



Special Call

Research Short Mission in 2022

Addressed to the Lebanese Alumni of CIHEAM Chania, Greece

Preamble

The prevailing and critical situation in Lebanon, as of 2019, has seriously compromised research programmes, technology transfer, and innovative initiatives, usually undertaken and implemented at the national level by CIHEAM Chania Alumni.

To overcome and alleviate the burdens of these challenges, CIHEAM-Chania Director Mr George Baourakis and the Lebanese delegate to CIHEAM's Governing Board Mrs Wafaa El Dikah Hamzé are pleased to launch a special call offering CIHEAM Chania Lebanese Alumni a research/technical short mission/stay on its premises, with the support of its scientific and international cooperation staff, during the year 2022. This is the second special call launched by a CIHEAM Institute, to support its Lebanese graduates.

Research Objectives

The Research short mission of the Lebanese Alumni should respond to at least one of the following objectives:

- **OB1:** Collaboration on research proposals to be submitted within national/international open calls for funding.
- **OB2:** Preparation of proposal for doctoral studies (PhD) and/or joint peer reviewed publication, resulting from research collaboration between CIHEAM Chania staff and the applicant.
- **OB3:** Knowledge exchange and mutual capacity building between the applicant and CIHEAM Chania postgraduate students, in the form of seminar delivery and attendance of CIHEAM Chania courses.

Eligibility

Eligible applicants must be:



- Lebanese Alumni of CIHEAM-Chania, having successfully completed a master's degree at the Institute between 2000 – 2019, and.
- Permanent residents of Lebanon, involved in scientific research within Lebanese institutions and/or involved in agricultural development and/or technology transfer projects in public institutions or private enterprises in Lebanon.

How to Apply

The call for applications follows a one-step procedure.

The applicants shall provide, in brief, the following documents:

- **Personal information:** A recent CV.
- **Objective:** Specify the applicable objective(s) of the requested mission (OB1, OB2, OB3).
- **Intended starting date and duration:** Indicate the period and duration of the mobility and residence in CIHEAM Chania (between 1 and 2 months), as well as the overall duration of the short mission (which may continue after the end of the mobility).
- **Proposal:** Provide a brief proposal (4,000 characters max) of the requested mission, including:
 - ✓ Objectives, methodology and partnership with the Institute / CIHEAM Chania staff.
 - ✓ Budget of any anticipated research expenses.
 - ✓ Excellence: Quality and credibility of the research/innovation project and the level of novelty.
 - ✓ Expected outcomes and impact.
- **Authorization/approval** from the home institution (if required, following a successful application).

Evaluation criteria and their rating

The scientific evaluation process will comply with the following criteria:

- **Criterion 1:** Scientific and/or technological excellence (Threshold 3/5)
- **Criterion 2:** Potential impact (Threshold 4/5)

Proposals recommended for funding will have to score above the threshold for each criterion and get a minimum overall aggregate score of at least 7 out of 10 points.



Grants

CIHEAM Chania will support a maximum of five (5) grants for Lebanese Alumni in 2022.

The grant will include travel expenses, accommodation, insurance, research-related expenses and a monthly subsistence allowance for the duration of the mobility.

CIHEAM Chania is committed to principles of gender equality. Female candidates are explicitly encouraged to apply. Preference will be given when equally qualified.

Successful applicants must inform their home institute (if any) of the approved mobility and short mission and submit it to CIHEAM Chania, prior to the start of the short mission.

Reporting Requirements

At the end of the short mission/research stay, the grantee shall submit a final report, including the following:

- a) Highlight the findings of the research stay
- b) Follow-up actions identified together with CIHEAM Chania staff
- c) Potential areas and perspectives for further research and collaborations

Timeframe and Deadlines for the call for applications

November 1st, 2021 – Launch of the call through the official website of the CIHEAM-Chania (<https://www.iamc.ciheam.org/>) and social media platform (Facebook).

November 30th, 2021 – Deadline of application submissions.

Early January 2022 – Communication of the final list of successful applicants.

Mid January 2022 – Grantees start planning their scientific short missions with CIHEAM Chania staff.

Early March 2022 – Beginning of mobility and implementation of proposed work

Application submission and inquiries

All applications must be submitted via email at: dghosn@maich.gr

For further information and inquiries, please send an e-mail to Dr. Chariton Kalaitzidis (chariton@maich.gr).