

1. Call Opening

1.1. Introduction

The Biomedical Research Institute of Lleida - Fundació Dr. Pifarré (IRBLleida) is pleased to announce the international mobility grants (AMI), which will allow doctoral students and post-doctoral researchers affiliated to the IRBLleida to spend up to six months at international research centers. This call is funded by the Alicia Cuello de Merigó Private Foundation.

1.2. Summary

The purpose of this action is to finance predoctoral and postdoctoral research staff stays at international research institutions to learn or improve techniques, technologies or procedures in research, development, and technological innovation in the field of biomedicine

2. Call Description

2.1. Scope

These stays must be carried out in research groups at prestigious foreign institutions, which must be different from the center where the pre- and/or postdoctoral researcher is hired.

2.2. Funding and Payment

Two grants will be awarded in the **postdoctoral category** and **three** for **predoctoral category**. The stay must have a minimum duration of 3 months and a maximum of 6 months.

If any of the grants are not awarded due to a lack of candidates, this grant may be allocated to the candidate in the other category that has been prioritized immediately after the last candidate with an allocated grant.

If there are vacant places after assignation of AMI clinic grants, the predoc postdoc modality will receive these vacant grants, and they will be assigned by candidate's prioritization order.



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The financial endowment of each grant will consist of:

- Travel allowance of €1,000 per month or fraction of a month, up to a maximum of €3,000.
- The cost of the going and return trip.
- Medical insurance for those countries in which the European Health Insurance Card is not valid.

Accommodation and transport costs follow the reference amounts established by the Generalitat de Catalunya (Decree 138/2008 of 8 July on compensation for service-related expenses).

This grant will be compatible with the salary received by the researcher.

Once the grant has been awarded, the person will have one natural year to carry out the entire stay in the chosen center. This year will start the day after the final decision publication. If the stay is not carried out within the stipulated time, nor an extension of the grant requested, the researcher will be considered to have declined the travel grant.

A maximum extension of six months, non-extendable, may be requested. This extension must be requested three months before the end of the period of one calendar year established in the call for applications.

Once the grant has been awarded, IRB Lleida will pay the grant as follows:

- 75% of the travel allowance will be paid one month before the start of the stay.
- The remaining 25% will be paid halfway through the stay.
- Travel expenses will be processed and paid via an order made directly by the IRB Lleida management office to the travel agencies under the CCS Framework Agreement.
- The insurance will also be managed by the IRB Lleida management office.

Before leaving, it will be necessary:

- Manage the coordination of occupational risk prevention with the institution that will host the beneficiary of the call.
- Follow the steps indicated in the "Communication Manual MN003 for Travel Abroad".
- Notify the contracting entity of the stay in advance so that it can be communicated to Social Security.
- For beneficiaries with a contract at the University of Lleida (UdL), the University Hospital of Lleida Arnau de Vilanova (HUAV), the University Hospital Santa



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Maria (HUSM) or others, authorization from the contracting entity must be provided.

- Acceptance letter from the destination center with the final dates of the stay.

2.3. Duration and Important Dates

- **Announcement of the Call:** May 28, 2026
- **Application deadline:** July 17, 2026
- **Estimated Provisional Resolution:** August 2025
- **Estimated Final Resolution:** August 2025

3. Candidate Profile

3.1. Eligibility

Requirements for candidates in the Predoctoral category

Predoctoral research staff affiliated to IRBLleida who have been enrolled in doctoral program for at least one year at the time of applying for this grant are eligible for these mobility grants.

Beneficiaries of the Four-year PhD Fellowships 2024 Call IREP will be directly awarded an IRBLleida IREP International Mobility Grant. Beneficiaries must comply with the regulations governing the IRBLleida International Mobility Grants for Predoctoral Research Staff, without being required to undergo the corresponding selection process. These grants are additional to the three predoctoral fellowships awarded under the predoctoral category in the AMI 2026 grant.

Requirements for candidates in the Postdoctoral category

All postdoctoral research staff affiliated with IRBLleida Research Groups are eligible for these mobility grants, if they obtained their doctoral degree (date of thesis defense) within a period of **less than five years at the time of applying for the grant**. For the purposes of calculating the maximum period for having obtained the doctorate, periods of maternity or paternity leave will be considered, as well as long term medical leave for candidates, which will be added to the 5-year limit.

3.2. Incompatibilities

NA



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4. Application and Resolution

4.1. Proposal Submission

The required documentation must be submitted through the link provided for this purpose in the intramural calls section of the IRBLleida website (<https://www.irblleida.org/es/convocatorias-intramurales/>).

