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<http://prie.comercio.es> and

Large Business and Strategic Groups Unit
(General Secretariat for Immigration and
Emigration of the Ministry of Employment
and Social Security)

<http://extranjeros.empleo.gob.es/es/UnidadGrandesEmpresas/>

Diplomatic Missions and Consular Offices
of Spain

<http://www.exteriores.gob.es/Portal/es/SErVICIOS/AlCiudadano/Paginas/EmbajadasConsulados.aspx>

Spanish Economic and Commercial Offices
abroad

www.oficinascomerciales.es

Directorate-General for Trade and
Investment. State Secretariat for Trade.
Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness

www.comercio.gob.es

ICEX-Invest in Spain

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RESEARCHERS IN SPAIN

Non EU citizens

Information for third country national researchers:

If you are interested in carrying out a research activity in a Spanish University, in business entities or R&D&I centers or in a research organisation established in Spain and you have an offer, you may be eligible to apply for an R&D&I and training residence permit.

Information for universities, business entities, R&D&I centers and research organizations established in Spain

If you want to hire a third-country national as a researcher, you can take advantage of the R&D&I and training residence permit.

Who has to apply for the residence permit?

The institution must apply for the residence permit via the application form available at <http://extranjeros.empleo.gob.es/es/>

What kind of residence permit will the researcher will be granted?

An R&D&I and training residence permit.

This residence permit allows the researcher to stay and work in Spain for up to two years or for the duration of the contract or hosting agreement.

What is the legal framework?

The R&D&I and training residence permits are regulated in article 72 of the Entrepreneurial Support Act of 27 September 2013

Where does the institution apply for the residence permit?

At the Large Business and Strategic Groups Unit (Unidad de Grandes Empresas y Colectivos Estratégicos (UGE-CE)).

Visit:

<http://extranjeros.empleo.gob.es/es/UnidadGrandesEmpresas/>

What documents have to be provided with the application?

- Passport.
 - Background checks.
 - Certification of the institution
 - Copy of the contract or of the relevant documents certifying the professional relationship between the institution and the researcher.
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If the researcher is in Spain, can the institution apply for the R&D&I and training residence permit?

Yes, as long as the researcher is in a regular situation in Spain.

If the researcher is abroad at the time of the application, he/she must apply for a visa at the Spanish Consulate in his/her country of origin or residence, once the residence permit has been awarded.

Can the R&D&I and training residence permit be renewed?

Yes, the R&D&I and training residence permit can be renewed for an additional two-year period as long as the requirements have been fulfilled.

Can family members join or accompany the researcher?

Yes. Family members who accompany or join the researcher may apply jointly and simultaneously or successively for their residence permit and, where appropriate, for their visa.

Family members are:

- The spouse or unmarried couple.
 - Children who are minors or those of legal age being financially dependent on the holder
 - Parents in their charge
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What other benefits are there?

- With the visa and residence permit, you may **live and work** anywhere in Spain, including relatives if they meet the expected age labor regulations.
 - Streamlined processing:
 - Visa decisions are made and notified within 10 working days.
 - Decisions are made on residence permits within 20 days.
 - No labor market test is applied.
 - The application for residence permits and renewals extends the validity of the stay or residence status of the applicant until the procedure is terminated.
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