

# Fundación Focus

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## Prizes and Study Grants 2018

Fundación Fondo de Cultura de Sevilla (Focus), in accordance with article 5, paragraph 2, of its Constitution, announces a public Contest for the concession of End of Study Prizes, Scholarships for Studies Abroad, Grants for Language Studies in summer courses abroad, Grants for advanced studies for students from Trade Schools, Research Grants. Eligibility will be limited to members of the workforce\* of Abengoa S.A., or its Sister Companies, who have that status both when applying and when the results are announced and the Prizes, Scholarships and Grants are delivered, as well as their spouses, children or orphans, according to the following rules.

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## Completion of Studies Prizes

- 1 The following Prizes are available for the study levels and with the allowances stated below:
  - Two Prizes for Compulsory Secondary Education, each with an allowance of 600.00 euros.
  - Two Prizes for Higher Secondary Education, each with an allowance of 600.00 euros.
  - A Prize for Intermediate Level Vocational Training Programmes, with an allowance of 600.00 euros.
  - A Prize for Higher Level Vocational Training Programmes, with an allowance of 600.00 euros.
  - Four prizes for completing university studies with a purse of 800.00 euros each.
- 2 Eligible for these Prizes are those who, during the 2017-2018 academic year, have completed studies corresponding to the various levels of education for which the competition is open, being members of the workforce\* of Abengoa, S.A., or its Subsidiary Companies, as long as they maintain this status at the time of both application and award as well as presentation of the Prize, or spouses, children or orphans of these members, who form part of the family unit.
- 3 Applications for the award of these Prizes shall be sent to the Board of the Focus Foundation, at Plaza de los Venerables, 8, 41004 Seville (Spain), by 15 October 2018. If sent by mail, this shall be registered mail with acknowledgement of receipt. Applicants shall specify in their application the prize for which they are entering. They shall indicate that they meet the conditions required in Condition Two and they shall include official certification or a sworn statement of each of the grades obtained in the subjects in which a pass is required to be able to complete the studies corresponding to the level of education in which they are competing.
- 4 The Foundation Board shall appoint a Jury, the composition of which shall not be made public until after the decision has been announced. The Jury shall consider the qualifications obtained by applicants in their studies, regularity in carrying them out, as well as, for university levels, when this information is known, the average grade attained by the beneficiaries of grants for training of teaching and research staff in centres where applicants have completed their studies.
- 5 The Foundation Board, on its own initiative or at the request of the Jury, shall be able to ask applicants to present documents accrediting the information declared or any additional information.
- 6 The Jury shall take its proposals which may include that of declaring the some or all of the Prizes void, to the Board by 1 December 2018. The Board shall rule definitively on the awarding of the prizes by 15 December 2017.
- 7 Presentation of an application to take part in this Competition shall imply acceptance of these Conditions and the decisions of the Board, which shall be final.

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## Grant for Further Study Abroad

- 1 A Grant is available for further study abroad (excluded from this is the study of a foreign language), with an allowance of 600.00 euros.
  - 2 Eligible for these Grants are members of the workforce\* of Abengoa, S.A., or its Subsidiary Companies, as long as they maintain this status at the time of both application and award as well as awarding of the Grant, or spouses, children or orphans of these members, who form part of the family unit.
  - 3 Applications for the award of these Grants shall be sent to the Board of the Focus Foundation, at Plaza de los Venerables, 8, 41004 Seville (Spain), 25 June 2018. If sent by mail, this shall be registered mail with acknowledgement of receipt. Applicants shall state in their application that they meet the conditions required in Condition Two and they shall name the Centre where they are going to carry out their studies, the plan, type and level of study, the Professor or Researcher who is going to direct their studies and the duration of the course, which cannot be shorter than one month. They shall state the level of study completed in Spain, accompanied by official certification or a sworn statement of the grades obtained in the highest of the levels studied, and they shall present a report signed by a Professor or Researcher on the suitability of the studies they propose to carry out abroad. They shall also state whether they have presented an application for a grant or allowance for these studies and, where applicable, the reply they received. If presenting documentation in a language other than Spanish, they shall have to enclose a translation.
  - 4 The Foundation Board shall appoint a Jury, the composition of which shall not be made public until after the decision has been announced. The Jury shall consider the merits put forward by applicants and the interest these studies which they propose to carry out abroad have for their training. A basic criterion for assessing applicants shall be the level of studies completed by applicants, with special preference being given to those who have completed a degree course.
  - 5 The Foundation Board, on its own initiative or at the request of the Jury, shall be able to ask applicants to present documents accrediting the information declared or any additional information.
  - 6 The Jury shall take its proposals, which may include that of declaring the Grant void, to the Board by 28 June 2018. The Board shall rule definitively on the awarding of the Grants by 30 June 2017.
  - 7 Applicants awarded a Grant shall undertake to present the Foundation Board, on completion of the studies carried out, with a Report showing the result attained in them.
  - 8 Presentation of an application to take part in this Competition shall imply acceptance of these Conditions and the decisions of the Board, which shall be final.
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## Allowance for Foreign Language Study Abroad on Summer Courses

