

Minute of the Selection procedure for the SCAT Grant-holders

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Introduction

This sixth round of selection of SCAT grantees has followed the procedures set up in previous selection rounds for both the screening of applicants and their selection.

Applications were received online by 15 March 2008, and were then verified against the check list -“*Selection_CheckList_en_v3.pdf*”. A dossier is prepared for each applicant with all the supporting documents and required antecedents. Only applicants complying in full with selection criteria are considered for application and included in the shortlist.

During the selection session, the dossier of each short listed candidate is handed over to the SCAT selection committee for their revision. The committee would scrutinise the dossier of the applicant, revise the supporting documents, and comment on it. The selection takes place afterwards and is lead by the supervisor of the applicant or by a proxy in case the supervisor is not present. Each application is debated over, until a consensus is reached on each applicant.

Screening

Application files are first revised by the project manager, in order to check administrative compliance and eligibility.

All received files have been revised against the criteria detailed in the application procedure (*ApplicationProcedure_en_v1-7.pdf* and *Selection_CheckList_en_v3.pdf*)

The supporting documents are posted on Blackboard, where a special folder has been created for each applicant, with reserved access for the tutors, supervisors and Scholarship team members.

The group folders include, when available, their CV, their online application, evidence of the knowledge of the English language, their reference letters (or referee forms if they don't have original letters yet) the abstract of their research project, and their personal statement.

The “Selection Check List” is also posted for each applicant, in order to summarize the application dossier and the eligibility of the applicant.

Results of the selection procedure:

The outcome of this process is shown in the table (below) and summarizes as follows:

Five applicants have been pre-selected;

	Applicants	Grade	Institution of origin	Tutor	Host Institution	Supervisor	Elegibility	Stay	Committed	
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1	Abraham Ortínez	MSc	UNAM	Gerardo Ruiz	DL	Mike Ashworth	YES	8	0	
2	Aldo Figueroa	MSc	UNAM	Sergio Cuevas	IRPHE	Patrice Meunier	YES	6	2	
3	Guillermo Barrios	PhD	UNAM	Susana Gómez	UPC	Carlos Pérez	YES	5	0	
4	Guillermo Cabrera	MSc	U-Chile	Nancy Hitschfeld	UOB	Lorena Barba	YES	7	0	
5	Paola Arce	MSc	USM	Luis Salinas	UOB	Lorena Barba	YES	7	0	
6	Sergei Silva	PhD	IMPA	Jorge Zubelli	LMM	Joel Frelat	YES	6	0	
								SubTotal	39	2

Table 1: results of the screening process, showing eligibility and acceptance by host supervisors

Selection

The SCAT scholarship team has revised the applications, with the following remarks:

SCAT Participants at this stage were:

- Andre Nachbin*
- Joël Frelat
- Lorena Barba
- Rodrigo Soto
- Pierre-Yves Lagrée
- Boris Drappier
- Oscar Orellana
- Laurent Duchemin
- Stéphane Le Dizès
- Susana Gomez

* Acted as the Chairman

Discussion of the dossiers

Regarding the recommendations given in the screening process –all applicants are eligible- it is up to the supervisor to accept the applicants. No particular observations were raised during this process, and voting for the selection of the proposed grantees took place immediately after a brief presentation of each applicant by their tutor –or proxy- to the committee.

The results are shown below.

Results of the Selection Round

The results are summarised as follows:

1. **Abraham Ortíz** : [selected \(conditional\)](#)

Abraham is presented by Susana –as a proxy- and has a suitable application, yet we haven't received the agreement of the proposed supervisor yet -Mike Ashworth- as no proxy is present at the meeting. The applicant is therefore selected, and the start of his mobility is conditioned to a written agreement by Mike Ashworth to supervise the grantee.

2. **Aldo Figueroa** : [selected](#)

Aldo is presented by Susana and has an eligible application. He is accepted by Stéphane Le Dizès for a mobility to be carried out under the supervision of Patrice Meunier.

3. **Guillermo Barrios** : [selected](#)

Guillermo's dossier is presented by Susana to the committee. No representative of UPC is present in the room, yet a phone call is made and Manel Soria, who knows the application and has revised it earlier in order to discuss the application. The period of 5 months is seen as short initially, but the case is made that his projects suits the time frame proposed, and that it is the only possibility for Guillermo to travel under his current student obligations. Manel Soria accepts the applicant.

4. **Guillermo Cabrera** : [selected](#)

Guillermo is presented initially by Rodrigo Soto and accepted by Lorena Barba for a period of 7 months in Bristol.

5. **Paola Arce** : [selected \(conditional\)](#)

Paola is presented by Oscar Orellana. She has an incomplete application lacking of a suitable Research proposal. Nevertheless, Lorena Barba is keen to have Paola working with her, provided she submits a proposal. Paola is therefore granted a conditional scholarship for a period of 7 months at Bristol under the supervision of Lorena Barba.

6. **Sergei Silva** : [selected](#)

Sergei is presented by Jorge Zubelli, and he is the strongest applicant of the selection round, as he holds a PhD already. Joël Frelat has met the applicant and he is happy to receive him in Paris even though the scholarship can be of 5 months only due to previous commitments of Sergei. The applicant is accepted.

Andre Nachbin, chairman
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