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Results of the call for applications for pilot testing the HEIRRI training materials

What is the HEIRRI Project?

HEIRRI (Higher Education Institutions and Responsible Research and Innovation) is a European project funded by the Science for Society H2020 call. HEIRRI is led by Pompeu Fabra University and has 9 partners from across Europe representing individual institutions, associations of universities and science institutions. HEIRRI aims to promote Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI) in higher education institutions, and specifically to provide teaching programmes and materials in different formats for higher education institutions to integrate into the curriculums of their courses. A global scope and expertise on RRI is provided by the **HEIRRI consortium (for more information on the project and the consortium go to www.heirri.eu)**.

RRI is a transformative emerging principle of research and innovation policy. The RRI concept emerges from scholarly research that is critical of the status quo of the science – society interface. HEIRRI wants to start the integration of RRI within the formal and informal education of future scientists, engineers and other professionals involved in the R+D+i process.

HEIRRI wants to stress the potential of RRI as a transformative, critical and radical concept, while at the same time working with the six RRI «key aspects» identified by EC (societal/public engagement, gender equality, open access, science education, ethics and governance in R&I). The project involves 9 partners from 6 different countries. HEIRRI is developing a set of RRI training programs and formative materials, offering the students' knowledge and skills to develop viable solutions to specific problems related to research and innovation, integrating theory and practice. They are addressed to different higher educational levels and mainly based on a Problem Based Learning (PLB) methodology, and supported by multimedia materials (videos and micro-videos, 2.0 materials, etc).





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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

1. Purpose

The HEIRRI project calls on higher education institutions from all continents interested in Responsible Research and Innovation and its integration into the curricula for a pilot test of two of the training programs and materials developed by the HEIRRI project: “Train-the-trainer” and one of the following of their choice:

Course	Audience	Design	ECTS credits
Doing and Experiencing Dialogical Reflection on Research and Innovation	Master’s students	Workshop (eight units)	3.0–5.0
Enhance your Thesis	Master’s students	Workshop (six units)	2.0–4.0
Responsible PhD: RRI and PhD Research Projects	PhD students	One-day workshop	1.0–2.0
Facilitating Reflection on Responsible Research and Innovation	Academic and non-academic HEI members	Train-the-trainer one-day workshop	0.0–1.0
Considering Responsible Research and Innovation by Design	Master’s and PhD students, R&I actors, other stakeholders	Summer school (five days)	2.0

For more information on each programme, [check Annex 1: Description of the programmes.](#)

The two best-evaluated applications will receive a scholarship of 2.000€ each (priority will be given to applications from developing countries) and up to 1.000€ for travel and accommodation expenses to participate in the second HEIRRI conference (April 2018).





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2. Compromises of the beneficiary institutions and period of implementation

The selected institutions will pilot the testing of the HEIRRI materials in parallel with the Consortium member institutions (between June 2017 and April 2018). They will actively participate in the learning process, giving feedback on the materials and their use in their institutions.

The awarded institutions will participate in the second HEIRRI Conference, where they will share their experiences with a wider audience and present future plans related to the introduction of RRI teaching in their institutions.

3. Submission of applications

Interested higher education institutions must fill out the application form published on the HEIRRI blog (www.heirri.eu) and the Global University Network for Innovation (GUNi) website (www.guninetwork.org) and attach a motivation statement. The motivation statement should include:

- a description of the higher education institution;
- the institution's interest in RRI (and information on previous experiences, if any);
- name of the people that will be involved in the testing and their background;
- what training material(s) they would like to test (and why); and
- present ideas of future plans to integrate RRI into the teaching of the institution.

Project proposals must be submitted in English.

3.1. Application submission period

Applications were accepted from 1st March to 30th April 2017 (both included).

4. Assessment, selection and evaluation committee

Each proposal has been evaluated by four consortium members. The evaluation committee, composed by Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF), Aarhus University (AU) and the Associació Catalana d'Universitats Públiques (ACUP), together with the University of Bergen, the Institute for Advanced Studies (IHS) and the University of Split, have reviewed the applications and assessed them using the evaluation criteria.

The rest of the institutions that have submitted their application are invited to test one or more of the materials of their choice and provide feedback to the HEIRRI project.





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Applications have been evaluated taking into account their:

- clear interest and commitment to implement RRI into the teaching of the higher education institution; and
- compromise to participate and share the pilot experience in the second HEIRRI conference in April 2018.

Priority has been given to higher education institutions from developing countries according to the following classification by the United Nations: [click here](#) (see Table C)

5. Decision and publication

The results will be communicated to the awarded institutions and will be published on the HEIRRI blog and the Global University Network for Innovation (GUNi) website (www.guninetwork.org) during the month of May 2017.

The two institutions selected for the scholarship are:

1. **Institute of Water and Energy Sciences – Pan African University (Algeria)**
2. **Centre for Studies in Science Policy – Jawaharlal Nehru University (India)**

The HEIRRI project will also provide with some funding to two more institutions, in this case:

1. **Christian Albrechts Universität zu Kiel (Germany)**
2. **Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (Spain)**

6. Payment

The two institutions selected will be awarded a scholarship of 2.000€. Payment will be made after the institution has successfully tested the programs and materials and the HEIRRI project has received a detailed report on the experience. A contract will be signed with the awarded institutions.

All other institutions interested in testing the programs and materials will be asked to send a declaration of interest to participate in the process in order to formalise their involvement and to provide the HEIRRI project with feedback on the materials and programs tested.





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7. Advertising and publicity

If any publications and other results may arise thanks to this call, mention must be made of the support of the HEIRRI project. The beneficiary entity must include the relevant logotype of the project.

For more information on the call and the submission process, please contact Alicia Betts (alicia@acup.cat)