To formalize the application, you must submit:

- Curriculum vitae (CVA FECYT format) of the candidate and the PI of the host group. The CV of the PI of the receiving group may be in a non-standard format, but it must include the information that will be evaluated.
- Application form of the activity to be carried out during the stay and selection of up to 5 publications from the last 7 years using the model available on the IRBLleida website, in the research - intramural calls section.
- Acceptance Letter from the host institution where the researcher requests to carry out the stay. This report must include the acceptance of the stay, the tentative dates when it will take place, and its objective.
- Supporting documentation (academic record and participation in congresses).

The Beneficiaries of the Four-year PhD Fellowships 2024 IREP call must only submit:

- Acceptance Letter from the host institution where the researcher requests to carry out the stay. This report must include the acceptance of the stay, the tentative dates when it will take place, and its objective.

Any documentation that is not submitted using the official templates will not be considered for evaluation.

4.2. Evaluation Criteria

Applications will be evaluated by the IRBLleida Internal Scientific Evaluation Commission (CIAC).

IRBLleida has adhered to the San Francisco Declaration on Research Assessment (DORA) with the conviction that we are at an optimal moment to move towards a new culture of evaluation of research activity in all its diversity. These criteria will be applied during CVA evaluation.

Predocdoctoral Category

Criteria		Definition	Maximum Score
Candidate evaluation	Academic Record	Average bachelor's degree Grade: 80%. Average master's degree grade: 20%. (if the master's degree has not been completed, the degree qualification will be considered at 100%)	30
	Publications (last 7 years)	DORA criteria	20
	Participation in congresses	<u>International Congress:</u> Assist: 0.5 points Poster: 2 points* Oral Presentation: 5 points* <u>National Congress:</u> Assist: 0.25 points Poster: 1 point* Oral Presentation: 2.5 points* <i>*Poster or oral presentations will only be considered when the applicant is either the first author or the presenting author.</i>	10
Assessment of the need, opportunity, interest and impact of the proposal		<u>Alignment and suitability of the candidate:</u> Relevance of the candidate's background, skills, and motivation for the mobility grant. 10 points <u>Scientific quality and feasibility of the proposal</u> Clarity of objectives, methodology, innovation, and achievability during the mobility period. 15 points <u>Expertise and support of the host institution/PI</u> Track record, supervision capacity, and availability of resources at the host center. 10 points <u>Impact on the research group and the researcher's career:</u> Expected benefits for the researcher's training and career	40



	development, and contribution to the strengthening of the research group and future collaborations. 5 points	
Maximum	Total amount	100

Postdoctoral Category

Criteria		Definition	Maximum Score
Candidate evaluation	Publications (last 7 years)	DORA criteria	30
	Competitive projects (last 7 years)	<u>Principal Investigator (PI) of a project or postdoctoral HR grants:</u> IREP research projects: 3 points Regional: 6 points National: 8 points International: 10 points <u>Collaborator researcher:</u> Regional/National: 1 point International: 2 points	20
	Participation in congresses	<u>International Congress:</u> Assist: 0.5 points Poster: 2 points* Oral Presentation: 5 points* <u>National Congress:</u> Assist: 0.25 points Poster: 1 point* Oral Presentation: 2.5 points* <i>*Poster or oral presentations will only be considered when the applicant is either the first author or the presenting author.</i>	10
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All scientific contributions from the 7-year period are subject to the possible extensions described in Annex I.

4.3. Resolution

After completing the evaluation process, the CIAC will present to the IRBLeida director (or his/her designee) a prioritization list that will include the selected candidates and those on the reserve list. The director (or his/her designer) will then issue a provisional resolution, detailing the selected candidates and the candidates on the reserve list. After the publication of the provisional resolution, the candidates will have 5 working days to submit possible allegations by email to projects@irbllleida.cat. Once the allegations have been resolved, the final resolution of the grant will be made public.

Within one month of the publication of the final resolution, selected candidates must sign a document accepting the grant and specifying the start date. Failure to accept the position within this period will be considered a resignation.

Any resignation after acceptance must be notified in written form to IRBLeida (projects@irbllleida.cat). If the resignation occurs within the first six months of the contract, the next unfunded candidate from the initial priority list with a score ≥ 70 points may assume the grant for the remaining time.

5. Beneficiaries' obligations

5.1. Project Follow-up

Candidates must submit an acceptance report from the host institution, which includes the dates on which the stay will take place and the purpose of the stay.

Before leaving, beneficiaries will need:

- Process the coordination of occupational risk prevention with the host institution.
- Follow the steps indicated in the MN003-Manual for communicating travel abroad.

