

CALL No. 19 (2020): BECOME CEMARIN ALUMNI

The CEMarin (Corporation Center of Excellence in Marine Sciences) is an international non-profit organization. Founded in 2009 by Colombian and German universities and research institutions, the CEMarin aims at promoting interdisciplinary research, scientific training and outreach in marine sciences. More than 90 scientists from fields such as marine biology, chemistry, geography, oceanography, engineering, socio-economy and environmental law participate in the CEMarin as lecturers, administrators, early stage- and postdoctoral researchers. Hence, a key focus of CEMarin's strategic plan is the efficient scientific networking of the member institutions and its researchers.

In order to promote and strengthen the scientific community and its contribution to social development, it is necessary to combine innovative approaches of researchers from different career stages and various fields of marine sciences. CEMarin firmly believes that the close scientific networking of active scientists and alumni within CEMarin is of great mutual benefit to achieve this goal. The CEMarin and all its members profit from the scientific experience, knowledge and contacts of its alumni, and the alumni benefit greatly from the networking opportunities, access to interdisciplinary expertise, research funding and career opportunities offered by the CEMarin. With this international network the CEMarin builds the foundation to answer the urgent environmental and socio-economic questions in the changing marine ecosystems of Latin America.

1. CALL DIRECTED TO

People who have received a Master's or Doctorate degree or completed a postdoc position at one of the member institutions of the CEMarin, who might have received individual funding from the CEMarin.

Notes:

- Most CEMarin alumni are already integrated in multiple alumni systems. Since all CEMarin alumni must have graduated from a member institution of CEMarin or have spent a postdoc period there, they are also alumni of their alma mater. In the case of cotutelle doctorates they are even alumni at two alma mater. In addition, a number of CEMarin alumni have also received several months of funding from the DAAD, which also makes them DAAD alumni. This means that some CEMarin graduates receive 4 different alumni statuses at the same time.
- A person who remains at his or her university after graduation or moves to another CEMarin member institution is not listed as a CEMarin alumnus or alumna but as a CEMarin Researcher - with more rights in terms of research funding or vote in the CEMarin Mini Summits. In addition, CEMarin Associate Researchers cannot by definition become CEMarin Alumni, even if they have received funding, because they have not graduated from a member institution of the CEMarin.

2. REQUIREMENTS

To become a CEMarin alumnus or alumna the candidate must meet the following requirements:

1. Have received a Master's or Doctorate degree at one of the member institutions of the CEMarin (and are not currently working as full time researcher at any institution) and might have received individual funding from CEMarin.
2. You must demonstrate English proficiency, at least in Level B2, by means of one of the certificates listed in the table below.

No.	EXAM OR CERTIFICATE	INSTITUTION	MINIMUM SCORE	VALIDITY
1	TOEFL Paper (PBT)	ETS – Educational Testing Services	543 total score	Two (2) years
2	TOEFL Internet (iBT)	ETS – Educational Testing Services	71 total score	Two (2) years
3	Michigan English Test (MET)	Michigan English Language Institute College English Test	Minimum 53 points in each ability	Two (2) years
4	Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB)	Michigan English Language Institute College English Test	72 total score	Two (2) years
5	telc English B1-B2	Weiterbildungs Text system (WBT)	Reading 90, listening 20, writing 30, speaking 15.	Permanent
6	International English Language Testing System (IELTS)	University of Cambridge – ESOL examinations	5.5	Two (2) years

7	International Baccalaureate (IB)	Colombian or international schools certified by the IB diploma program	Have passed the english subject exam (standard or high level) with a minimum degree of 5.	Permanent
8	Undergrad or postgrad programs developed 100% in English	Foreigner Universities	Master or Ph.D. degree	Permanent
9	Proficiency exam in English made by the university	Department of foreign languages of the CEMarin partner institutions	Approval certificate in B2 level	Permanent
10	Stays and/or second language studies abroad - minimum time: 6 months	Foreign universities/Accredited language academies	Certificate of approval, level B2	Permanent
11	EFSET	EF Education First	Total score 51-100	Two (2) years
12	Duolingo English Test	Duolingo	Total score 100-160	Two (2) years

Note: If the applicant is a former Early Stage CEMarin researcher (ESR), no application is needed. Please send us an email to convocatorias@cemarin.org. If your English certificate as an ESR is in level B1, you must present a new exam to certificate you have a B2 level.

3. APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCEDURE

1. In order to start the procedure to become a CEMarin Alumnus or alumna, the candidate must fill out the form found in the following link: [CEMarin Alumni - Application Form](#)

2. Then, submit the required documents in PDF format, to convocatorias@cemarin.org with email subject: *Application to the Call Alumni*. The mentioned documents are the following:
 - a. Scanned copy of the highest degree obtained.
 - b. Scanned copy of the English proficiency certificate. Keep in mind that it must be a current certificate.
 - c. Curriculum Vitae (2 pages maximum).
 - d. Motivation letter where you explain why you want to become a CEMarin Alumnus or alumna.

Note: The Curriculum Vitae, the motivation letter and the support letter must be written in English.

CEMarin will assess the information provided and notify the candidate if he/she has been accepted as a member of the Corporation via email.

4. TIMEFRAME

This call opened on the 20th of April of 2020 and is permanently open.

For more information, send your questions by email to convocatorias@cemarin.org.