

**The Magyary Higher Education Public Foundation with  
the grant of the EEA and the Norwegian Financial Mechanism  
open a second joint call for proposals entitled  
'Zoltan Magyary Postdoctoral Fellowship'**

### **Purpose of the Call**

The Zoltan Magyary Postdoctoral Fellowship aims to support and improve the career perspectives of young researchers, who wish to pursue research in a higher educational institution in Hungary for the duration of the fellowship.

### **The subject of the Call**

The Fellowship aims to encourage young researchers with international experiences and significant scientific efficiency, to stay in or return to a scientific career in Hungary.

### **Source of Financing**

There shall be three calls for applications. The full amount of the Fund is HUF 294 030 000, 85% is financed from the funds of the EEA and the Norway Grants and 15% is financed the Magyary Higher Education Public Foundation (MZFK). The Foundation will allocate in the first Call (2008) HUF 113 014 000, in the second Call (2009) HUF 113 014 000 and in the third Call (2009 second) HUF 68 002 000. If insufficient quality applications are submitted in one call for proposals, the remaining funds can be reallocated to the next Call.

### **The amount of the fellowship**

The amount of the fellowship consists of two segments:

- a monthly scholarship in the amount of HUF **302 500**<sup>1</sup>; and
- an annual research support of maximum HUF **948 750**.

The maximum grant amount per fellow is therefore HUF 4 578 750 per year.

### **The duration of the fellowship**

For young researchers not returning from abroad, the duration of the fellowship is up to 12 months. They can apply for a second year, but will then have to repeat the full application procedure.

For young researchers returning from abroad<sup>2</sup> the duration of the fellowship is up to 19 months, but not longer than until March 31, 2011.

### **Eligible scientific areas**

The Fellowship supports young researchers from all scientific fields.

### **Eligible Applicants**

Eligible applicants are excellent young researchers with international experience, who obtained their PhD or an equivalent degree not more than 8 years before the date of application, and who do not turn 40 years old before the end of the year in which the call for proposals is launched. The fellows may have no other remunerative activity and no other scientific fellowship for the period of the grant. The fellows have to perform their research work at a higher education institute of Hungary.

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<sup>1</sup> The fellows have to finance from the amount of the monthly scholarship the medical service tax and the superannuation tax.

<sup>2</sup> That applicants are qualified as 'returning from abroad', who return to Hungary in the year of the application, and who spent minimum one year without break in abroad with scientific purpose.

### **Eligible Costs**

The fellow receives two kinds of supports: a monthly fellowship and an annual research support. The annual research support is only for those expenses which are directly connected with the research activity. The Foundation relegates the annual research support to the account of the higher educational institute where the fellow is doing his/her research, so the equipments financed from the support will contribute to the property of the institute. From the support one can finance publications and other necessary costs, without the acquisition of equipment travel costs. Overheads can not be financed from the support.

### **Selection Criteria**

The evaluation of the sub-project applications shall be based on the below criteria:

- The applicant's professional and scientific activities (publications in scientific journals and conference publications, impact factor, number of citations, international and domestic awards). These criteria make up 40 percent of the total score.
- The applicant's foreign activities (long-term international fellowships, researcher positions, international project experience, scientific qualifications, scientific degree obtained abroad). These criteria make up 20 percent of the total score.
- The scientific value, including inter alia the suitability of the host institution, of the proposed research project. This criterion makes up 40 percent of the total score.

### **Reports on Research**

The fellows shall submit at least one interim report and a completion report. In case of 20-month-fellowships the fellows shall submit at least two interim reports and a completion report. The interim report(s) shall be submitted after respectively 6 and 15 months and include information on progress and payments made. The completion report shall be submitted no later than two months after completion of the fellowship and include documentation on activities and payments and show that the sub-project has been completed according to the conditions on which the grant was awarded.

The Foundation apprises the fellows 30 days before of the deadline of the expiration of the reports.

### **First Date of Eligibility**

The first date of eligibility is at September 15, 2009 the grant agreement (between the fellow and the Foundation) appointed date. The first disbursement of the monthly scholarship is matured up to the fifth of the next month. The first disbursement of the annual research support is matured up to the end of the second month.

### **Publicity**

The Foundation published the decisions on the awarding of the fellowship on own website and the website of the Ministry of Education and Culture.

The fellows shall, when appropriate, publicise the fact that the implementation of the research has been supported from the EEA Grants and Norway Grants and the MZFK.

### **Submission of Proposals**

The proposals should be submitted in Hungarian. The proposals should be submitted in four versions, two original, and one copy and on electronic versions on CD. The proposals should be sent as registered mail with a post stamp not later than **4. July, 2009** to the mailing address of the Foundation: MZFK 1461 Budapest PO Box 391. Proposals mailed and submitted after the deadline will not be evaluated. The Foundation will decide on granting of applications until the end of September 2009.

### **Connection**

All relevant documents are available at the following websites: [www.mzfk.hu](http://www.mzfk.hu) and [www.okm.gov.hu](http://www.okm.gov.hu) and [www.eeagrants.org](http://www.eeagrants.org) . Further information from the MZFK Secretariat e-mail: [mzfk@mzfk.hu](mailto:mzfk@mzfk.hu).