



Early-Career Talent Alkebulan Award 2024 / ACE del Sur de Africa - frA

The Society of Spanish Researchers in Southern Africa (ACE del Sur de Africa) is a not-for-profit society aiming to disseminate excellent-quality research and facilitate collaboration opportunities contributing to the cultural enrichment and knowledge advance of both Spanish and Southern-African countries societies.

ACE del Sur de Africa is committed to boosting the career perspectives of early-career Spanish researchers in the Southern African region as well as those of Southern African researchers having developed ties with Spain. To achieve this goal, the **ACE del Sur de Africa-frA Early-Career Talent Alkebulan Award 2024** aims to **recognise the extraordinary research trajectory** of both one early-career ACE del Sur de Africa associate and one early-career researcher from Angola, Botswana, Comores, Eswatini, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Maldives, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, Zambia or Zimbaue. This Award is organised by ACE del Sur de Africa in collaboration with the Embassies of the Kingdom of Spain in Southern Africa, and it is sponsored by the Ramón Areces Foundation (frA). The frA was created in 1976 with the broad objective of fostering scientific and technical research in Spain and culture in general. Ever since its creation the Ramón Areces Foundation has constantly supported

scientific research as the driving force behind progress and modernity.

The Award is shared ex aequo and it comes with a **diploma certificate** and a monetary prize of **EUR 500 for each awardee**. It is expected that awardees attend the **IV Research Forum 2024 ACE del Sur de Africa** to be held in Pretoria (South Africa) on Friday, 8th November 2024 to receive the Award and give a public talk to the general public (assistance to cover travel expenses will be offered).

Eligibility - Interested applicants must:

- be a Spanish-national ACE del Sur de Africa associate (applicants who are not associates yet can register in via this [link](#) before submitting their application) to apply for **Modality 1**; or be a researcher national of Angola, Botswana, Comores, Eswatini, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Maldives, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, Zambia or Zimbaue to apply for **Modality 2**.
- have completed their PhD within the last 5 years before the closure date of the submission period. This Award will take into account career disruptions and other relative-to-opportunity considerations.

PROCEDURE - The selection of the awardees will be done according to the procedure outlined below.

- **Friday 17th of May 2024**: ACE del Sur de Africa will announce a **call-for-applications** of the third edition of this Award via direct e-mails sent to its associates and institutional stakeholders, posts in social media, etc.
- The call-for-applications will be open for five weeks, **submission deadline on Friday 21th June 2024**. During this time, interested applicants can submit their application via [e-mail to <admacesda@gmail.com>](mailto:admacesda@gmail.com).
- Mainly merits in which the applicant is the first or corresponding author will be considered. This will ensure a fair competition of merits and achievements in which applicants have made a significant contribution.
- Applications are comprised of 3 parts to be submitted in one single PDF:
 - **Part 1 Research impact [Maximum 2 pages]**. Provide a description of **(1)** the applicant's research trajectory in plain language, and **(2)** the research impact in its field (<800 words).
 - **Part 2 CV [free extension]**. Include all your merits as a first or corresponding author, including peer-review publications, conferences, book chapters, patents, awarded grants as principal investigator, artwork, received awards, and other merits.
 - **Part 3 ACE del Sur de Africa engagement [Maximum 2 pages]**. Present **Modality 1)** activities already performed in collaboration with ACE del Sur de Africa and future activities that the applicant proposes to carry out with ACE del Sur de Africa or **Modality 2)** activities already performed in collaboration with Spanish institutions and future activities that the applicant proposes to carry out with ACE del Sur de Africa.
- In the application, please attach your PhD degree title, and supporting documents of any career disruption or other relative-to-opportunity consideration.
- All candidates will be notified of the Awards outcomes during the month of August 2024. Candidates will be notified via e-mail, and results will also be publicly announced via e-mails and communications in social media.
- The Ceremony of the Award will be held under the framework of the **Fourth Research Forum 2024 ACE del Sur de Africa** to be held in Pretoria (South Africa) on **Friday, 8th November 2024**.