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To the partner universities of the RETECA program

RETECA Foundation: candidatures for the academic year 2021-2022

Dear Sir or Madam,

We are pleased to invite you to the call for the 2021-2022 edition of the RETECA program. The candidatures, to be submitted by the contact person of the partner universities, are due by 31st January 2021.

Candidatures must include the following documents (see also www.reteca.supsi.ch):

- 1. Curriculum vitae of the candidate in English using the CV template enclosed. Please note that all information required in the section "Personal Information" is 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".

We expect from the candidates:

- maximum 29 years old
- a degree in Electrical/Electronic Engineering or closely related fields (students MUST have the Bachelor degree, candidatures from Bachelor students will not be accepted)
- experience in research activities or clear potential,
- high potential for a career within a university or in the local industry of your country.

The normal duration of the stay is from September 2021 to August 2022. Different durations are possible but must be duly motivated. An electronic submission (to the e-mail address shown above) of the documentation above mentioned and including the corresponding signatures is strongly recommended.

The RETECA Foundation and SUPSI will select typically 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. The candidates interested in pursuing the MSE at SUPSI must also submit the TOEFL test results as a proof of English proficiency.

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 2021 directly to the candidate by e-mail.

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,

RETECA coordinator, SUPSI