SECOND CALL FOR EMPLOYMENT HELP GRANTS 2020-21

The second call for Employment Help grants 2020-21 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 20%.

The grants cover 50 Euros per ECTS credit registered for on a selected range of lifelong learning programmes taught by the Fundació Politècnica de Catalunya, starting in the second semester of the 2020-21 academic year.

The total amount of the Employment Help 2020-21 grants is 114,760 Euros. This amount has been increased by 14,760 Euros from the initial amount, and the increase comes from the unused amounts in the first call for Employment Help and Talent Help grants in 2020-21. 35,660 Euros will be allocated to the second 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 Employment Help grants begins on 21 December 2020, and end will under all circumstances and at the latest seven calendar days before the start date of each training programme subject to this call, or the exhaustion of the second call amount.

2. People who are registered in a municipality in Spain and who have been admitted to one of the programs of this call (having received the admission letter) may be beneficiaries of these grants. In addition, they must meet one of the following requirements:
   - Be registered as unemployed when applying for the grant.
   - Be a self-employed professional or an employee with a gross monthly average income in the last four months not exceeding the guaranteed minimum wage by more than 20%.

3. The documentation required to submit the application is:
   I. National identity document, foreigner identity number or valid passport.
   II. Census registration certificate for holders of foreigner identity numbers or non-Spanish passports.
   III. Curriculum vitae (to be provided during the admission process).
   IV. Letter of motivation: setting out the professional reasons for doing the programme, and justifying the financial need for the grant in order to take it. This document must set out why taking the programme will be useful for the candidate in obtaining new employment opportunities.
   V. Registration document and where appropriate, Renewal of the Application for Employment (DARDO). This is the document that certifies registration with the Catalan Employment Service or having renewed the application for employment, and which contains the date of the next renewal.
   VI. 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. 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 and for a single programme.

12. The remaining amount payable will not be eligible for other discounts, grants or subsidies.

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.

17. In the event that an unemployed applicant who is registered as unemployed finds work after the Employment Help grant has been awarded, the remaining registration fee amount may not be paid by a company.

Barcelona, 21 December 2020