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University of Primorska based on the Article 12 of the Act on Research and Development (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia, No. 22/2006-UPB1, 61/2006-ZDru-1, 112/2007, 9/2011, 57/12-ZPOP-1A) and the Article 112 of the Rules on procedure for (co)financing, Assessing and Monitoring the Implementation of Research Activities (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia, No. 52/2016 and 79/17) publishes a

## **PUBLIC TENDER FOR YOUNG RESEARCHER CANDIDATES\* FOR THE YEAR 2018**

### **1. The Purpose of the Public Tender**

The purpose of this Public Tender is the selection of the candidates for young researchers to be trained in the programme groups at the University of Primorska Andrej Marušič Institute (UP IAM), Faculty of Health Sciences (UP FVZ) and Faculty of management (UP FM), for obtaining a doctorate of science.

### **2. Mentors and research fields**

Candidates may apply for available position of a young researcher with selected mentors in the selected fields of science and research according to the decision on the selection of mentors for the year 2018 submitted for the *Public call for the selection of mentors positions within research programmes in the year 2018 dated 17 January, 2018* and confirmed by Slovenian Research Agency (N° of notification 6316-3/2018-339 dated 5 June 2018).

**Only one candidate can be selected.** In case more candidates compete, they will be ranked according to an overall grade achieved in all the selection criteria. The candidate selected will be the highest rated candidate. If the selected candidate resigns or fails to submit the required documents by the deadline specified in the Public Tender, the next candidate shall be admitted according to the overall grade achieved.

\* The terms, written in masculine, are used as neutral for male and female.

No.	MENTOR	RESEARCH FIELD	RESEARCH PROGRAMME	INSTITUTE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PRIMORSKA
1	assoc. prof. Istvan Kovacs, PhD	1.01 Natural sciences and mathematics / Mathematics	<a href="#">P1-0285 Algebra, discrete mathematics, probability and game theory</a>	UP Andrej Marušič Institute
2	assis. prof. Zala Jenko Pražnikar, PhD	1.03 Biology	<a href="#">P1-0386 Conservation biology, from molecules to ecosystem</a>	UP Faculty of Health Sciences
3	prof. Dušan Lesjak, PhD	5.04 Administrative and organizational science	<a href="#">P5-0049 Management of education and employment in knowledge society</a>	UP Faculty of Management

Presentation of the mentors in the year 2018 is available on the University of Primorska website [RAZISKOVANJE – MLADI RAZISKOVALCI](#).

### 3. Conditions for applying to the Public Tender

The candidate for young researcher must meet the following conditions:

- holds at least a undergraduate university study degree in appropriate field, obtained in a study programme adopted in the Republic of Slovenia before 11 June 2004 and an average grade for all examinations and coursework (excluding the grade of the graduation thesis) of at least 8,00, and meets the enrolment conditions for the doctoral study programme, or
- has completed the 2<sup>nd</sup> level of the Bologna study programme, adopted in the Republic of Slovenia after 11 June 2004, in appropriate field and an average grade for all examinations and coursework in both 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> level of the Bologna study programme of at least 8,00 (including the grade of the graduation thesis in both study levels), or
- holds Master of Sciences degree in appropriate field obtained in a master's study programme adopted in the Republic of Slovenia before 11 June 2004 and meets the enrolment conditions for the doctoral study programme, or
- holds a comparable degree to that referred to the above-quoted first, second and third indent obtained at foreign universities and
- age of up to 28 years (the year of birth is taken into consideration - 1990). The age limit is raised over 28 years, if a candidate for a young researcher has already completed one or two years of post-graduate doctoral studies without financial support. For each finished year a year can be added to the age limit.

If a young researcher's candidate at the signing of the agreement of training will be or is enrolled in a first or second year of the postgraduate doctoral study programme or has a Master of Sciences degree, obtained in a master's study programme adopted in the Republic of Slovenia before 11 June 2004, the average grade at the undergraduate level in a study programme adopted in the Republic of Slovenia before 11 June 2004 or of both 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> level of the Bologna studies programme in is not relevant, except in the case of re-enrolment in the first year of the doctoral study programme.

If the candidate for young researcher has used parental leave for a period of at least six months, considering one year for each child, the age limit shall be raised over 28 years. The same shall apply in the case of extended more than six months documented sick leave.

Candidates, who on signing the agreement of training, will be enrolled in an additional year of the third-level doctoral study or have already used that status, candidates who have already received funds by the Slovenian Research Agency (further on ARRS) from the Young Researchers Programme and candidates that have already obtained a PhD may not participate in the Public Tender.

*The conditions for applying are determined in the Article 113 of the Rules on procedure for (co)financing, Assessing and Monitoring the Implementation of Research Activities (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia, No. 52/2016 and 79/17).*

#### 4. The candidate evaluation criteria

- the average grade of all examinations and coursework (excluding the grade of the graduation thesis) in the undergraduate university study programme adopted in the Republic of Slovenia before 11 June 2004 or in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> level of the Bologna study programme, at least 80% of all examinations and coursework must be passed;
- a completed Master of Science course adopted in the Republic of Slovenia before 11 June 2004;
- enrolment in a 3<sup>rd</sup> level (doctoral) study programme;
- received awards and recognitions;
- published scientific articles;
- collaboration in research and development work;
- evaluation of the interview with the candidate.

The evaluation criteria are determined in the Article 114 of the Rules on procedure for (co)financing, Assessing and Monitoring the Implementation of Research Activities (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia, No. 52/2016 79/17) and in the Confirmation and Evaluation Sheet, that must be fulfilled by mentor and is annexed only for information purposes.