5.2. Results, Publications and Contents

To guarantee adequate protection of possible intellectual and/or industrial property derived from this action, PIs must inform the IRBLLleida innovation office (innovacio@irbllleida.cat) about any communication and/or dissemination related to the grant.

In any communication or publication derived from the research carried out under this grant, acknowledgement of the support of IRBLLleida must be included with the following statement: "(XXXXX received an IREP 2026 International Mobility Grant from IRBLLleida)."

5.3. Final Justification

A full report must be sent to the IRBLLleida Projects Unit (postaward@irbllleida.cat) within one month after the end of the stay. You can find the model of the final report on the website - intramural calls section. If any doubt you can contact with postaward@irbllleida.cat

This report must include details of the scientific objectives achieved, as well as any publications and communications resulting from this action.

6. Other Clauses

Participation in this call implies full acceptance of the rules by the candidates. Failure to comply with the rules or conditions established in the call may result in the termination of the international mobility grant and/or a two-year suspension for future



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applications to the IREP call for the candidate. In addition, the following clauses are included:

6.1. Confidentiality of Documentation

The documentation associated with the applications will be treated as confidential information, and it is mandatory for all personnel involved in its evaluation to treat the information confidentially. The information may be used for informational and dissemination purposes with prior authorization from the applicant.

6.2. Terms and Conditions, Industrial and Intellectual Property

The intellectual or industrial property rights and exploitation rights that may arise from the implementation of the granted idea belong to IRB Lleida, recognizing as authors or inventors the people who have conceived and implemented these ideas and applying the intellectual and industrial property regulations of IRB Lleida.

6.3. Information Clause on the Processing of Personal Data

Responsible for the processing: Biomedical Research Institute of Lleida Dr. Pifarré Foundation (IRB Lleida).

Purpose: Management of calls for applications and, where applicable, the awarding and delivery of the prize.

Legitimation: The legal basis for the processing is the carrying out of a selection process to provide financial support for research projects.

Recipients: The data will not be transferred to third parties, except for legal obligations established by law.

Rights: Access, rectification and deletion of data, as well as other rights, as explained in the additional information.

Additional information: You can consult additional and detailed information about Data Protection on our website <http://www.irbllleida.org/en/legal-notice/>.

The data provided by applicants will be incorporated into the processing system owned by IRB Lleida for the purpose of managing and resolving the selection process, and will be processed in a lawful, equitable, transparent, adequate, relevant, limited, precise and updated manner, in accordance with the provisions of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and Organic Law 3/2018, of December 5 (LOPDGDD). The legal basis for the processing of data is the fulfillment of a legal obligation by the controller, reinforced with the consent of the interested party.

This data must be kept for the period of time strictly necessary to fulfill the aforementioned purpose, respecting in all cases the period determined by the rules and



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regulations that govern the call for applications and the applicable archiving regulations.

Certain data may be communicated to third parties in the public or private sphere, either because the intervention of these entities during the aid management process may be necessary for it to be resolved correctly, or because it is provided for in a regulation with the rank of law.

As long as the interested party does not communicate otherwise, it will be understood that their data has not been modified and that they undertake to notify IRB Lleida of any variation.

Applicants may exercise their rights of access, rectification, limitation of processing, deletion, opposition to the processing of their data or exercise their right to portability by writing to IRB Lleida (Avda . Rovira Roure, 80, 25198 Lleida), to the email address protecciodedades@irbllleida.cat or to the IRB Lleida Data Protection Officer, dpd@ticsalutsocial.cat. You must attach a copy of your ID or sign the email with a recognized electronic signature. In the event of a discrepancy with the processing, you also have the right to file a complaint with the Catalan Data Protection Authority.

7. Annex

7.1 Annex I

In cases where the evaluation of any type of merit is subject to a defined assessment period, the time frame will be adjusted to exclude the proportional duration of interruptions due to the reasons listed below, calculated according to the following criteria:

A) Periods of leave related to maternity or paternity, adoption, or foster care, taken in accordance with the protected situations recognized under the General Social Security Regime. An extension in weeks will be applied, calculated as 4 times the number of weeks of leave taken per child.

B) Temporary incapacity due to serious illness or accident of the applicant, with a medical leave of three months or more. A one-year extension will be applied.

C) Temporary incapacity during pregnancy due to pregnancy-related causes. An extension in weeks will be applied, calculated as 4 times the number of weeks of leave. This extension may be added, where applicable, to the one indicated in section A.

D) Care for dependent persons, as established in Law 39/2006 of December 14, on the Promotion of Personal Autonomy and Care for People in a Situation of Dependency.



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An extension in weeks will be applied, calculated as 4 times the number of weeks of activity as a non-professional caregiver.

All the leaves must be correctly credited at the time of filing the grant application.

