

Residence and work visa for research purposes (INV, INS)

- This visa allows the applicant (who is over 16 years old) to obtain a temporary residence visa in Spain (for a period of more than 90 days), to carry out research projects, within the framework of an agreement signed with a research organization (natural or legal person, public or private body). , a major or secondary facility located in Spain, which carries out research activities or technological development and which is allowed to sign recruitment agreements). The research body that has signed a recruitment agreement with a non-resident foreigner in Spain must obtain in advance a residence and work permit for research purposes issued by the competent government representation, or the competent regional authority.
- The application is submitted by the concerned person himself within a maximum of one month from the date of notification of obtaining the temporary residence and work permit issued by the competent government representation, or the competent regional authority, for research purposes.

Important Alert:

1. **If the duration of the temporary permit is less than 6 months:** the researcher must enter Spanish territory during the period of validity of the visa, which will not exceed 6 months and its validity should cover the validity of the permit in cases where it is not obligatory to obtain an identity card for foreigners. After the researcher entered Spain legally, he can start his activity and participate in the social insurance system that applies to him.
2. **If the period of the initial permit is more than 6 months:** the researcher must request to obtain an identity card for foreigners within a month of entering Spain, in person at the Foreigners' Office or its police station.
3. If, during the application for the identity card for foreigners or a month after the date of entry into Spain, it was not proven that the researcher who obtained an initial permit to reside and work for research purposes participated in the social insurance system that applies to him, the competent authority can cancel the permit.

Time required to respond:

The visa application will be answered after a month or more from the date of submission of the application, according to the procedures of the embassy.

Conditions and required documents:

The visa applicant must submit the following:

1. Visa application form.
2. A recent passport-sized photograph affixed to the application form, in color and with a white background.

3. A passport or travel document recognized in Spain, valid for at least 4 months (although it would be preferable for a longer period of validity, for example a year). A photocopy of the first two pages of the passport must be attached. If the passport is extended, a copy of the renewal page will be submitted. The passport or travel document must have been issued a maximum of 10 years prior to the date of travel. Renewed passports or travel documents that were first issued more than 10 years ago will not be accepted. Passports must contain two blank pages.
4. A copy of the contract signed between the research body and the foreign researcher (as an obligatory part of the recruitment agreement signed between the two parties, which guarantees the researcher a continuous activity during the validity period of the permit).
5. A copy of the “Residence and Work Permit Granting Decision” issued by the relevant government representation, registered and including the Número de Enlace de Visado (NEV) number. The data of the box for the notification date, signature, and ID card number must be filled out. This document must be sent from the employer to the visa applicant.
6. A health certificate to prove that the applicant does not suffer from any diseases that have adverse effects on public health, in accordance with the International Health Regulations of 2005, and that this certificate is authenticated by the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Embassy of Spain (original and copy).
7. A criminal record certificate, if the applicant is an adult, issued by the authorities of the country or countries in which he resided during the past five years, and that no prison sentences have been issued against him in Spain. This certificate must be authenticated by the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Embassy of Spain (original and photocopy).