

Selection results for the SCAT Grant-holders

14 November 2008 – Web-based

Introduction

This round of selection is the last one of the current SCAT project, and has been possible thanks to the extension granted in a Contract Addendum dated 23 October 2008.

The extension has been approved based upon figures estimated in July 2008. The budget at that time allowed for 7 new grants and 4 extended scholarships, adding to 68 months of stipend, plus corresponding trips.

Four months later, in late October 2008, a total of 4 extensions were suggested and 6 new applications were received, adding to 61 months of stipend and related trips, being therefore within budget until the end of the project.

The selection procedure has been web-based, and comprised two stages:

1. Screening of grant holders, whereby the files are individually checked against the selection criteria in order to ensure suitability and eligibility of all applicants. Only suitable applicants would be submitted for selection, with a screening sheet detailing the essential information of each applicant.
2. Selection, which is made online by the SCAT Scholarship Committee. All technical information as well as qualitative documentation regarding the applicants is posted for the Committee to judge the quality of the applicants.

Screening

At this stage, all supervisors and tutors have revised the application dossiers, which in most cases they helped build together with the applicant.

Applications are then sent to the project manager for revision, in order to check administrative compliance and eligibility of the dossier. All received files have been revised against the criteria detailed in the procedure enforced for all applications (*ApplicationProcedure_en_v1-7.pdf*)

Discussion of the dossiers

After careful revision of the files, the project manager concludes that all applicants are eligible. The following are the observations raised during the screening:

1. *Jaime Zúñiga* (from U-Chile, Santiago)

He would be able to start on 01 March 09 only, due to prior commitments. This would make a 5 months stay, which is acceptable apparently from the tutor and supervisor's point of view.

2. *Jocelyn Dunstan (from U-Chile, Santiago)*

She is financed for a 6 months' research project at DFI-UChile -including 1 month in France- and she seeks a grant to make a second stay of 3 months in Paris to conclude her project. This is detailed in her abstract and has been agreed between the parties already.

The following table summarizes the applications received and screened during the selection process.

RENEWED Applicants								
	Grade	Institution of origin	Tutor	Host Institution	Supervisor	Elegibility	Stay	
1	Ana Lilia Gonzalez	MSc	UNAM	Susana Gomez	Daresbury	David Emerson	YES	8
2	Victor Romero	MSc	DFI	Marcel Clerc	ESPCI	Benoit Roman	YES	6
3	Carlos Valdivia	BSc	USM	Franco Perazzo	LMM	Joel Frelat	YES	6
4	Abraham Ortinez	MSc	UNAM	Gerardo Ruiz	DL	Mike Ashworth	YES	-
							SubTotal	20
NEW Applicants								
	Grade	Institution of origin	Tutor	Host Institution	Supervisor	Elegibility	Stay	
1	Alberto Beltrán	MSc	UNAM	Sergio Cuevas	UPC	Manel Soria	YES	8
2	Rodrigo Demarco	MSc	UCH	J-Carlos Elicer	UPM	Andres Fuentes	YES	8
3	Fernando Aguayo	MSc	DFI	Rodrigo Soto	UPM	Jean-Pierre Clerc	YES	8
4	Jaime Zuniga	BSc	DFI	Felipe Barra	ESPCI	Agnes Maurel	YES	5
5	Jocelyn Dunstan	BSc	DFI	Rodrigo Soto	ESPCI	Eric Clement	YES	4
6	Valeska Valdivia	BSc	DFI	Nicolás Mujica	LMM	Maurice Rossi	YES	8
							SubTotal	41
							TOTAL	61

Table 1: Results of the screening process, showing eligibility, acceptance by host supervisors and total of stay abroad (months)

Selection

SCAT Scholarship Committee:

- Lorena Barba*
- Boris Drappier
- Andre Nachbin
- Agnès Maurel
- Carlos-David Segarra
- Luis Salinas
- Manel Soria
- Susana Gomez

* Acted as the Chairman

The full dossier of all applicants is Zipped and posted online for easy access by all members of the Scholarship Committee.

The file comprised for each one of the 6 applicants the following documents:

1. Checklist for eligibility (*Selection_CheckList_en_v3.pdf*)
2. Online Application
3. CV
4. Abstract of the proposed project
5. Personal Statement
6. Proof of command of the English Language
7. Reference letters (2 pcs)

The SCAT scholarship team has revised the applications, with no remarks.

Results of the selection procedure:

For the 4 renewing applicants, selection was granted already in a previous selection procedure. The outcome for the 6 new applications is summarized as follows:

1. **Alberto Beltrán** : [selected](#)
Alberto is granted a SCAT scholarship for an initial period of 8 months at Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya under the supervision of Manel Soria.
2. **Rodrigo Demarco** : [selected](#)
Rodrigo is granted a SCAT scholarship for an initial period of 8 months at Université Provence Marseille under the supervision of Andres Fuentes.
3. **Fernando Aguayo** : [selected](#)
Fernando is granted a SCAT scholarship for an initial period of 8 months at Université Provence Marseille under the supervision of Jean-Pierre Clerc.
4. **Jaime Zúñiga** : [selected](#)
Jaime is granted a SCAT scholarship for an initial period of 5 months at Ecole Supérieure de Physique et de Chimie Industrielle under the supervision of Agnès Maurel.
5. **Jocelyn Dunstan** : [selected](#)
Jocelyn is granted a SCAT scholarship for an initial period of 4 months at Ecole Supérieure de Physique et de Chimie Industrielle under the supervision of Eric Clément.
6. **Valeska Valdivia** : [selected](#)
Valeska is granted a second SCAT scholarship for a period of 8 months at Institut Jean LeRond d'Alembert under the supervision of Maurice Rossi.

Lorena Barba, chairman
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