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Early-Career Talent Alkebulan Award 2023

ACE Sur de Africa – frA

The Society of Spanish Researchers in Southern Africa (ACE Sur de Africa) is a not-for-profit association that aims 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 Sur de Africa is committed in 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 Sur de Africa-frA Early-Career Talent Alkebulan Award 2023** aims to recognise the extraordinary research trajectory of both an early career ACE Sur de Africa associate and an early-career researcher from Angola, Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Zambia or Zimbabwe. This Award is organised by ACE 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 and firmly 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 3rd Research Forum 2023 ACE Sur de Africa to be held in Cape Town (South Africa) in November 2023 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:

- **EITHER Modality 1)** be a ACE Sur de Africa associate (applicants who are not associates yet can register in via this link before submitting their application); **OR Modality 2)** be a researcher national of Angola, Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Zambia or Zimbabwe;
- 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.

- Tuesday 11th July, 2023: ACE Sur de Africa will announce a call-for-applications of the 2nd 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 6 weeks, submission deadline on Friday 15th September, 2023. During this time, interested applicants can submit their application via e-mail to the Secretary of the Award;
- Only merits in which the applicant is the lead 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:

Part 1. Research impact. Provide a description of (1) the applicant's research trajectory in plain language, (2) the research impact in its field (<800 words).

Part 2. CV. Include all your merits as a lead author, including peer-review publications, conferences, book chapters, patents, awarded grants as principal investigator, artwork, received awards, and other merits.

Part 3. ACE Sur de Africa engagement. Present Modality 1) activities already performed in collaboration with ACE Sur de Africa and future activities that the applicant proposes to carry out with ACE Sur de Africa ; Modality 2) activities already performed in collaboration with Spanish institutions and future activities that the applicant proposes to carry out with ACE 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 week following the submission date. Candidates will be notified via e-mail, and results will also be publicly announced on the following day via e-mails and communications in social media;
- The Ceremony of the Award will be held under the framework of the 3rd Research Forum 2023 ACE Sur de Africa to be held in Cape Town (South Africa) in November 2023.

Please contact the Secretary of the Award Dr. Alba Gómez-Arias for any question in her email <GomezAriasA@ufs.ac.za>. The rest of the Award Committee consists of (in alphabetical order) Dr. Eva Dora da Cruz João, Dr. Odile Mackett and Dr. Alberto Valenciano.