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“Call for expression of interest for participation in the Certified Experts Registry of the Hellenic Foundation for Research and Innovation (H.F.R.I.)”

The Hellenic Foundation for Research and Innovation (H.F.R.I.), established under Law N. 4429/2016, has the mission of promoting research and innovation through funding research projects and research equipment, and awarding scholarships in the following Scientific Areas: SA1. Physical Sciences, SA2. Engineering Sciences and Technology, SA3. Life Sciences (Medicine and Health Sciences), SA4. Agricultural Sciences – Food Science and Technology, SA5. Mathematics and Information Sciences, SA6. Social Sciences, SA7. Humanities and Arts, SA8. Environment and Energy, SA9. Management and Economics of Innovations.

According to article 5 of Law 4429/2016, the evaluation of proposals from candidate beneficiaries is conducted by an evaluator committee, which can be aided in its task by one or more independent experts. As follows, any objections from candidate beneficiaries to the evaluation decision are submitted to a three-member objection committee.

According to article 5(11) of Law 4429/2016, in regard to evaluating proposals, examining objections and validating funded actions, a H.F.R.I. Certified Experts Registry is being created, including scientists of acclaimed stature. Independent experts, evaluation and objection committee members, as well as experts for the monitoring of the state and progress of the implementation as well as the financial progress of funded projects, will be selected from this Registry. The definition of the minimum required qualifications, and the selection of the H.F.R.I. Certified Experts Registry members shall be conducted by a five-member committee, comprised by three Advisory Committee members and two members of the Scientific Council of the Foundation.

With regard to the above, as well as the decisions with Ref. No. 13604 & 13605/30.05.2019 and 23970/27.03.2020 of the respective five-member committee, we hereby invite you to submit an expression of interest application for participating in the H.F.R.I. Certified Experts Registry.

A. Eligible to become H.F.R.I. Committee members, Independent Experts, or/and Reviewers for monitoring funded projects are:

- **Faculty members (Professors, Associate Professors, Permanent Assistant Professors) and Researchers (Ranks A & B).**
- **Faculty members (Appointed Assistant Professors, Lectures) and Researchers (Rank C).**
- **Scientists holding the typical qualifications of Professors or Researchers of any rank, or corresponding experience in R&D departments** of any organization in the public or private sector.

In particular:

Having a PhD diploma is a mandatory qualification. The qualifications corresponding to each grade also include previous rank qualifications. The condition of having a PhD diploma does not apply in the case of a knowledge field of exceptional and undisputed exclusivity, for which authoring a doctorate thesis in accordance to the rules of a familiar art or science (*de lege artis*) is not typical. The eligibility condition, in this case, is a body of work acclaimed through awards in national and international competitions, the participation in national and international exhibitions and generally, the national and international work recognition according to the institutional framework in force.

Rank C: The member must hold the documented ability to design and implement complete projects or parts of projects in research and technology development, to allocate project tasks or work packages to researchers as well as guide and/or supervise them. It is also required that he/she has at least two original publications in peer-review scientific journals -other than his/her doctoral thesis- either independently or in collaboration with others, which have forwarded science in the respective knowledge field or, alternately, at least one publication of the same quality. Alternatively, the member must hold independent teaching experience of at least one year (fully completed at the time of evaluation) in a Higher Educational Institute (in Greece or abroad) following his/her doctoral diploma award, in the respective knowledge field; or research work at least equivalent in terms of timeframe and impact, in certified research centers in the country or abroad, or an acclaimed body of professional work in a relative scientific field, or a combination of the above.

Rank B: The member must hold the documented ability to organize and manage research and technological development projects, to coordinate and drive research and technological development into side-projects of research and technological development programs, to pursue and attract financial resources from external sources in order to fund institute or research centre activities and promote original ideas in science and technology. It is also required that he/she holds original publications in scientific and technical journals of acclaimed international prestige or hold international patents and have contributed to the progress of science and technology and their implementations, or has an original scientific monograph other than his/her doctoral thesis, or a combination of the above, while his/her contribution to the progress of science and technology must have been recognized by other researchers; alternatively the member should have at least two (2) years of independent teaching following his/her doctorate diploma award in the respective knowledge field, or at least two (2) years of employment in certified research centers in the country or abroad, or an acclaimed body of professional work in a relative scientific field, or a combination of the above.

Rank A: The member must have a documented ability to develop research and its application in new areas, to coordinate activities in broader fields of research and technological development, to contribute in the formulation of research and technology policies and in the development of research organizations

by attracting external funding; to have been internationally acclaimed for his/her contribution to science and technology fields of his/her expertise, to have contributed to the diffusion and implementation of research-produced knowledge, to have extended authorship in monographs or publications in internationally acclaimed journals of prestige, a number of which must be autonomous or original scientific monographs, or/and important patents, and to have been recognized by other researchers for his/her contribution in the progress of science and technology. The member may also hold postgraduate teaching experience in parallel to teaching for a minimum of three years, in postgraduate programs or Universities in the country or abroad, or supervision of at least one (1) doctoral thesis which has been completed successfully, from start to conclusion, or participation in the three-member advisory committee of at least two (2) doctoral theses which have been concluded successfully, from start to conclusion; or hold management of certified Research Institutes, as set out in the provisions of Law 1514/1985 and Law 2913/2001 for at least three years, or experience in a managerial position of International or European Organizations with a three-year minimum term of office; or, in the case of members with expertise in the scientific field of Medical Sciences, clinical or clinic-laboratorial management experience of five years minimum in University hospitals or National Health System (N.H.S.) hospitals, or an acclaimed body of professional work in a relative scientific field, or a combination of the above.

B. Experts eligible for monitoring the financial progress of projects are:

Graduates of Higher Education Institutes in the country or abroad, with documented experience of at least three years, in positions with financial responsibilities within organizations of the public or private sector.

Certification of candidacies will take place after evaluation of the applications by the respective five-member H.F.R.I. committee.

Expression of interest applications shall be submitted exclusively via the

[H.F.R.I. web Portal](https://hfri.grnet.gr/) (<https://hfri.grnet.gr/>)

Submission start-date: April 15th 2020, at 08:00

Submission end-date: December 31st 2020, at 16:00

The H.F.R.I. Director

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