- 1 An Allowance is available for the study of a foreign language abroad on summer courses, of 900.00 euros.
- 2 Eligible for these allowances shall be the children or orphans of any member of the workforce\* of Abengoa, S.A., or its Subsidiary Companies, who are part of the family unit, as long as they maintain this status at the time of both application and award as well as presentation of the Allowance.
- 3 Applications for award of these Allowances shall be sent to the Board of the Focus-Abengoa Foundation, at Plaza de los Venerables, 8, 41004 Seville (Spain) by 26 June 2018. If sent by mail, this shall be registered mail with acknowledgement of receipt. Applicants shall state in their application that they meet the conditions required in Condition Two and they shall name the Centre where they are going to carry out their studies, the type and level of study and the duration of the course, which cannot be less than twenty-five days. They shall state the level of study completed in Spain, accompanied by official certification or a sworn statement of the grades obtained in the highest of the levels studied, and they shall present a report signed by a Professor or Researcher on the suitability of the studies they propose to carry out abroad. They shall also state whether they have presented an application for a grant or allowance for these studies and, where applicable, the reply they received. They shall include a photocopy of the income tax return for 2016 corresponding to the applicant or the head of the applicant's family (or both spouses if the applicant's parents have presented separate tax returns). If presenting documentation in a language other than Spanish, they shall have to enclose a translation.
- 4 The Foundation Board shall appoint a Jury, the composition of which shall not be made public until after the decision has been announced. The Jury shall consider the merits put forward by applicants, the level of study completed and the interest the studies which they propose to carry out abroad have for their training. Special consideration shall be given in the assessment of applications to applicants' level of family income; to determine this level, the taxable base of the tax return presented by each applicant shall be divided by the number of members in the family. If there are several applications presented by various members of the same family, preference shall only be given to one of them.
- 5 The Foundation Board, on its own initiative or at the request of the Jury, shall be able to ask applicants to present documents accrediting the information declared or any additional information.
- 6 The Jury shall take its proposals, which may include that of declaring some or all of the Allowances void, to the Board by 28 June 2017. The Board shall rule definitively on the awarding of the Grants by 30 June 2018.
- 7 Applicants awarded an Allowance shall undertake to present the Foundation Board, on completion of the studies carried out, with a Report which shows the result attained in them.
- 8 Presentation of an application to take part in this Competition shall imply acceptance of these Conditions and the decisions of the Board, which shall be final.

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## Allowances for Further Study for Students coming from Professional Upper Degree Vocational Education

- 1 An Allowance is available, in the sum of 600.00 euros, for further study for persons who have finished the an upper degree vocational education programme (or equally the two degrees from the previous Vocational Training programme) and wish to continue their studies at the university.
- 2 Eligible for this Allowance are members of the workforce\* of Abengoa, S.A., or its Subsidiary Companies, as long as they maintain this status at the time of both application and award as well as presentation of the Allowance, or spouses, children or orphans of these members, who form part of the family unit.
- 3 Applications for the award of these Allowances shall be sent to the Board of the Focus Foundation, at Plaza de los Venerables, 8, 4104 Seville (Spain), by 16 July 2018. If sent by mail, this shall be registered mail with acknowledgement of receipt. Applicants shall state in their application that they meet the conditions required in Condition Two and they shall include official certification or a sworn statement of the grades obtained in Upper Degree Vocational Education or Vocational Training degrees, as well as justification of the study extension project for which they are applying for the allowance. They may also include other documents or reports justifying the interest of the project and shall state whether they have applied for or obtained other grants or allowances.
- 4 The Foundation Board shall appoint a Jury, the composition of which shall not be made public until after the decision has been announced. The Jury shall consider the merits put forward by applicants and the interest of the projects for which they are applying for the Allowances.
- 5 The Foundation Board, on its own initiative or at the request of the Jury, shall be able to ask applicants to present documents accrediting the information declared or any additional information.
- 6 Jury shall take its proposals, which may include that of declaring the Allowances void, to the Board by 15 August 2018. The Board shall rule definitively on the awarding of the Grants by 10 September 2018.
- 7 The applicant awarded the Allowances shall accredit with the appropriate justification or receipt that he/she has registered for the study course named in the project. For any alteration or change to the study course, the applicant shall request and obtain express prior permission from the Foundation. On completing the studies, the applicant shall present a Report which shows the result obtained.
- 8 Presentation of an application to take part in this Competition shall imply acceptance of these Conditions and the decisions of the Board, which shall be final.

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## Research Allowance

- 1 A Research Allowance is available with an allowance of 1,200.00 euros for the preparation of a doctoral thesis or other scientific work.
- 2 Eligible for this Allowance shall be members of the workforce\* of Abengoa, S.A., or its Subsidiary Companies, as long as they maintain this status at the time of both application and award as well as presentation of the Allowance, or spouses, children or orphans of these members, who form part of the family unit, who are graduates of any Faculty, Higher Technical College or University College.
- 3 Applications for the award of these Prizes shall be sent to the Board of the Focus Foundation, at Plaza de los Venerables, 8, 41004 Seville (Spain) by 15 October 2018. If sent by mail, this shall be registered mail with acknowledgement of receipt. Applicants shall state in their application that they meet the conditions required in Condition Two and they shall include official certification or a sworn statement of the grades obtained in the degree course they have followed and a Report on the thesis or research work they propose to carry out, with a report from the Director of Studies. Also, they should state whether they have entered other contests or competitions and, where applicable, the prizes or allowances awarded to them.
- 4 The Foundation Board shall appoint a Jury, the composition of which shall not be made public until after the decision has been announced. The Jury shall consider the merits put forward by applicants, the interest the research has and the period planned for carrying out the project described in the Report.
- 5 The Foundation Board, on its own initiative or at the request of the Jury, shall be able to ask applicants to present the documents accrediting the information declared or any additional information.
- 6 The Jury shall take its proposals to the Board by 1 December 2018. The Board shall rule definitively on the awarding of the Allowance by 15 December 2017.
- 7 The applicant awarded the Research Allowance shall undertake to present the Foundation Board with the thesis or scientific work within the period of completion specified in the Report. During this period, the Board shall be able to ask for interim reports from the beneficiary and the Director of Studies on the progress of the research.
- 8 Presentation of an application to take part in this Competition shall imply acceptance of these Conditions and the decisions of the Board, which shall be final.

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