#### 5. Duration of funding

ARRS shall finance the training of young researchers for obtaining the doctorate of science for:

- a maximum period of four years if they are enrolled in 3<sup>rd</sup> level of the Bologna study programme (the new programme).

The financing category of the young researcher is determined by the category of the research programme of the mentor. The determined financing category is valid for the entire period of training.

ARRS shall reduce the financing period defined in the first paragraph: by one year if the young researcher is already in the second year of postgraduate 3<sup>rd</sup> level studies on signing the agreement of training or by two years if the young researcher is already in the third year of postgraduate 3<sup>rd</sup> level studies.

**According to the decision on the selection of mentors for the year 2018 (ARRS notification No. 6316-3/2018-339 dated 5 June 2018) the financing of the young researcher starts on October 2018.**

#### 6. The application content

The application for the Public Tender must consist of **completed and undersigned application form (UP-MR-Application/2018) and separate annexes:**

- **biography,**
- **proof of education:**
  - **a photocopy of the graduation certificate with the annex to the certificate or written statement (UP-MR-Statement/2018) stating, that the candidate will graduate and submit the graduation certificate with annex to the certificate up to 11 September 2018 at the latest;**
  - **or proof of the completed Master of Science course**
  - **or proof of enrolment in a postgraduate 3<sup>rd</sup> level study programme** (if the candidate is already enrolled in the programme);
- **official proof of the all passed examinations and coursework with the average grade** in a study programme adopted in the Republic of Slovenia before 11 June 2004 (excluding the grade of the graduation thesis) or in the undergraduate 1<sup>st</sup> level and postgraduate 2<sup>nd</sup> level of the Bologna study programme,
- **undersigned statement by the candidate stating that he has not received funding** in the Young Researchers Programme yet and that the postgraduate study during the training shall not be financed from the other public funds (*UP-MR-Statement/2018*),
- **a photocopy of the valid identification document,**
- **undersigned statement by the candidate (UP-MR-Statement/2018) confirming that the personal information, given in the application, can be used for the records or registers as determined in the Rules on procedure for (co)financing, Assessing and Monitoring the Implementation of Research Activities,**
- **a photocopy proofing possible parental leave or extended more than six months documented sick leave.**

If the candidate for young researcher has not obtained a degree in the undergraduate programme or postgraduate programme (2<sup>nd</sup> level) or a master study programme in the Republic of Slovenia must submit further documents:

- **decision of the higher education institution on the recognition** of the foreign education with a view to access to education in the Republic of Slovenia and
- **conversion of the average grade of the undergraduate study** according to the Slovenian higher education evaluation system and considering the evaluation system of higher education abroad, obtained by the training organisation, or
- **written statement** (*UP-MR-Statement/2018*) stating, that the candidate will submit the decision of the higher education institution on the recognition of the foreign education with a view to access to education in the Republic of Slovenia with the conversion of the average grade of the undergraduate study **up to 11 September 2018 at the latest**.

**The candidate may also include following separate annexes:**

- proof of received awards and recognitions,
- proof of published scientific articles (authorship or co-authorship),
- description of the candidates' previous collaboration in the research and development work.

## **7. The deadline and the method for submission of applications**

Applications with annexes must be submitted in sealed envelopes marked »**Ne odpiraj – prijava na javni razpis za mladega raziskovalca pri mentorju .....**« / »**Do not open – Application for Public Tender for Young Researchers for mentor .....**« (the candidate enters the name and last name of the mentor that he is applying for) **with first name, last name and full address of the candidate. The applications must be:**

- **delivered personally in the University of Primorska headquarters, Titov trg 4, 6000 Koper** (Pretorska palača, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor) every working day from 8 a.m. till 2 p.m., or
- **sent by mail on address Univerza na Primorskem, Titov trg 4, 6000 Koper.**

Candidates must submit their applications **till Monday, 16 July 2018 by 2 p.m.** An application shall also be timely if delivered by registered post from Slovenia till Monday, 16 July 2018 by 2 p.m. (postal stamp). **Late applications will not be considered.**

## **8. The deadline by which the applicants will be informed on the Public Tender results**

The candidates will be informed on the Public Tender results according to the *Employment Relationships Act* (The Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia, No. 21/2013 and 52/2016).

## **9. The Public Tender documentation**

The Public Tender documentation with the conditions for candidates and instructions on how to apply are available on the university website **[www.upr.si](http://www.upr.si)** - RAZISKOVANJE / MLADI RAZISKOVALCI (RESEARCH / YOUNG RESEARCHERS) and in the headquarters of the University of Primorska (Univerza na Primorskem), Titov trg 4, 6000 Koper till the Public Tender deadline.

**The application documentation:**

- The application form for the candidate for young researcher in the year 2018 (*UP-MR-Application/2018*),
- Instructions on how to apply,
- Form *UP-MR-Statement/2018*.

**Other annexes (informative purpose):**

- Form *Confirmation and Evaluation Sheet* (fulfilled by mentor).

## **10. Additional information and warnings**

**Candidates who have already received public funds for postgraduate study cannot be financed in the Young Researcher Programme.**

Additional information on the Public Tender can be obtained in the administrative office (on telephone and e-mail) and by mentors (on e-mail):

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By rectors authorisation No. 1143-8/2018,  
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Research and Science at the  
University of Primorska, l.r.

**Useful links:**

- [Rules on procedure for \(co\)financing, Assessing and Monitoring the Implementation of Research Activities](#) (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia, No. 52/2016 and 79/17)
- [Slovenian Research Agency – Young Researchers](#)
- Ministry of Education, Science and Sport, [ENIC/NARIC CENTRE](#)
- [University of Primorska](#)
- [UP Andrej Marušič Institute](#)
- [UP Faculty of Health Sciences](#)
- [UP Faculty of management](#)