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Pursuant to Articles 12, 19, 28, 29, 30, 31 of the Scientific Research and Innovation Activities Act (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia, No 186/21; hereinafter: ZZrID) and pursuant to Articles 10, 11, 12, 13, 15 and 19 of the Rules on the Selection and Financing of the Training of Young Researchers for 2023 - 2027, No 03-03/23 of 16 March 2023 (hereinafter: the Rules), the Science and Research Centre Koper hereby announces the

## CALL FOR YOUNG RESEARCHERS IN 2024

### 1. Subject of the Call

The subject of the call is the selection of young researchers for training under the research programme of the Science and Research Centre Koper to obtain the academic title Doctor of Science.

### 2. Mentor of the Research Field

Candidates may apply for a young researcher vacancy in the scientific discipline and field of their choice with a mentor who has been selected following a call for candidates in accordance with the provisions of the Rules.

Mentor's full name	Research field	Research programme
prof. dr. Rado Pišot	5.10.02 Social sciences Sport Kinesiology - medical aspect	P5-0381 Kinesiology for quality of life

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	(orthopaedics, physiatry ect.)	
dr. Dragica Čeč	6.01 Humanities History	P6-0272 The Mediterranean and Slovenia
dr. Tina Čok	6.05 Humanities Linguistics	P5-0409 Dimensions of Slovenianness between the Local and the Global at the Beginning of the Third Millennium
dr. Milena Bučar-Miklavčič	1.04 Natural sciences Chemistry	P5-0453 Mediterranean agricultural practices and societies in adapting to environmental change
dr. Rok Svetlič	5.05. Social sciences Law	P6-0400 The social contract in the 21st century

Only one candidate can be selected for one mentor. If there are several candidates, they will be ranked according to their overall score according to the selection criteria. The best-ranked candidate will be selected. If the successful candidate withdraws or fails to provide the required supporting documents by the deadline set in the call, the next candidate with the highest overall score will be selected.

### 3. Conditions for Applying

3.1 In accordance with the provisions of Article 10 of the Rules, a young researcher candidate must meet the following conditions:

- Has not yet completed a PhD course or obtained the title Doctor of Science;
- Has never worked as a young researcher;
- Has completed a second-cycle study programme or has a comparable level of education obtained at a university abroad;
- Has an average grade of at least 8.00 for all examinations and exercises in the second-cycle study programme (the grade of the Master's thesis is also taken into account);
- No more than 4 years have elapsed since the candidate completed their second-cycle study programme or the study programme leading to eligibility for admission to the doctoral programme. If the young researcher candidate has taken parental leave of at least six months since having completed the second-cycle study programme or the study programme leading to eligibility for admission to the doctoral programme, this period shall be extended by one year. The same



applies in the case of absence due to sickness of at least six months in total.

Young researcher candidates are those who are enrolling in the first or second year of a third-cycle study programme before concluding an employment contract.

#### 4. Criteria for Assessing Candidates

In accordance with the provisions of Article 11 of the Rules, the criteria for assessing the young researcher candidates are as follows:

- The average grade of the second-cycle study programme or the study programme leading to eligibility for admission to the doctoral programme (3 points for an average grade from 9 to 10 inclusive and 1 point for an average grade from 8 to 8.99 inclusive);
- Awards or prizes received (1 point for a university award, 0.50 points each for other awards or prizes for work in the relevant field, up to a maximum of 2.00 points for all awards or prizes combined);
- Published scholarly or scientific articles (up to 1.00 point for authorship or a pro rata share for co-authorship, up to a maximum of 2.00 points in total);
- Participation in research (up to 2.00 points);
- Candidate interview assessment (up to 10.00 points).

The criteria are also set out in the form Certificate and Assessment Sheet to be filled in by the mentor, which is attached to the call documentation for information purposes.

#### 5. Funding Period

The foreseen start of funding for the training of young researchers is 1 October 2024. Training of young researchers is funded until they obtain their PhD, up to a maximum of 4 years.

