



## **I PRIZE “INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF PREHISTORIC RESEARCH OF CANTABRIA” TO THE BEST PhD THESIS IN PREHISTORIC ARCHAEOLOGY**

The International Institute of Prehistoric Research of Cantabria (IIIPC) (University of Cantabria, Santander, Government of Cantabria) announces the 1<sup>st</sup> edition of the PhD Thesis Award in Prehistoric Archaeology, with the aim of recognizing excellent works in the field of research in Prehistory, promoting the development of studies related to its research lines and the research career of young doctors, both national and foreign, and stimulating scientific collaboration.

### **REQUIREMENTS**

People of any nationality who have defended their PhD thesis after June 1, 2020 and who have obtained the highest grade in the country in which the thesis was defended may participate in the following call. The topic of the doctoral thesis must be integrated into the field of Prehistoric Archeology and more specifically in one of the lines developed by some of the research groups of the IIIPC. The doctoral thesis must be written in any of the official languages of the Spanish state, in English, French, Italian or Portuguese.

### **AMOUNT**

The prize will consist of an amount of 9,000 euros for a three-month research stay at the IIIPC. The prize will be subject to the corresponding tax withholding depending on the country of residence. The payment of the prize will take place after the start of the stay. During the stay, the researcher agrees to collaborate in a research project carried out by some of the research groups of the IIIPC and/or to prepare an application for a competitive call for human resources with the IIIPC as host center. The stay must begin before November 15, 2022 and must be carried out continuously until the end of the three months. In the event that the awarded person is enjoying a contract at another research center at the time of the application, they must present an authorization from their center allowing the realization of the stay in the IIIPC. In the event that the contractual situation occurs after the closing date for submitting applications, the center's authorization must be submitted at least 20 days in advance of the start date of the stay. This authorization must be signed by the legal person in charge of the center (Vice-Chancellor for research, Dean or similar).

### **SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS**

Interested persons must formalize their request to participate following the instructions contained in these rules, published on the Santander Scholarships website (<http://app.becas-santander.com/program/becas-santander-investigacion-i-premio-iiipc-mejor-tesis-doctoral-arqueologia-prehistorica>). The presentation of the application implies the acceptance of the rules of the call. The application submission period will be open until July 10, 2022. The period for correcting the documentation will be five working days. The need to correct will be informed to the person concerned by email. The non-correction in time and form of the required documentation will be reason for exclusion from this call. Participants must submit the following documentation:

- Fill the application form in the website.
- Copy of the National Identity Document or Passport.
- Copy of the certificate that certifies the reading of the PhD thesis and the mark obtained, issued by the university in which the PhD thesis was defended.
- Motivation letter, including the relation of the thesis with the research lines of the IIIPC (maximum one page).
- Brief justification of the quality and scientific interest of the PhD thesis (maximum two pages).
- Link to the PhD thesis (it must be available to download at least until August 1, 2022).
- Authorization of the center to carry out the stay (only in case of being contracted in a research center at the time of the submission).

The documentation must be uploaded to the application established for this purpose on the IIIPC website (<http://app.becas-santander.com/program/becas-santander-investigacion-i-premio-iiipc-mejor-tesis-doctoral-arqueologia-prehistorica>).

## **EVALUATION**

After the deadline for submissions and corrections, the jury will verify that the applications meet the requirements established in the call and will admit those that meet them. Applications that do not meet all the requirements will be excluded from the call. Next, the jury will proceed to the evaluation of the accepted doctoral theses. The jury will be composed by the members of the Strategic Actions Committee of the IIIPC. In the event that it is deemed necessary, the participation of external evaluators will be possible. The selection of external evaluators will respond to criteria of professionalism, impartiality and field of specialization. The call will take into account the gender perspective to promote equality in academic contexts related to research in Prehistoric Archaeology.

The evaluation will be carried out on a maximum of 100 points, and the awarded thesis must exceed 50 points. The evaluation criteria that the jury will take into account for the evaluation of the doctoral theses presented are the following:

- Quality of the PhD thesis (originality, innovation...). Up to 50 points.
- Relevance and impact of the PhD thesis (internationalization...). Up to 50 points.

## **RESOLUTION**

The jury's decision will be made public on September 16, 2022 through the IIIPC website. The selected person will receive notification of the decision by email. The resolution will be unappealable. Likewise, the Jury may declare the award null and void if no candidate reaches the minimum required score.

## **COMMUNICATION**

Communication between the applicants and the IIIPC, in relation to questions, comments or any other aspect of the call, will be done through the following email address: [premiotesisIIIPC@unican.es](mailto:premiotesisIIIPC@unican.es)

## **PERSONAL DATA PROTECTION**

In accordance with EU Regulation 2016/679 General Data Protection (RGPD) and Organic Law 3/2018, of December 5, on the Protection of personal data and guarantee of digital rights, your data will be processed by the International Institute of Prehistoric Research, in order to manage their participation in the I Doctoral Thesis Award of the IIIPC. By completing the established form, you consent to the use and processing of your data for the stated purpose. The data will not be transferred to third parties, except legal obligation. Likewise, your personal data will be kept for the time necessary to fulfill the purpose for which they were collected. Applicants may exercise the rights of access, rectification, portability and deletion of their data and those of limitation and opposition to their treatment by contacting IIIPC ([premiotesisIIIPC@unican.es](mailto:premiotesisIIIPC@unican.es)).