality research and facilitate the cooperation and networking of our institutions with the highest quality institutions in the world. The competition is public, applies to candidates who are citizens of the Republic of Kosovo, and is based on the principles of gender, ethnic, religious and racial equality.

To apply to this call, interested candidates must meet the following conditions:

 - To be citizens of the Republic of Kosova;

- To have an active bank account in the Republic of Kosovo in their personal name;

- The host university must be in the list of the top 1000 universities in the world according to the "QS World University" ranking;

- The candidate must bring official proof of acceptance from the host institution;

- The candidate must not have received a full scholarship for postdoctoral studies from institutions of the Republic of Kosovo;

- The research project should be linked to the priorities of the National Science Program and the National Development Program;

- To have a clear and original project of postdoctoral studies.

**Priorities:**

The priority will be given to candidates who:

* Will conduct original research at host universities ranked higher in the international "QS World University" ranking (previously unpublished);
* Demonstrate experience in qualitative scientific research (whether through published papers or participation in international conferences at home or abroad);
* Prove that they will return to contribute to Kosovo with a declaration signed by the candidate.
* Have completed their doctoral studies in the last five years.

**Documents that are required:**

* CV (Biography);
* Copy of ID or passport of the Republic of Kosova;
* Relevant evidence from the host university where the applicant is expected to pursue postdoctoral research clearly indicating the duration;
* Proof of completion of doctoral studies;
* Research project for the postdoctoral period approved by the host institution.

**Evaluation criteria**

* Linkage with the National Science Program and the National Development Program.
* The quality of the research project.
* Ranking of the host institution in QS World university.

**Additional clarifications about the application:**

* The application must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "Application for financial support for postdoctoral studies" to the address str. “Agim Ramadani” MESTI office no. 4.
* Applicants who lack one of the required documents, are disqualified.
* Applications and additional documentation after the deadline specified according to this competition, are not accepted.
* Documents that are not in one of the official languages ​​of the Republic of Kosovo must be translated by an authorized translator.
* After the completion of the selection process, the applicants will sign the declaration of commitment of meeting conditions and obligations of this financial support.
* Scholarship holders are expected to submit in MESTI the copy of the ID card and the bank confirmation for the active personal account.
* At the end of the postdoctoral period, scholarship holders must submit to MESTI a report that includes:
	+ A research summary and brief description of the research work undertaken;
	+ A brief summary of expenses;
	+ Anticipated publications: Details of any publications that will arise as a result of this research, either directly or indirectly. (The Commission will assess whether or not all projects will lead to publishable results.)
* **Applicants bear moral and criminal responsibility for the authenticity and originality of the submitted documentation.**

**The call will be open from 29.09.2025, until 17.10.2025, at 16:00.**