1st CALL FOR EMPLOYMENT HELP GRANTS 2021-22

The first call for Employment Help grants 2021-22 is designed to foster people's talent and innovation through training, and it is aimed at unemployed people and self-employed professionals and employees whose gross monthly average income in the last four months does not exceed the guaranteed minimum wage by more than 6%.

The grants cover 50 Euros per ECTS registered for, on a selected range of lifelong learning programmes taught by the Fundació Politécnica de Catalunya, starting in the first semester of the 2021-22 academic year.

The total amount of the Employment Help 2021-22 grants is 110,000 Euros. 90,000 Euros will be allocated to the first call, although the entire grant amount may not necessarily be allocated.

This call will be subject to the following conditions:

1. The application period for the first call for Employment Help grants 2021-22 begins on 5 July 2021, and will end under all circumstances and at the latest seven calendar days before the start date of each training programme or when the amount subject to this call has been disposed of.

2. Registered residents of a municipality in Spain who have been admitted to one of the programmes in this first call (i.e. they have received the letter of admission) are eligible for these grants. In addition, they must meet one of the following requirements:

   - Registered as unemployed when applying for the grant.
   - Self-employed professionals or employees with a gross monthly average income in the last four months not exceeding the guaranteed minimum wage by more than 6%.

3. The documentation required to submit an application is:
   I. National identity document, foreigner identity number or valid passport.
   II. Curriculum vitae (to be provided during the admission process).
   III. Letter of motivation: setting out the professional reasons for doing the programme and justifying the financial need for the grant to take it. This document must state why taking the programme will be useful for the candidate in obtaining new employment opportunities.
   IV. Registration document and where appropriate, Renewal of the Application for Employment (DARDO). This document certifies registration with the Catalan Employment Service or having renewed the application for employment, and which contains the date of the next renewal.
   V. Proof of income (only if you are not unemployed):
      a) Last four payslips prior to submitting the application. For self-employed workers, the appropriate quarterly income tax declaration.
      b) Affidavit by the applicant, concerning compliance with all the requirements for being a beneficiary of the grant.
4. Applications may only be made online, via the link www.talent.upc.edu/cat/employmenthelp, filling out the information requested in each field and attaching the documentation requested in this call in PDF format.

5. The FPC may request additional or original documentation at any time in order to complete or verify the contents included in the application.

6. The Award Panel will assess the applicants' profiles based on the documentation provided and award the grants to the applicants meeting the requirements and continue to do so until all the grants in this call have been exhausted.

7. The decision on the award of grants will take place at the latest five calendar days before the start of the programme, and all successful applicants who are recipients of the grant will be notified of the result by telephone and/or e-mail.

8. The decisions of the Award Panel are not subject to any kind of appeal and are final.

9. The decision on the grants cannot be backdated under any circumstances.

10. The Recipients of the grant must make the remaining payment of the registration fee within the deadlines stipulated in their letter of admission. Otherwise, they will lose their grant and admission fees.

11. Each applicant may only apply for one grant for a single programme.

12. The remaining amount payable will not be subject to any other discounts, grants or subsidies and in the event that an applicant who is registered unemployed finds a job after receiving the Employment Help grant, the remainder of the registration fee may not be paid by a company.

13. If an applicant does not receive the grant or waives it before completing registration, he/she may request the refund of the admission fees paid.

14. If the programme for which the recipient of the grant has been offered a place is cancelled, he/she will be offered a place on a programme with similar characteristics. In the event that the student does not accept it, he/she may request a refund of the amount paid.

15. The FPC reserves the right to change these conditions without prior notice, by publishing them at www.talent.upc.edu/cat/employmenthelp, and to cancel this call.

16. Submission of your application to the Employment Help programme entails acceptance of these conditions.

Barcelona, 5 July 2021