

RESOLUTION OF THE RECTOR AGREEING TO THE 2024 PUBLIC CALL FOR PROPOSALS (IFUdG2024) OF THE PROGRAM OF AID FOR THE RECRUITMENT OF RESEARCH PERSONNEL IN TRAINING OF THE UNIVERSITY OF GIRONA (IFUdG2022-2024)

In light of the *Terms and conditions of the Programme of Grants for researchers in training of the University of Girona (2022-2024)* approved by its Governing Council in session 3/2022 of 31 March 2022, modified in session 1/2023 of January 26, 2023.

In light of the agreement of the Economy, Budget and Assets Commission of the Social Council in session EPP 3/2024 of May 10th 2024, to approve the costs of this call;

In light of the collaboration agreement with Banco Santander to promote the internationalisation of the University, which collaborates in this call for grant applications to introduce a UdG-Banco Santander programme of international pre-doctoral grants;

At the proposal of the Delegated Commission for Research, Transfer and Doctorate;

In light of the foregoing facts and foundations of law, by virtue of Royal Decree 401/20217, of 14 December (Official Journal of the Government of Catalonia [DOGC] no. 8564, of 16 December 2021), appointing the rector of the University of Girona, and in accordance with the provisions of Articles 93 and 97 of the Statutes of the University of Girona, approved by Agreement GOV/94/2011, of 7 June, (DOGC no. 5897, of 09 June 2011);

In accordance with the aforementioned, the present agreement for the public call for places and grants is approved.

RESOLVED

First. To open the 2024 call for the IFUdG2024 grants, to be awarded on a competitive basis, in the *Programme of grants for researchers in training of the University of Girona (2022-2024)*, modalities 1,2,3 and 4.

Second. Applications for these grants can be presented by individuals who meet the requirements established in point 3 of the *Programme of grants for researchers in training of the University of Girona (2022-2024)*.

Third. To establish, initially, the total amount of grant **modalities 1, 3 and 4** at €1,549,698.87 charged to expenses unit 11.01.204, expense applications 131.00 (for the remuneration of the employment contract and the termination indemnity), 160.00 (employer's contribution), and 02.46.022 expense application 481.99 (academic supervision and compulsory training credits of the doctoral programme). The requirement 3.1.3.a) has been modified by Royal Decree 576/2023, of 4 July, which modifies Royal Decree 99/2011, of 28 January, which regulates official doctoral studies (article one modification 6), so that in order to access the doctorate the master's degree studies must be completed, regardless of the number of credits.

However, at the time of application it will be accepted that the master's degree has not been completed if there are at least 300 ECTS between the two degrees.

At the time of acceptance of the grant, the master's degree must be completed.

Access to the doctorate is also possible:

- 2.1 Having previously obtained a training place in the relevant test for access to specialised health training places, having passed with a positive evaluation at least two years of training in a programme for obtaining a degree in one of the specialities in Health Sciences (regulated by Royal Decree 183/2008, of 8 February).
- 2.2 Holding a qualification obtained in foreign education systems belonging to the European Higher Education Area (EHEA), without the need for homologation, which accredits a level 7 of the European Qualifications Framework, provided that this qualification entitles access to doctoral studies in the country of issue. Admission to the doctoral programme does not imply, under any circumstances, the recognition of the applicant's previous qualification or its recognition for any other purpose than that of access to doctoral studies.
- 2.3 Holding a degree that has been obtained in foreign education systems outside the EHEA, without the need for homologation, after the University has been able to verify that this degree accredits a level of training equivalent to that of the official Spanish university master's degree and that it entitles the holder to access doctoral studies in the country of issue. Admission does not imply, in any case, the homologation of the previous degree held by the person concerned, nor recognition for any other purpose than access to doctoral studies.

To establish, initially, the total amount of grant **modality 2** at €157,806.71 charged to expense unit 02.46.022, expense applications 131.00 (for the remuneration of the employment contract and the termination indemnity), 160.00 (employer's contribution) and 481.99 (academic supervision and compulsory training credits of the doctoral programme).

The expected annual cost for each beneficiary is €25,226.56 in the first year, €25,189.64 in the second year and €28,487.16 in the third year (including compensation for termination of contract), if the mandatory training credits are taken in the first year. Likewise, in the case of IFUdG-AE the cost to be co-financed is €12,613.28 the first year €12,594.82 the second year and €14,243.58 the third year.

In the case of a modality 1 aid, the expected annual cost for each beneficiary is €24,788.52 for the first 40 months and €26,176.32 for the last 20 months, plus the cost of compensation for termination of contract in the amount of €3,182.86. Thus, in the case of the IFUdG-AE, the cost to be co-financed is €12,394.26 for the first 40 months and €13,088.16 for the last 20 months, plus the cost of compensation for termination of contract in the amount of €1,591.43.

Fourth. In accordance with the objectives of the programme, the purpose of this 2024 call for grants for UdG researchers in training (IFUdG2024) is to award of **21** pre-doctoral grants. Some of them may become IFUdG-AE grants at the rate of two IFUdG-AE grants for each IFUdG grant.

