

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: SAN SEBASTIAN CONNECTING TALENT AWARD

PRELIMINARY:

Fomento de San Sebastián, S.A., is municipal public corporation within the San Sebastian City Council, in charge of economic development in the city. It works to promote policies and actions that, in accordance with criteria of sustainability and innovation, support actions for individuals, businesses, and the local area.

The **San Sebastian Connecting Talent** Strategy pursued by Fomento de San Sebastian is part of its commitment to TALENT as a critical factor to develop a model of socio-economic development in San Sebastian based on INNOVATION. All actions undertaken within this framework are carried out in partnership with R&D/Innovation Centres, Universities and other Agents of the Innovation and Knowledge Ecosystem, and they aim, among other things, to

- Position our city as a city of innovation,
- Connect our innovative business ecosystem with the outside,
- Attract highly qualified profiles and new innovative companies,
- Generate international hubs of collaboration
- Enable home-grown talent from San Sebastian to access internationally renowned organisations,
- etc.

Through this award, we are taking a step further in this strategy, by recognising R&D/Innovation professionals who are developing their professional career beyond our borders.

ARTICLE 1. PURPOSE OF THE AWARD

The San Sebastian Connecting Talent Award is intended to recognise and turn the spotlight on professionals who are currently located outside our territory (Basque Country) developing projects within the sphere of R&D and innovation and/or with outstanding professional careers, and who are contributing or who might contribute in the future to improving San Sebastian's international projection as a City of Innovation, with a rich R&D/Innovation ecosystem, thus building on its potential in terms of attracting, retaining, and bringing back talent.

The aim of this award is to sow the seeds for a present and future connection between these professionals, their centres and the cities where they are based, and San Sebastian's innovation ecosystem.

To this end, it has launched a competition and is calling for nominations for the first edition of the **San Sebastian Connecting Talent Award**.

ARTICLE 2. SUBMISSION OF NOMINATIONS

Nominations may be submitted by individuals over the age of 18 or legal entities. Submissions can be made from the day following the publication of these Terms and Conditions up until **18th January 2019**.

A maximum of two nominations may be made per person.

A copy of the applicant's (individual or legal entity) ID Card, Passport or other identification documentation must be submitted together with the nomination form for the San Sebastián Connecting Talent award, referring to:

- Personal information about the candidate and their link to San Sebastian
- Description of their professional career.
- Argument / brief description of why they are eligible to receive this award, according to their professional career and achievements

Any nominations that do not provide supporting arguments shall not be accepted.

During the nomination and evaluation period, the Selection Committee will be able to contact the candidates or those who have nominated them, in order to verify the information and request more details about the information provided.

Nominations may be submitted electronically or in person.

Electronic nominations must be submitted through the website of Fomento de San Sebastián (www.fomentosansebastian.eus) in accordance with the requirements set out therein. The phone lines will be open in accordance with the times given on the website of Fomento de San Sebastian.

Nominations may be submitted in person at the Central Information Services of Fomento de San Sebastián, c/ Reina Regente 8, Edificio Teatro Victoria Eugenia, 20003, San Sebastian, during the public opening hours stipulated on the website of Fomento de San Sebastian.

The information relating to this call for nominations will be provided on the website of Fomento de San Sebastian: www.fomentosansebastian.eus and on the website of San Sebastian Connecting Talent. Any questions should be directed to 943 482800, or via email to fomentoss@donostia.eus, including the reference San Sebastian Connecting Talent Award.

ARTICLE 3. PROFILE OF CANDIDATES

Candidates must be professionals (individuals) who have a link with San Sebastian and who are currently residing outside of our territory (Basque Country), developing projects within the sphere of science, technology and innovation, innovación (understood in a general sense and not exclusively technological).

They must have an outstanding professional career in their fields of R&D/Innovation specialisation and must be contributing or might contribute in the future to improving the international projection of San Sebastian as a City of Innovation, thus building on its potential to attract, retain and bring back talent.

This award is open to individuals of all educational and professional backgrounds. Candidates may come from universities, be founders of small, medium and large enterprises, as well as independent professionals, employees of large, medium or small enterprises, government institutions, or members of non-profit organisations.

A link to our city is understood to refer to people who were born in San Sebastian, who have studied an official qualification at one of our education institutions, as well as those who have lived in our city.

ARTICLE 5. SELECTION OF NOMINEES AND JURY

There will be a Selection Committee that reserves the right to accept or reject nominations, as well as to make possible modifications to the terms and conditions.

Following the deadline for the submission of nominations, this committee will study and pre-select a maximum of 3 candidates, which it will submit to the jury for its decision.

If the selection committee finds any incoherence in the information provided, the candidate may be disqualified.

There will also be a jury comprising a maximum of four members chosen to sit on this panel.

The jury will interpret and complement the requirements to receive this prize in order to fill any gaps or resolve any problems that might arise.

The jury will only consider the information included on the form and sent by the persons submitting the nomination. The jury may, however, request any additional information if it deems necessary. Candidates must make sure that all the information provided is truthful.

The final decision about the winning candidate will be reached by simple majority. This must be backed by solid arguments and will be considered final.

In the event of a tie, the chairperson of the jury will have the deciding vote. At the express request of the jury, and exceptionally, two prizes may be awarded. The jury may also decide not to present the award, presenting duly justified reasons.

The jury's decision will be made public at the awards ceremony. It will be final and cannot be appealed. The acceptance of these terms and conditions implies the express renouncement of any complaint or claim regarding the candidate selection process and the decision of the jury.

ARTICLE 5. EVALUATION CRITERIA

The evaluation committee and the panel of judges will take into account the following evaluation criteria:

- 1) Career in the area of science, technology and innovation (R&D/Innovation):
 - Professional career developed
 - Innovative projects in which they have participated, led or created, as well as participation in internationally renowned companies
 - Other awards and recognitions
- 2) Connection with San Sebastian and promotion of the city:
 - Projects carried out in collaboration with the innovation ecosystem of SS
 - Relationship with our city
 - Participation in actions that have promoted or promote the image of SS as a city of innovation; actions such as recommendations, opinion columns, encounters or meetings set up ... to position SS and its ecosystem of innovation within the international arena

ARTICLE 6. SAN SEBASTIAN CONNECTING TALENT AWARDS CEREMONY

The San Sebastian Connecting Talent awards ceremony will be held in the first quarter of 2019.

The name of the winner will be published on the San Sebastian Connecting Talent website and on the Fomento de San Sebastián website.

The person chosen as the winner of this award must attend the awards ceremony in person. Fomento de San Sebastian will cover the costs of travel and accommodation in San Sebastian.

ARTICLE 7. AGREEMENT.

The participants accept each of the points set out in the terms and conditions of this call for nominations and accept the decision of the Jury, whose findings shall be irrevocable.

The submission of a nomination necessarily implies compliance with all these terms and conditions.

ARTICLE 8. CONFIDENTIALITY.

Fomento de San Sebastián is committed to maintaining the confidentiality of any documentation submitted and in terms of any nominees that reach the final.

The information provided in its entirety shall be disclosed solely to persons or entities that form part of the Selection Committee and the Jury.

However, the names of the winners of this award may be disseminated, along with a brief profile of them.

San Sebastian on 15 November 2018

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