

## ***Fellowships Junior y Senior 2023***

### ***Instituto de Estudios Avanzados del Litoral***

Call for application submission

**Submission deadline: March 1, 2023  
(3:00 pm Buenos Aires-Argentina)**

#### **1.- INTRODUCTION**

The Instituto de Estudios Avanzados del Litoral (IEA Litoral) is pleased to invite applications for its annual residency fellowship program for the 2023 academic year.

The IEA Litoral is structured under the principles of "disciplinary dialogue" to address major contemporary problems, and the commitment to the internationalization of research through the insertion and creation of research networks and the preponderant presence of researchers from other geographies and cultures.

The research model on which the IEA Litoral is based is based on the commitment to strengthen scientific development in the region from a call for applications open to the world offering funding for the stay of researchers in Santa Fe; develop a rigorous selection process based on external evaluators and the principle of excellence; to offer researchers an ideal environment for research that favors inspiration, marked by freedom, tranquility and absence of other obligations associated with teaching and research activities, outside the development of their research project at the IEA Litoral; to build a multicultural, cosmopolitan intellectual community of academic excellence, which favors dialogue, conversation and exchange with open borders.

The IEA Litoral, through its Scientific and Social Economic Councils chooses an annual priority theme for the annual call for resident fellowships. The annual priority theme for 2023 is:

#### **CROSSING VIEWS: BIOTECHNOLOGICAL PRODUCTION AND ITS CHALLENGES (TERRITORIAL, REGULATORY, ENVIRONMENTAL, ETHICAL, SANITARY AND CLIMATE)**

Biotechnology is the center on which different perspectives from the most varied disciplines focus. The interest of a renewed alliance between the scientific sector and the markets in developing and applying biotechnology to **new products** of all kinds (**food and medicines** occupy a relevant place) and **biotechnological companies** is growing, the **states** identify it and they treat in their **public policies** as a development **vector to promote**. At the same time, other views arise for which genetically modified organisms (GMOs) are considered a source of **risks to human health and the environment**; the most varied **conflicts** appear in this field: around **labeling** and **consumer information**; to the so-called **development risks**; in relation to the **biosafety management** of GMOs; around the implementation of **agricultural biotechnology**, conflicts over **the use of agrochemicals** or over the fate of **countrymen's seeds** and **biodiversity**.

Therefore, this call for applications for residencies at the IEA Litoral is open to all sciences and arts, with a particular interest in projects with a disciplinary dialogue perspective and researchers from all geographies of the world.

The academic life and activities of the IEA Litoral are conducted in Spanish and English and eventually in French. Fellows are expected to have accredited language skills in at least one of the first two languages, which will allow them to adequately develop their activities at IEA Litoral.

## **2.- SCHEDULE**

**From January 15, 2023 to March 1, 2023:** reception of applications from fellows (juniors and seniors).

**From March 1, 2023 to April, 2023:** Selection of fellows and classification into seniors and juniors.

**In the month of April 2023:** those who were selected in each category will be communicated.

**From September 1, 2023:** the arrival of the fellows to the city of Santa Fe is expected.

## **3.- GENERAL CONDITIONS OF THE CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**

Fellowships are available in all areas of research in the sciences and the arts.

The fellowships have a total duration of 3 months (September, 1 – December, 1) 2023.

IEA Litoral will select 8 fellows for its annual fellowship program.

### **Selection Process:**

Fellows are chosen through a selection process consisting of four steps:

First, every three years, the Scientific Director of the IEA will prepare a proposal of three priority topics.

The second step is that, every three years, the IEA will open a period for the Faculties of the UNL to submit a priority topic for consideration by the Economic and Social Council and the Scientific Council of the IEA del Litoral. Each of the Faculties will freely establish the internal mechanisms for the formulation of the proposal. The Scientific Director and the Faculties at the time of formulating the proposals should consider two central criteria: a) the impact at local and regional level and secondly, b) maximize the possibilities of disciplinary dialogue. Thirdly, the Economic and Social Council will consider the topics proposed by the Scientific Director and the Faculties of the UNL and will establish, according to their level of social, economic, cultural, etc. impact, an order of priority.

And finally, the Scientific Council of the IEA del Litoral is in charge of deciding which thematic nuclei will structure the calls for the three-year period. To do so, in addition to its own considerations, it must take into account the arguments expressed by the Scientific Director, the Faculties of the UNL and the Social Council of the IEA.

### **Categories:**

The competition for grants is divided into the following categories of individual resident researchers:

1. *Senior resident researchers:* are those who accredit 10 continuous years of research after the date of obtaining their Ph.D. or 5 years from the date of completion of their post-doc. Those who belong to a scientific discipline and do not have a Ph.D. degree or who do not demonstrate dedication to research through research projects funded by accredited institutions in the sector cannot be considered researchers.
  - a. *End-of-career resident researchers:* for those who have the retirement benefit at the time of residency.
  - b. *Resident researchers who develop in the IEA Litoral their sabbatical year in their academic institutions of origin.*
2. *Junior resident researchers:* academics between 5 and 10 years after the defense of their doctoral thesis, no more than 5 years after finishing their postdoc and no more than 45 years of age.

This call does not include the possibility of submitting applications from research groups or individual researchers with a free theme, different from the theme chosen for 2023 as the annual priority theme. Only individual applications will be accepted in the junior and senior categories with research projects that fall within the annual priority theme 2023.