The grants will be distributed as follows:

MODALITY 1: 1 grant

MODALITY 2: 2 grants for candidates with thesis supervised by ICREA senior, Ramón y Cajal and Junior Leader Retaining researchers awarded in 2020 and 2022, who have not received a predoctoral or postdoctoral grant in the UdG calls for this modality.

MODALITY 3: 16 grants, distributed by Doctoral Programme according to the table in Annex 1

MODALITY 1: 2 grants

Fifth. The grant subsidies of this call are governed by the *General Subsidies Law* and its implementing regulations and as provided for in the provisions of the terms and conditions of the Programme of grants for researchers in training of the University of Girona (2022-2024).

Sixth. The Office of Research and Technology Transfer (OITT) will be the body responsible for the processing of these grants.

Seventh. The grant money will be used to provide pre-doctoral contracts for research staff provided for in Article 21 of Law 14/2011, of 1 June, on Science, Technology and Innovation, amended by Law 17/2022 of September 5, and amended by the sixth final provision of Law 30/2015 of 9 September, regulating the *vocational training system* for workplace employment, and Royal Decree 103/2019, approving the Statute of pre-doctoral research staff in training.

Eighth. The grant includes the remuneration and the cost of the beneficiaries' employer's social security contributions, the cost of termination indemnity and academic tutoring and the obligatory training credits for the doctoral course.

The remuneration of the beneficiaries will be €1,485.33 gross per month for the first two years and €1,591.43 gross per month for the third year. In the event that the beneficiary is a modality 1 beneficiary, the remuneration will be €1,485.33 gross per month for the first 40 months, and €1,591.43 gross per month for the last 20 months. This amount will be paid at the end of each month and the corresponding deductions will be applied, in accordance with the regulations in force.

The grant will cover the cost of academic supervision associated with the thesis in the academic years 2024/2025, 2025/2026 and 2026/2027, and of the compulsory training credits to be completed during the duration of the grant. In the case of Modality 1 grants, tuition assistance is not provided because the recipient benefits from the tuition reduction for disability. Exceptionally, the registration for the fourth year will be paid only if the contract expires after 31 December or if the contract has been extended.

It will not cover the academic fees or costs of any other courses or studies the recipient may be undertaking during the period of the grant.

Ninth. Application and deadline

The submission of applications has been simplified in accordance with the possibility established in point 6 of the regulatory bases document, and specifically point 6.1.2 of the bases is modified.

The application document generated, once the application form has been validated with all the information and documentation, must be submitted through the electronic registry of the UdG.

9.1 Depending on the identifier used to initiate the application in the UdG form, this last step will be automatic or not:

- a) If you access with a recognized electronic certificate, such as:
 - the [idcat](#) certificate,
 - the certificate of the [Fábrica Nacional de Moneda y Timbre](#),
 - or with an agreed key system, such as the, [mobile idcat](#),

when validating the application form **it will be automatically signed and registered.**

It is important to know that [Mobile idcat](#) can also be obtained by foreigners without residence in Spain, via [video call](#), but will require them to inform a Spanish cell phone to receive the codes.

- b) If you access with any other method of identification offered by the form, the candidate will have to sign the generated pdf document (once the application form has been validated), and submit it through the registry following one of these ways, always within the application deadline:
- i. Through the [electronic register of the UdG](#).
 - ii. Through the Registration Assistance Office (OAMR) located in the Edificio las Águilas, in accordance with [the hours of the OAMR](#).
 - iii. At the diplomatic representations or consular offices of Spain abroad, or to the places detailed in accordance with the established in Article 16.4 of Law 39/2015, of October 1, on common administrative procedure of public administrations.

The deadline for submitting applications will open the day after the publication of this call for applications on the notice board of the UdG's website and will end on **30 May 2024 at 2 p.m.** (Girona local time).

Applications will only be accepted if they have been submitted electronically through the **Banco Santander** and **Universitat de Girona** forms by the indicated date, and through the [registry](#) if they have not been automatically registered.

The procedure to follow is as follows:

1. The application **must** be initiated through the form available on the *Banco Santander Scholarships* website: <http://app.santanderopenacademy.com/program/ifudg2024-call-for-researchers-in-training-universitat-de-girona>
2. Once the registration at Banco Santander has been completed, the candidate will receive a confirmation e-mail with a link to the **UdG form** where the application must be continued and finalised, completing the information and attaching the required documentation.

Thus, the application will only be considered validly formalised if, once the two previous steps have been completed, a proof of registration is obtained, which can be generated in two ways:

- When sending the second electronic form, the UdG form, automatically generates a receipt of the application with the date and time of registration included.

- Or when the pdf generated by the UdG application form (if it has not been automatically registered) is submitted by registering, following one of these routes:

- At the [OAMR](#), if the applicant does not have a recognised electronic signature, but can go there to submit the pdf generated by the UdG application form, signed in handwriting.
- Through the [UdG electronic register](#), initiated by a third party, if the applicant is a foreigner and does not have a recognised electronic signature. The pdf generated by the UdG application form must be signed with another electronic signature.
- At one of the [places](#) mentioned in point 9.1.iii of this call, presenting the pdf generated by the UdG application form, signed in handwriting by the applicant.

