

INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY GRANTS (AMI-23) FOR IRBLLLEIDA IREP PRE- AND POST-DOCTORAL RESEARCH STAFF. SECOND CALL.

Introduction

In the field of research, short stays in prestigious international centres promote the exchange of ideas and professional development of young research staff. These stays allow them to increase their knowledge of new techniques and protocols, which can be applied in their research, and open avenues for future scientific collaborations. With the idea of promoting this idea, the IRBLeida publishes this second call for international mobility grants (AMI), which will allow doctoral students and post-doctoral researchers affiliated to the IRBLeida to spend up to six months at international research centres.

Aim and purpose

- The purpose of this action is to finance pre- and post-doctoral research staff stays at IRBLeida to learn or improve techniques, technologies or procedures in research, development and technological innovation in the field of biomedicine.
- These stays must be carried out in research groups of prestigious foreign institutions, which must be different from the centre where the pre- and/or post-doctoral researcher is contracted.

Financing conditions and types of stays

They shall have a minimum duration of 90 days.

- **Two grants** will be awarded in the category of **post-doctoral** contracts and **two** for **pre-doctoral** contracts. If one of the grants is not awarded due to a lack of candidates, this grant may be allocated to the candidate in the other category that has been prioritised immediately after the last candidate with an allocated grant.
- The financial endowment of each grant will consist of a travel allowance of 3,000 euros, the cost of the return trip, and medical insurance for those countries in which the European Health Insurance Card is not valid. Receipt of these grants 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 centre. 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out within the stipulated time, nor an extension of the grant requested, the researcher will be considered to have withdrawn the grant.
- A maximum stay 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, IRBLeida will pay the grant as follows:

- 75% of the travel bursary will be paid once the grantee confirms the date of their departure.
- The remaining 25% will be paid halfway through the stay.
- Travel expenses will be processed and paid through an order made directly by the IRBLeida management office to the travel agencies in the “Acuerdo Marco CCS”, according to the destination confirmed by the grantee.

- The insurance will also be arranged directly by the IRBLleida management office.

Before leaving, it will be necessary to:

- Manage the coordination of occupational risk prevention with the institution that will host the grantee.
- Follow the steps indicated in the “MN003-Manual de comunicació de desplaçaments en el estranjer”.
- For grantees with a contract at IRBLleida, formalities and notification to the Social Security that the grantee is going to travel abroad.
- For grantees with a contract at the University of Lleida (UdL), the University Hospital of Lleida Arnau de Vilanova (HUAV), the University Hospital Santa Maria (HUSM) or others, authorization from the contracting entity

Requirements for applicants

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

Post-doctoral category - All post-doctoral research staff affiliated to IRBLleida Research Groups are eligible for these mobility grants, on condition that they obtained their doctoral degree (date of thesis defence) 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.

Required documentation

1. Abbreviated Curriculum Vitae (CVA) of the candidate and the PI of the host Group. The CV of the host PI can be in a non-standard format, but always bearing in mind that it must contain the information that will be evaluated.
2. Memory of the proposal of the activity to be carried out during the stay using the standardised model of this call (maximum 5 pages).
3. Report from the host institution to which the researcher is applying to carry out the stay. This report must state the acceptance of the stay, the dates on which it will take place, and the objective of the stay.

Evaluation of applications

Pre-doctoral category

1) Evaluation of the candidate: up to 60 points.

a) Academic record (maximum 30 points)

- (Grade degree Average mark, out of 10, multiplied by two) + (Master's degree Average mark, out of 10)

b) Publications (maximum 20 points; Last JCR available)

- D1: First author 20pts, no first author 4pts
- Q1: First author 10pts, no first author 2pts
- Q2: First author 4pts, no first author 1pt
- Others: First author 2pt, no first author 0.50pts

c) Oral presentations in national or international congresses (maximum 10 points)

- International, main author - 4pts
- Nacional, main author - 2 pts
- International, no main author - 0,4 pts
- Nacional, no main author - 0,2 pts

2) Assessment of the need, opportunity and interest of the proposal: up to 40 points

- Impact on the researcher's career - 15 pts
- Affinity between groups and work areas - 15 pts
- Scientific quality of the host group - 10 pts

Post-doctoral category

1) Evaluation of the candidate: up to 60 points.

d) Publications of last 5 years (maximum 40 points; Last JCR available)

- D1: First author &/or corresponding author 8pts, no first author 1,6pts
- Q1: First author &/or corresponding author 4pts, no first author 0,8pts
- Q2: First author &/or corresponding author 2pts, no first author 0,4pt
- Others: First author &/or corresponding author 1pt, no first author 0pts

- Projects obtained in the last 5 years (maximum 10 points)

- International project from the PI 10pts, no PI 1,6pts
 - National PI project 6pts, no PI 0,6pts
 - Autonomic PI project 2pts, no PI 0pts
 - Local PI project 1pts, no PI 0pts
- Knowledge transfer (maximum 10 points)
- Licenced patent, 10 pts
 - Granted patent, 4 pts
 - Transfer of results to the Sistema Nacional de Salud (SNS) or to society in general, 2 pts

2) Evaluation of the proposal interest: up to 60 points.

- Impact on the researcher's career - 15 pts
- Affinity between groups and work areas - 15 pts
- Scientific quality of the host group - 10 pts

The [Commission for Internal Scientific Evaluation](#) from IRBLleida will evaluate the proposals.

Expected Schedule

Call Announcement: 11th October 2023

Application reception deadline: 10th November 2023 at 15h

Provisional resolution: 24th November 2023

Allegation presentation deadline: 30th November 2023 at 15h

Final Resolution: 11th December 2023