

**THE CORPORATION CENTER OF EXCELLENCE IN MARINE SCIENCES - CEMarin  
EXTEND THE CALL No. 3 OF 2015,  
TO BECOME A CEMarin EARLY STAGE RESEARCHER**

CEMarin is a mixed and non-profit Corporation, founded by Colombian universities (Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Universidad de los Andes, Universidad de Bogotá Jorge Tadeo Lozano, Universidad del Valle, and Universidad de Antioquia) and by the Justus-Liebig University in Giessen, Germany, to perform basic and applied research in Marine Sciences. Its purpose is to address current problems in this field of knowledge, which cannot be solved by isolated individuals or institutions, collectively. This initiative has been driven by the mentioned Colombian universities and its researchers, by the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs and by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD according to its German acronym), and has made possible the scientific cooperation between researchers from the two countries.

However, since we are convinced that to encourage the growing of the scientific community, its strengthening and its contribution to social development, it is necessary to link graduate students interested in the marine sciences to our network of researchers, we have created the CEMarin Early Stage Researcher (ESR) category. We intend that by becoming official members of CEMarin, graduate students can share their ideas, concerns and projects with other students and recognized researchers from different areas, learning from their experience and knowledge and, also, we offer them the possibility of participating in the calls of the Corporation, through which they can access scholarships and resources to attend courses that provide them with inputs for their research.

**1. CALL DIRECTED TO:**

Graduate students in the field of marine sciences from CEMarin partner institutions, that is, Justus-Liebig University, Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Universidad de los Andes, Universidad de Bogotá Jorge Tadeo Lozano, Universidad del Valle, and Universidad de Antioquia.

**2. OBJECTIVES:**

- 1) Build a network of young researchers in which graduate students can share their ideas, concerns and projects with experimented marine sciences researchers.
- 2) Provide the possibility for graduate students to participate in the CEMarin calls and obtain scholarships and receive funding to attend, among others, courses, conferences and workshops that provide valuable materials for the development of their research.
- 3) Support graduate students who are developing their theses projects within the CEMarin research lines. (Check our lines of research at <http://www.cemarin.org/en/lines-of-research/>)

### 3. REQUIREMENTS AND DOCUMENTS:

In order to become a CEMarin ESR the candidate must meet the following requirements:

1. To be a student of a Master or PhD program of one of the CEMarin partner institutions.
2. The advisor and/or co-advisor of his/her thesis project must be a CEMarin researcher.
3. His/her thesis project should be related to CEMarin research topics.
4. He/she should demonstrate English proficiency, at least Level B1, by any of the certificates listed in the table below.

| No. | EXAM OR CERTIFICATE                                    | SOURCE INSTITUTION  | MINIMUM LEVEL OR SCORE                            | VALIDITY      |
|-----|--|---|---|---------------|
| 1   | TOEFL Paper (PBT)                                      | ETS – Educational Testing Services  | 500 points  | Two (2) years |
| 2   | TOEFL Internet (iBT)                                   | ETS – Educational Testing Services  | 61 points   | Two (2) years |
| 3   | Michigan English Test (MET)                            | Michigan English Language Institute College English Test  | Minimum 40 points, in each of the evaluated areas | Two (2) years |
| 4   | Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB)   | Michigan English Language Institute College English Test  | 69 points   | Two (2) years |
| 5   | telc English B1-B2                                     | Weiterbildungs Textsysteme (WBT)  | 27 to 42 points                                   | Permanent     |
| 6   | B1 Preliminary (PET)                                   | University of Cambridge – ESOL examinations   | 140 – 159 points                                  | Permanent     |
| 7   | International English Language Testing System (IELTS)  | University of Cambridge – ESOL examinations   | Grade between 4.0 and 5.0                         | Two (2) years |
| 8   | International Baccalaureate (IB), developed in English | Colombian or foreign schools accepted by the International Baccalaureate Organization             | Bachelor's degree                                 | Permanent     |
| 9   | Undergraduate or postgraduate developed in English     | Foreign universities  | Undergraduate or graduate degree (Master or MSc)  | Permanent     |
| 10  | English proficiency test done by the university        | Department of Foreign Languages, or whoever takes his place, of the partner university of CEMarin | Certificate of approval                           | Permanent     |

#### 4. APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCEDURE:

1. In order to start the procedure to become a CEMarin ESR, the candidate must fill out the form found in the following link:  
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc0p5g4NvUB0XDwCKKxYnjHF6M2ywVwmMw3W6cdrymR2hHo2Q/viewform>
2. Then, he/she must submit the required documents in the form, in PDF format, to [convocatorias@cemarin.org](mailto:convocatorias@cemarin.org) with email subject: *Application to the Call No. 3*. The mentioned documents are the following:
  - a. Scanned copy of the highest degree obtained.
  - b. Scanned copy of the English proficiency certificate. Keep in mind that it must be a current certificate.
  - c. Curriculum Vitae (2 pages maximum).
  - d. Motivation letter where you explain why you want to become a CEMarin ESR.
  - e. Letter in which the *CEMarin Researcher* states that as *director or co-director* of the student's thesis project, as the case may be, supports his/her candidacy to become a CEMarin ESR.

**Note:** The Curriculum Vitae, the motivation letter and the support letter must be written in English.

CEMarin will assess the information provided and notify the candidate if he/she has been accepted as a member of the Corporation via email.

#### 5. SCHEDULE:

This call was open on September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 and is permanently open.

For more information, please email your questions to [convocatorias@cemarin.org](mailto:convocatorias@cemarin.org).