



Director – Agencia Estatal de Investigación (AEI)

Expressions of interest

Agencia Estatal de Investigación (AEI) (in English, State Research Agency[1]), which reports to the Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities, aims to promote scientific and technical research in all areas of knowledge through the efficient allocation of public resources, the promotion of excellence, the fostering of collaboration between agents in the system and support for the generation of knowledge with high scientific and technical, economic and social impact. To this end, AEI, in coordination with the strategic priorities set by the Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities, plans, manages, evaluates, finances and monitors competitive calls for scientific and technical research.

AEI and the Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities are looking for a person of recognised experience to lead AEI and contribute to the effective development of its mission.

Main responsibilities

The responsibilities of the person holding the position of Director of the AEI include the following:

- Drawing up and submitting to the Governing Board the Agency's strategic and operational objectives, and the procedures, criteria and indicators for measuring their fulfilment and the degree of efficiency in management.
- To draw up and submit to the Governing Council the annual action plan and to direct and coordinate the activities that are necessary for the development of the Agency's functions.
- To draw up and submit to the Governing Board the preliminary draft budget of the Agency. To draw up the annual accounts and submit them to the Governing Board together with the accounts audit report.
- To ensure compliance with the basic principles of action of the AEI, including autonomy, technical independence, objectivity in evaluation and transparency in administrative management.
- To lead the AEI units responsible for supporting the management of calls for research grants.
- Proactively analyse the national and international technological context in order to propose recommendations and strategic actions that increase the capacity of the AEI to fulfil its mission.
- To represent the Agency in national and international forums on research funding.
- To advise the Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities in the definition of science and technology policies and strategies.

[1] For more information on the AEI, its structure and governance, see [Royal Decree 1067/2015 of 27 November 2015](#), which created the AEI and approved its Statute.

Other responsibilities of the person who holds the headship of the AEI are set out in its statutes.

Minimum requirements:

- More than 10 years of experience in research.
- More than 6 years of experience leading research and development teams.
- More than 6 years of experience in scientific and economic management of research programmes, as well as in impact assessment.
- Fluency in Spanish and English (oral and written).

Merits:

- Previous experience in the management of research funding agencies, at national or international level.
- Previous experience in the management of research entities, at national or international level.
- Knowledge of the Spanish Science and Technology System and its integration within the European Research Area.
- Experience in international and institutional relations.
- Experience as an evaluator of national and international Research and Innovation Programmes.
- Experience in communication, dissemination, valorisation and transfer of research results.

Remuneration and designation

The Director of the AEI is the highest executive body of the Agency and will be designated and dismissed by the Governing Board at the proposal of its president, after hearing the Scientific and Technical Committee. As stated in article 12.1 of the Statute of the State Research Agency, approved by Royal Decree 1067/2015, of 27 November, the person in charge of the management of the Agency, its highest executive body, will be considered a senior official for remuneration purposes, in accordance with the provisions on the matter in the General State Budget Laws (currently, article 21 of Law 31/2022, of 23 December, on the General State Budget for 2023, extended for 2024).

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Interested persons should send their application to the following e-mail address by 20 November 2024: direccionAEI@ciencia.gob.es.

The application should include:

- Motivation letter.
- Researcher's Curriculum vitae summarised, including:

- Personal details, training, current and previous responsibilities.
 - Narrative description of the candidate scientific contributions, explaining their relevance and contribution to the generation of knowledge, the generation of ideas, hypotheses and results and how the candidate have communicated them, the funding obtained, the scientific and technical skills acquired, the scientific responsibilities exercised, international collaborations and leadership.
 - Narrative description of your contributions to society, such as technological development and innovation activities, dissemination activities, collaboration with industry and the private sector, organisations, public institutions and other end-users of the research.
 - Narrative description of the candidate contributions to the training of young researchers and how the candidate has contributed to the career development of young researchers, to the constitution of research teams, to the creation of companies, to editorial activities, or to the evaluation of researchers, projects and other research activities.
 - List of contributions made in any category deemed appropriate, complying with the indications of DORA[2].
 - Professional experience, including experience in research management. Activities carried out will be describe, their nature, duration, context, scope and the personal responsibility exercised.
- Short document describing the vision of the candidate about AEI in the next 10 years and the main strategic lines proposed for its management (maximum length of 2 pages).

The selection of the director will be governed by the provisions of Royal Decree 1067/2015, of 27 November, which creates AEI and approves its Statute.

[2] San Francisco Declaration on Research Assessment, [San Francisco Declaration on Research Assessment](#).