## **SUPSI**

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To the partner universities of the RETECA program

RETECA Foundation: candidatures for the academic year 2023-2024

Dear Advisor / Coordinator,

We are pleased to invite you to the call for the 2023-2024 edition of the RETECA program.

All applications will have to be submitted using our online submission platform (submissions sent by e-mail are no longer considered):

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

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 can be submitted later if not available, but <u>no later than</u> the next month of <u>April</u>. In this case, instead of the Certificate, please upload a brief note explaining the situation).

What we expect from the candidates:

- preferably less than 25 years old, 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 a university or in the local industry of his/her country of origin.

The normal duration of the stay is from September 2023 to August 2024. 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 (the Reteca Foundation will examine the requests and select qualifying candidates, based on their profile and study curriculum). This will allow 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 (grades obtained at the MSE exams as well as at the first two semester projects).

Accommodation for the student is included in the RETECA scholarship and provides an apartment to be shared with other (male/female) students coming from different nations of South America.

The decision upon the application will be communicated by mid / end of April 2023 directly to the candidate by e-mail.

Please, feel free to contact me for general questions, or the RETECA secretary Elena Torrisi-Invernizzi (<a href="reca@supsi.ch">reteca@supsi.ch</a>) for administrative issues (visa, accommodation, etc.).

We are looking forward to welcome the new candidates.

Yours sincerely,

Prof. Ricardo Monleone