In all cases, the receipt obtained must include a date and time of registration.

Tenth. The submission of the application entails authorization for the Universitat de Girona to obtain the information detailed in point 6.1.3 of the Terms..

Eleventh. Evaluation of accepted applications

The evaluation will be carried out by applying the assessment criteria detailed in the appendix of the Terms and Conditions regulating the UdG Grants Programme for trainee researchers (2022-2024).

Depending on the number of applications admitted for processing under modality 2, the different phases of the procedure may be carried out at different points in time with respect to modalities 1, 3 and 4.

Twelfth. Resolution of the call

The Rector of the University of Girona will decide on this call for applications within a maximum period of 6 months from the date of the deadline for submitting applications. The decision will be made public and will be communicated to the interested parties through the notice board of the UdG's electronic headquarters.

Thirteenth. Notification and appeal procedures

The call for applications, the procedural acts and the resolution of the call for applications will be published on the University of Girona's website via the notice board.

Once the publicity referred to in the previous section has been made public, the interested parties will be considered to have been notified, in accordance with the provisions of article 40 of Law 39/2015, of 1 October, on Common Administrative Procedure for Public Administrations.

Fourteenth. Execution and validity of the contract

The day after the publication of the final list, a period of **10 working days** will be opened for the acceptance of the grant, providing the following documentation:

- 1) The documents accrediting acceptance or enrolment in a doctoral program for the academic year 2024/2025. At this point, the master's degree must be completed if it was not completed at the time of application.
- 2) The documents required for registration on the payroll, in accordance with the standard forms.
- 3) A copy of the passport in the case of foreign nationals, or DNI or NIE in the case of Spanish nationals if they have not been authorised to consult it on the application form.
- 4) The document of acceptance of the commitments indicating the date of incorporation, in accordance with base 9; of acceptance, if applicable, of teaching, in accordance with base 7, and of enjoyment of previous pre-doctoral contracts, with the UdG or with other entities (in the case of other entities, a copy must be attached if they were not attached at the time of the application), in accordance with the standardised model.
- 5) The certificate of level C of Catalan, if available.
- 6) A copy of your academic qualifications, or of the receipt for payment of the fees for obtaining them if you have not been able to obtain them, if obtained abroad. It will also be necessary in the case of Spanish nationals if they have not been authorised to consult them on the application form.
- 7) The certificates of being up to date with the payment of tax and social security obligations, in the case of Spanish nationals, if they have not been authorised to consult them on the application form.

Failure to present these documents before the deadline will lead to the withdrawal of the grant.

Payroll registration will not be effective until the OITT receives the starting certificate of incorporation signed by the thesis supervisor.

Those persons contracted will become researchers in training of the University of Girona.

Pre-doctoral contracts shall start between **1 January 2025** and **1 March 2025** (always on the first day of the month).

The Research, Transfer and Doctoral Committee may authorise the start of the contract on a different date for justified reasons.

To sign the contract it will be necessary to have an electronic signature. It will also be necessary to have formalised the enrolment for the doctoral programme for the 2024/2025 academic year. If this is not possible, in accordance with the timetable established by the UdG Doctoral School, acceptance to the doctoral programme will be accepted at this time, and once the enrolment period has opened, there will be a period of 15 days to complete the enrolment and present proof of enrolment to the OITT.

Fifteen. Grants not accepted or refused by recipients, or for recipients who decide to not enter the programme or have their grant withdrawn, until **March 1, 2025**, will remain unallocated and will be awarded in accordance with point 12.1 of these terms and conditions. In this case, the start date will be the first day of the month following the decision of the rector concerning these new recipients.

Sixteen. This call will be published on the notice board of the UdG's e-Office.

The Rector

Joaquim Salvi Mas

Against this resolution, which puts an end to administrative proceedings and regardless of its immediate execution, the interested parties may lodge, as an alternative, an appeal for reconsideration before the Rector of the University of Girona within one month from the day following the day of its notification, in accordance with the provisions of articles 123 and 124 of Law 39/2015, of 1 October, of the common administrative procedure; or directly file a contentious-administrative appeal before the contentious-administrative courts of Girona, within two months from the day following the day of its notification, in accordance with articles 8. 3, 14.1 and 46.1 of Law 29/1998, of July 13, 1998, regulating the Contentious-Administrative Jurisdiction.

Likewise, the interested parties may file any other appeal they deem convenient for the defense of their interests.

Annex 1.

Doctoral Programme	Nr. Grants	Reminder
Molecular Biology, Biomedicine and Health	2	0,034
Water Science and Technology	2	-0,078
Humanities, Heritage and Cultural Studies	1	-0,109
Education	1	-0,044
Environment	1	-0,068
Psychology, Health and Quality of Life	1,5	0,122
Chemistry	1,5	-0,027
Technology	1,5	-0,053
Arts and Education	0,5	0,248
Bioinformatics	0	0,227
Law, Economics and Business	3	-0,041
Gender Studies: Cultures, Societies and Policies	0	0,184
Educational Psychology (DIPE)	1	-0,057
Tourism	0	-0,337
TOTAL grants	16	0,000