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This document regulates the figure of CiTIUS collaborating researcher, establishing the procedure to be selected and its rights and duties. The main purpose of this regulation is to define a figure which can contribute and receive value from their collaboration with the Centre.

Definition of collaborating researcher

Below we transcribe the definition of collaborating researcher as established in the Internal Rules and Regulations of the "Centro Singular de Investigación en Tecnoloxías Intelixentes" (Approved by Agreement of the Governing Council in May 27th, 2010, and amended by agreement of the Governing Council in May 28th, 2019, May 22th, 2020 and May 28th, 2021), Article 12:

Collaborating researcher: research personnel who collaborate regularly in a project or programme of the centre who will be assigned to the centre based on the criteria and procedures established for this purpose, which in any case will include a selection process supervised by the Scientific Advisory Board.

In the case of collaborating researchers from other institutions, specific collaboration agreements may be established. The scientific director of CiTIUS will assess and, where appropriate, will approve the applications to become a collaborating researcher of the centre. These applications will briefly state the most relevant scientific contributions and the candidate's proposal for scientific collaboration with the centre.

The collaboration period will be two years, renewable after a favourable report from the scientific direction of CiTIUS.

The person benefiting from the status of CiTIUS collaborating researcher must obtain, if applicable, all the authorizations required to perform his/her activity as such from the organizations with which he/she has an employment and/or professional relationship. The collaboration with the CiTIUS does not imply any type of employment relationship with the USC.

CiTIUS director may assign to the collaborating personnel a work space in the centre, as well as provide access to its equipment and scientific-technical infrastructures, with the aim of facilitating the development of their scientific collaboration with CiTIUS.

CiTIUS collaborating personnel may make public use of this condition and may reflect it, with prior authorization from CiTIUS director, in their scientific contributions, without prejudice to the fact that they may also do so with other organisations, namely those with which they have a work and/or professional relationship.

Procedure for association to CiTIUS as collaborating researcher

1. Each collaborating researcher candidate will prepare an expression of interest in which his/her most relevant scientific contributions and his/her proposal for scientific collaboration with the centre will be briefly stated, expressly indicating CiTIUS researchers and the scientific areas of the centre to which this proposal for collaboration will apply.
2. CiTIUS scientific director, in accordance with criteria of scientific relevance and alignment with the scientific-technological profile and strategy of the centre, will submit the candidacy of those persons who request to be considered as collaborating researcher to its Scientific Advisory Board, in order to get a report informing about its adequacy.
3. The candidatures, once informed positively by the Scientific Advisory Board, may be approved by the scientific direction of CiTIUS and, if so, will be communicated to the Scientific Advisory Board and to CiTIUS Governing Committee.
4. The period of association of a researcher to CiTIUS is established for two years, renewable for another two years, subject to agreement between both parties. After 4 years, the renewal of the association may be agreed for successive periods of three years, subject to a report from the Scientific Advisory Board.

Rights and duties of collaborating researchers

1. The association to the CiTIUS regulated herein does not imply any type of employment relationship with the USC nor any rights or duties other than those strictly regulated in this document.
2. The person benefiting from the status of CiTIUS collaborating researcher must obtain, if applicable, all the necessary authorizations to perform his/her activity as such from the organizations with which he/she has an employment and/or professional relationship.
3. CiTIUS director may assign to the collaborating personnel a work space in the centre, as well as provide access to its scientific-technical equipment and infrastructures, with the aim of facilitating the development of their scientific collaboration with CiTIUS.
4. CiTIUS collaborating researchers may make public use of this condition and may reflect it, with prior authorization from CiTIUS director, in their scientific contributions, without prejudice to the fact that they may also do so with other organizations, namely those with which they have an employment and/or professional relationship.
5. CiTIUS collaborating researchers may participate in those internal calls that allow them to do so. This will generally be the case with CiTIUS own grants (of the type of Summer fellowships, Introduction to Research Grants, Fellowships for the beginning of the PhD thesis). In all cases, the applications to participate in these calls will be made jointly with one or more researchers with a permanent link to the centre.

Formalization of the association

The status of collaborating researcher at CiTIUS may end:

1. At the end of the association period or any of its extensions, where applicable.
2. At the request of CiTIUS director.
3. At the request of the person (collaborating researcher), prior communication to CiTIUS director.

The Scientific Advisory Board and the CiTIUS Governing Committee will be informed by the scientific director of the centre of the additions and removals of collaborating researchers of the centre.