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Deadline:	March the 31 st September 30 th 2010. There will be 2 evaluations processes, one for the applications received until March 31 st , and another for the ones received until September 30 th . Candidates are expected to join during 2010 and 2011 early.

Ikerbasque offers **20 permanent contract positions** for experienced researchers within any of the [Basque Research Institution](#) (Universities, BERC - Basque Excellence Research Centres, CRC/CIC – Cooperative Research Centres, Biomedical institutions and Technology Corporations, among others).

Ikerbasque, the Basque Government granted foundation for Science, is providing **permanent contracts for experienced scientist in every field of research**, within any of the local research institutions.

The successful candidate will be awarded with an **Ikerbasque Researcher Professorship**, a position at the Basque Science System, and a salary according the parameters of the local system, experience, track and past achievements and future plans (including the possibility of negotiating start-up funding).

Eligibility / Minimum requirements:

- The applicants must have their **PhD completed before January 2006**.
- Only researchers with a **solid research track**, senior level and **international research experience** will be considered.
- Researchers with a permanent position in the Basque Country are not eligible under this call.

APPLICATIONS AND MORE INFORMATION

Websites:	www.science.eu.com
Frequently Asked Questions:	www.ikerbasque.net/faqs.html

The evaluation committee will only consider strongest candidates with excellent leadership capabilities and an outstanding research record.

Evaluation

The external evaluation committee is composed of members of the international scientific community.

The evaluation of the applications is based on:

- Scientific merit and research track
- Relevance of research topic and latest publications
- Concordance with Basque research capabilities

ABOUT IKERBASQUE

Ikerbasque, the **Basque Foundation for Science**, is a foundation promoted by the **Basque Government** through its **Department of Education, Universities and Research** in 2007.

The main objective of Ikerbasque is to strengthen the science system by the attraction of senior and experienced researchers in all the fields of activity to work within the institutions of the Basque Science System.

BACKGROUND

During the last three decades, the Basque Government has fostered a strong policy on science and technology aimed at supporting the Basque Country's existing industrial sectors and preparing them to face the challenges of the future.

The Basque Country has a solid strategy to position the capabilities of all the local players involved in the innovation system in an international context, by supporting economic growth and diversification into future science and technology based sectors, and responding to the new needs of a dynamic, complex and global society.

Basque expenditure in R&D over GDP stood at 1.65% in 2007 (one of the highest rates in Spain), confirming the leading position enjoyed by the Basque Country in the area of R&D. The average interannual growth rate in expenditure on R&D over the last ten years (12.85%), one of the highest in Europe, shows the potential of the Basque Science & Technology system to set up a stable pole of research as a contribution from the local environment to the consolidation of a Europe of Knowledge on the world scenario.

The aim of the Basque political authorities is to reach an overall investment in R&D of 3% of GDP in 2015, placing the Basque Country at the head of Europe.

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