

1. Call Opening

1.1. Introduction

The Institute for Research in Biomedicine of Lleida (IRBLleida) opens the 2nd call for Bridge Funding Grants for consolidated groups without competitive funding.

1.2. Summary

The aim of this call is to address the most urgent needs of consolidated research groups that have a research track record with the acquisition of competitive resources for at least the last 5 years and have lost external funding for the upcoming year.

2. Call Description

2.1. Scope

This grant is for consolidated research groups at IRBLleida without competitive funding, to avoid, as much as possible, the halt of their research activity and allow them to continue operating until they obtain external funding again.

2.2. Funding & Payment

The maximum amount that can be requested is 50% of the first year of the grant not awarded or 50% of the arithmetic average per year of the total amount requested for the denied grant; they can choose whichever amount is higher.

In any case, regardless of the amount requested, the maximum funding for this grant will be €20,000.

If the group has competitive and/or non-competitive funding for the next 12 months for an amount less than €20,000, the maximum amount that can be requested for this grant will be €20,000 minus the available amount for the group.

The group can use the awarded funds in the following 12 months or until competitive or non-competitive funds are obtained.

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2.3. Duration & Important Dates

- Opening of the call: **February 4th, 2025**
- Submission of applications: **until February 28th, 2025 3p.m.**

3. Candidates profile

3.1. Eligibility

The recipients of these grants are the research groups, not the principal investigators (PIs) individually. Depending on the type of consolidated groups, there are two different cases:

- In the case of consolidated groups with a single PI, or two Co-PIs of the same project, the loss of external funding will make the PI or one of the two Co-PIs eligible to apply for this bridge grant, as long as they meet the other requirements.
- In the case of consolidated groups with more than one PI, only if all the PIs lose funding, one of the PIs will be eligible for this grant, if the remaining requirements are also met. As long as any PI in the group has competitive funding, the rest of the PIs in the group will not be eligible to apply for these grants.

Principal investigators of consolidated IRBLeida groups that meet the selection criteria described in the previous section may apply for these grants.

- Eligible researchers must have been PIs with stable and continuous funding for the last five years from national research projects funded by ISCIII (AES) and/or the State Research Agency (State Research Plan), whose project funding application was rejected in the last call but received a **favorable evaluation** from the funding agencies (ISCIII or AEI) or a **score higher than 65 points** in the evaluation by the State Research Agency.

Stable and continuous funding will be considered when the researcher has been a PI/Co-PI of at least two competitive national projects from ISCIII and/or AEI in the last five years.

3.2. Incompatibility

The principal investigators of groups with any other type of competitive and/or non-competitive funding for the next 12 months, and whose total amount exceeds €20,000 at the time of the application, will not be eligible to participate in this call.

4. Application & Award Decision

4.1. Proposal Submission

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

To formalize the application, the following documentation must be submitted using the application form available on the IRB Lleida website, in the research - intramural calls section:

- Curriculum vitae of the PI (CVA FECYT format).
- Rejected resolution of the project with the favorable evaluation issued by ISCIII or AEI.

4.2. Evaluation Criteria

N/A

4.3. Award Decision

The applications will be evaluated by the Direction of the institute, and the award will be subject to the availability of funds. The resolution of this bridge grant will be communicated to the applicant within one month. The maximum amount granted for these bridge grants will be a maximum of €20,000. The grant will be adjusted accordingly if the group has other available funds.

5. Other Clauses

Participation in this call for proposals implies knowledge and acceptance of all its terms and conditions, including:

5.1. Proposal Documentation Confidentiality

The documentation associated with the proposals will be treated as confidential information, being obliged to maintain the confidentiality of the information all persons involved in the evaluation and assessment of the proposals, and may be used for informative and dissemination purposes, subject to prior consent of the applicants.

5.2. Personal Data Collection Purpose and Processing Information

Responsible party: Institut de Recerca Biomèdica de Lleida Fundació Dr. Pifarré (IRB Lleida).

Purpose: Management of calls and, where appropriate, the awarding and delivery of the prize.

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

Addressees: The data will not be transferred to third parties, except in the 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 on 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 in order to manage and resolve the selection process, and will be processed in a lawful, fair, transparent, adequate, relevant, limited, accurate, and up-to-date manner, in compliance with the provisions of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and Organic Law 3/2018, of 5 December (LOPDGDD). The legal basis for the processing of data is the fulfilment of a legal obligation on the part of the controller reinforced with the consent of the data subject.

This data must be kept for the period of time strictly necessary to fulfil the aforementioned purpose, respecting in all cases the period determined by these rules and regulations governing 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 in the course of the aid management process may be necessary because it is correctly resolved, or because it is provided for in a regulation with the status of law.

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

Applicants may exercise their rights of access, rectification, limitation of processing, suppression, 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 e-mail address protecciodedades@irbllleida.cat or to the IRB Lleida's Data Protection Delegate, dpd@ticsalutsocial.cat. You must attach a photocopy of your ID card or sign the e-mail with a recognized electronic signature. In the event of disagreement with the processing, you also have the right to lodge a complaint with the Catalan Data Protection Authority.