If the young researcher candidate is enrolled in the second year of a doctoral programme at the time of recruitment, their training will be funded until they obtain the PhD title, up to a maximum of 3 years.



## 6. Content of the Application

For the application to be valid, the candidates must submit a completed and signed application form and the following separate annexes:

- Curriculum vitae;
- Proof of education:
  - o A photocopy of their diploma and diploma supplements or a written declaration that the candidate will graduate and submit a diploma certificate and diploma supplement by 15 September 2024;
  - o Or proof of having completed a Master's degree;
  - o Or a certificate of enrolment in a third-cycle postgraduate course (if the candidate is already enrolled in a third-cycle postgraduate course);
- Official proof of having passed all examinations and exercises with an average grade for all the examinations and exercises in the second-cycle study programme of at least 8.00 (the grade of the Master's thesis is also taken into account);
- A written declaration from the candidate that they have not yet received funding under the Young Researcher Programme and that the postgraduate studies during the young researcher's training will not be funded by other public funds;
- A photocopy of a valid identification document;
- A written declaration by the candidate stating that the personal data provided in the application may be used for the records or lists provided for in the Rules;
- A photocopy of a supporting document of any parental leave or documented sick leave of more than six months.

If the young researcher candidate has not completed an undergraduate or second-cycle postgraduate degree or a Master's degree in the Republic of Slovenia, they must also attach:

- A decision of the relevant higher education institution on the recognition of foreign education for the purpose of education in the Republic of Slovenia; and
- A conversion of the average grade of the undergraduate studies according to the grading system applied in higher education institutions in the Republic of Slovenia, prepared by the training provider, taking into account the grading system of the education completed abroad; or
- A written declaration that they will submit the decision of the higher education institution on the recognition of foreign education for the purpose of education in the Republic of Slovenia, together with the



conversion of the average grade of the undergraduate studies up to and including 15 September 2024.

The candidate may also attach the following separate annexes to their application:

- Proof of any awards or prizes received;
- Proof of published scientific articles (authorship or co-authorship is taken into account);
- A description of their research and development collaboration to date.

## 7. Deadline and Method of Application

Candidates may submit their applications and their annexes in a sealed envelope, clearly marked "Do not open – application for the call for young researchers under the supervision of \_\_\_\_\_", indicating their full name and address:

- In person at the headquarters of the Science and Research Centre Koper, Garibaldijeva 1, 6000 Koper (to the secretariat on the 1st floor) on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. or
- Send it by registered post to the Science and Research Centre Koper, Garibaldijeva 1, 6000 Koper.

Candidates must submit their applications in person by 3 p.m. on 21 June 2024. Applications submitted by registered mail from Slovenia up to and including 21 June 2024 (postmark date) will also be considered as submitted in time. Applications submitted after the deadline will not be considered.

## 8. Deadline by Which Applicants Will Be Informed of the Outcome of the Call

Candidates will be informed of their selection in accordance with the Employment Relationships Act ZDR - 1 (Official Journal of the RS, No 21/13, 78/13 - amend., 47/15 - ZZSDT, 33/16 - PZ-F, 52/16, 15/17 - CC decision 22/19 - ZPosS, 81/19 and 203/20 - ZIUPOPDVE).

## 9. Call Documents

The call documents, including the conditions required and the instructions on how to apply, are available on the [www.zrs-kp.si](http://www.zrs-kp.si) website and at the headquarters of the Science and Research Centre Koper, Garibaldijeva 1, 6000 Koper, until the closure date.



The call documents include the following:

- Application Form for Young Research Candidates in 2024,
- Instructions for Applying to the Call,
- Declaration for 2024 form.

Other annexes (information material):

- Certificate and Assessment Sheet form (to be completed by the mentor).

## 10. Additional Information and Warnings

Candidates who have already been awarded public co-funding for their postgraduate studies cannot be funded under the Young Researcher Programme, whether or not they have completed their doctoral studies.

Candidates can obtain further information on the call for applications from the relevant office or mentor by email:

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