### **4.- ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS**

The individual selection criteria will be the following:

- A. to have submitted in due time and form the required documents for this call for applications;
- B. fulfill the personal conditions to enter the categories of junior or senior fellows;
- C. excellence of the research project;
- D. creativity and innovation of the project;
- E. level of openness to the disciplinary dialogue of the project;
- F. possibility of medium and long-term interaction with local researchers and research groups and local institutions.

It is important that for your application to be valid, the form must be completed and the documentation must be sent before the deadline: **March 31st, 2023 (15 hs Buenos Aires-Argentina).**

## 5.- TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE SCHOLARSHIPS

IEA Litoral scholarship recipients receive a fixed sum for travel expenses from their place of residence to the city of Santa Fe and back, a monthly stipend and accommodation in residences provided by UNL

The fixed sum will be a maximum of US \$ 500 for South America and up to US \$ 1000 for the rest of the world.

The monthly stipend will be US \$ 1,000 for junior fellows and US \$ 1,500 for seniors to help finance their stay in the city of Santa Fe.

In addition, the scholarship recipients receive accommodation provided by the UNL. In the event that they wish to stay with their families (up to a maximum of 4 persons), the provision of accommodation will depend on the availability of the UNL

## 6.- FELLOWS' RIGHTS

Without prejudice to the rights of UNL researchers, resident researchers of the IEA del Litoral have the following rights:

- a) To use the facilities, infrastructure and assets for the development of their research tasks;
- b) To have a research and bibliographic support service;
- c) To have adequate space for the development of their tasks;
- d) In the case of group resident researchers, to have a budget for the development of the proposed activities;
- e) To benefit from lodging provided by the IEA del Litoral;
- f) A fixed sum for the fellow's travel expenses to and from his/her place of origin.

## 7.- OBLIGATIONS OF FELLOWS

Without prejudice to the obligations of UNL researchers, resident researchers of the IEA del Litoral have the following obligations:

- a) To reside permanently in the city of Santa Fe during their stay at the IEA del Litoral; they may be absent for a maximum period of fifteen days with the authorization of the Scientific Director of the IEA del Litoral;
- b) To give at least one seminar in the weekly seminar series of the IEA del Litoral;
- c) Participate in a weekly lunch and dinner organized by the IEA del Litoral;
- d) Collaborate in the organization and participate in scientific and institutional events organized by the IEA del Litoral;
- e) Mention their membership of the IEA del Litoral in publications and participation in academic-scientific, dissemination or transfer events;
- f) Provide in due time and form all information required by the Scientific Director of the IEA Litoral as well as comply with the final reports required by the IEA del Litoral;
- g) Comply with the internal operating regulations of the IEA del Litoral.

## 8.- APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The application deadline is **March 1, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. Argentina time.** All applications must be submitted through our online application system. The application form will be open from **January 15, 2023.**

### STEP 1. PREPARATION OF THE SINGLE APPLICATION FILE (.PDF)

Create a single pdf file no larger than 5 MB containing all the documents required for the program's scholarship application. Online tools can be used to compress the files, such as <https://www.ilovepdf.com/es> or <https://smallpdf.com/es>.

The name of the pdf file must contain your name and the type of scholarship you are applying for. Example: Juan (first name), Solo (last name), IEA Litoral 2023 Annual Fellowship Program - Junior Fellow.

The above PDF file must contain the following documents:

1. a letter of intent written in Spanish or English (maximum 1000 words).
2. A scanned copy of the PhD degree;
3. If available, a letter of support from a local institute, center or research group with a work proposal written in English or Spanish ( up to 1000 words).
4. The abstract of your research project written in English or Spanish (up to 200 words).
5. A description of your research project written in English or Spanish (maximum 5000 words; the list of references is not included in the word count).
6. A CV in English or Spanish (maximum 6000 words).
7. A list of your most important publications, including up to 5 articles, book chapters or books for juniors and up to 15 articles, book chapters or books for seniors. (To be attached separately). Articles and book chapters should be preceded by an abstract in English or Spanish (up to 200 words each). Books may contain a brief review (up to 600 words) in English or Spanish.
8. References: for junior applicants only: the full name, telephone number and e-mail address of up to three academic references.

**NOTICE:** Only applications that use the requested format and strictly comply with each and every one of the requirements set forth in 1 through 6 will be considered eligible and will therefore be subject to the evaluation process.

## **2ND STEP. COMPLETE THE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

Go to the 2023 academic year scholarship application form on the IEA Littoral Website, and complete all your details as required: <https://iealitoral.com.ar/en/blog/postulaciones/>

**NOTICE:** Please note that you cannot save your work and continue to complete the form at a later time, so you will be asked to submit your application when all information and materials are ready!

## **STEP 3. UPLOAD SINGLE PDF APPLICATION FILE**

Upload your single application file (pdf file) and submit your application.

**NOTICE: Incomplete forms or applications submitted in any manner other than as described in this call will not be considered.**

Please note that incomplete applications, where the web form is not complete or the pdf application package is not included, will not be considered.

Once the Form is completed and sent, you will receive by email (the one you indicated when completing it) an automatic confirmation of your application.

All applications must be submitted by 3:00 p.m. (Buenos Aires - Argentina) on March 1, 2023.

Selected candidates will be informed in April 2023. Others will be notified of the outcome of the evaluation process by the end of April 2023.

*For more information about your application and for more information about IEA Litoral, please visit: <https://iealitoral.com.ar/>*

*Questions and comments can be sent to [iealitoral@unl.edu.ar](mailto:iealitoral@unl.edu.ar)*