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## ACE del Sur de Africa - frA Visiting Lecturers Grants / A4U Researchers in South African Universities

The Society of Spanish Researchers in Southern Africa (ACE del Sur de Africa) is a not-for-profit society aiming to disseminate excellent-quality research and facilitate collaboration opportunities contributing to the cultural enrichment and knowledge advance of both Spanish and Southern-African countries societies.

ACE del Sur de Africa is committed in boosting the relations between Spanish and Southern-African tertiary institutions so they can exchange both students and staff members, initiate high-quality research projects and consolidate existing relations which have been productive in the recent past. To achieve this goal, the **ACE del Sur de Africa - frA Visiting Researchers Grants Program** is intended for two A4U Faculty members to visit South African Universities. These grants are awarded by ACE del Sur de Africa and they are sponsored by the Ramón Areces Foundation (frA) and the Embassy of Spain in South Africa. The frA was created in 1976 with the broad objective of fostering scientific and technical research in Spain and culture in general. Ever since its creation the Ramón Areces Foundation has constantly and firmly supported scientific research as the driving force behind progress and modernity. On the other hand, the Alianza 4 Universidades (A4U) is a strategic partnership between four leading Spanish universities: the Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB), the Autonomous University of Madrid (UAM), Carlos III University of Madrid (UC3M) and Pompeu Fabra University (UPF).

Each of these grants is endowed with a **EUR 1 700,00 (tax-free) for each recipient**. This amount is expected to

cover one return flight and local expenses during the visit.

**Eligibility** - Interested applicants must:

- Be a faculty member (Personal Docente e Investigador PDI) either permanent or with a fixed-term contract at any of the A4U Universities (UAB, UAM, UC3M, UPF).
- Find a host group or department - and a host researcher responsible for the visit - in one South African university, preferably, but not exclusively: University of the Witwatersrand, University of Pretoria, Stellenbosch University, University of Cape Town, University of the Free State and University of the Western Cape.
- Present a teaching and/or research program for the time of the visit, for a minimum of either five working days or ten teaching/working hours. Teaching programs at the level of Masters or PhD are encouraged since they are easier to be implemented beyond administrative constraints.
- The beneficiary will also offer a public talk at the host institution for wide audiences. Promotion of such an event will be facilitated by the Society of Spanish Researchers in Southern Africa and the Embassy of Spain in South Africa.
- Any research output or published teaching material issued as a consequence of the visit should acknowledge the financial support of both the Ramón Areces Foundation, the Embassy of Spain in South Africa and the Society of Spanish Researchers in Southern Africa.
- The **visit should take place before December 31 2022** unless some major reason discourages its realisation.

**PROCEDURE** - The selection of the awardees will be done according to the procedure outlined below.

- **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> of September, 2022:** ACE del Sur de Africa will announce a **call-for-applications** of the 1<sup>st</sup> edition of the **ACE del Sur de Africa - frA Visiting Researchers Grants Program** via direct e-mails sent to its associates and institutional stakeholders, posts in social media, etc.
- The call-for-applications will be open for 4 weeks, **submission deadline on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2022**. During this time, interested applicants can submit their application via [e-mail](#) to the Secretary of the Award.
- Only merits in which the applicant is the lead author will be considered. This will ensure a fair competition of merits and achievements in which applicants have made a significant contribution.
- Applications are comprised of 3 parts, all of them in free format:
  - **Part 1 Program of the visit.** Provide a description of **(1)** the applicant's research/teaching trajectory in plain language, and **(2)** the research/teaching suggested program of the visit, including expected dates, host university/department/institute in South Africa and name of the responsible person at the receiving institution (<800 words).
  - **Part 2 CV.** Include all your merits as a lead author, including peer-review publications, conferences, book chapters, patents, awarded grants as principal investigator, artwork, received awards, and other merits.
  - **Part 3 Letter from the responsible person** at the receiving institution ensuring that the visit is viable to be done.
- All candidates will be notified of the Awards outcomes during the week following the submission date.

Please contact the Secretary of the Award **Dr Alvaro de la Cruz-Dombriz (U. of Cape Town)** for any question in his email [alvaro.delacruzdombriz@uct.ac.za](mailto:alvaro.delacruzdombriz@uct.ac.za). The rest of the **Award Committee** consists of (in alphabetical order) **Dr María Jesús Herrero-Ramón (U. Of San Sebastian, Chile)** and **Prof Matilde Sánchez-Fernández (Vice-Chancellor for Internationalisation, Carlos III University of Madrid, Spain)**