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To the partner universities
of the RETECA program

RETECA Foundation: candidatures for the academic year 2022-2023

Dear Advisor / Coordinator,

We are pleased to invite you to the call for the 2022-2023 edition of the RETECA program. In order to streamline the application process and guarantee a reliable transmission of all relevant documents, starting from this year we are introducing a new application procedure.

All applications will have to be submitted using our online submission platform:

<https://form-ru.app.supsi.ch/view.php?id=586731>

(submissions sent by e-mail will no longer be considered).

We also updated the content of the RETECA website: www.supsi.ch/go/reteca_en.ch. In the section "How to apply" you will find all the instructions as well as the link to the submission platform mentioned above.

The applications should be submitted by the student's Advisor/Coordinator (typically it should be the professor who followed the student during her/his bachelor thesis project).

The required documents to be submitted are: (see www.supsi.ch/go/reteca_en.ch for more information):

1. Curriculum vitae of the candidate in English using the CV template enclosed. Please note that all information required in the section "Personal Information" are mandatory.
2. Letter of motivation of the candidate in English (personal competences, personal goals and expected benefits of the stay for the university/country)
3. Letter of recommendation of the university in English (the university should specify what are the goals to be pursued through a long-term collaboration with SUPSI thanks to the RETECA program and why the candidature contributes to achieve these goals)
4. Official academic diploma in Spanish
5. Official academic transcript of courses, subjects and grades in Spanish, along with a description of the grading system used (e.g. 0-10, 0-100, A-F) and the minimum grade considered "sufficient".
6. IELTS or Cambridge test certificate as a proof of English proficiency (this is new and can be submitted later if not available, but no later than the next month of April. In this case, instead of the Certificate, please upload a brief note explaining the situation).

What we expect from the candidates:

- maximum 29 years old
- a degree in Electrical/Electronic Engineering or closely related fields
- experience in research activities or clear potential,
- high potential for a career within an university or in the local industry of his/her country of origin.

The normal duration of the stay is from September 2022 to August 2023. Different durations are possible but must be duly motivated.

The RETECA Foundation and SUPSI will usually select 4 candidates based on the documentation and on the foreseeable impact of the stay of the candidate. Each university is expected to submit at most 5 candidatures.

For some candidates, there is the possibility to follow a study towards the Master of Science in Engineering (MSE) degree at SUPSI, which allows the extension of the stay for a second year, provided that at the end of the first year SUPSI considers that the academic performance of the candidate was satisfactory.

Accommodation for the student is included in the RETECA scholarship and provides an apartment to be shared with other (male/female) students.

The decision upon the application will be communicated in April 2022 directly to the candidate by e-mail.

We would like to take this opportunity to bring to your attention the fact that unfortunately in the recent past an increasing number of students are not returning to their home country/university after the conclusion of the RETECA permanence in Switzerland. This is very unpleasant and against the governing principle of the RETECA Foundation, and against the interests of our partnering Universities in Latin America. We would like to remind you that the mission of the RETECA Foundation is to offer to young talented engineers the opportunity to extend their skills and gather experience while living abroad, with the intent of **bringing back their experience**, so that they can transfer it in favour of their Universities and their Countries of origin.

To combat this trend, we are introducing a new dissuasive measure and we are kindly asking you (the Advisor/Coordinator) to support our action by clearly informing your students about its consequences. The measure that we are introducing starting from this year will be a ban of the Universities whose students do not return, to apply for RETECA scholarships in the next upcoming Call.

In other words, students not returning to their Country will penalize their younger fellow students (and their University), by not allowing them to submit any application during the next Call. We hope that the sense of responsibility of each grantee will prevail over their personal interest and that this measure will lead to an inversion of the actual trend. It will enter into force with the grantees who finish their permanence at SUPSI in 2022.

Please feel free to contact me for general questions, or the RETECA secretary Elena Torrisi (reteca@supsi.ch) for administrative issues (visa, accommodation, etc).

We are looking forward to welcome the new candidates.

Yours sincerely,



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