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**INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY GRANTS (AMI-25)
FOR ESTABLISHED RESEARCHERS (R3-R4)**



1. Call Opening

1.1. Introduction

The Institute for Biomedical Research of Lleida - Dr. Pifarré Foundation (IRBLleida) is pleased to announce the call for International Mobility Grants (AMI) for R3-R4 established researchers, which will allow them to spend up to three months in international research centres. This call is financed with funds from the Alicia Cuello de Merigó Private Foundation.

1.2. Summary

The purpose of this call is to finance stays of established researchers R3-R4 in 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 of prestigious foreign institutions, which must be different from the centre where the researcher is hired.

2.2. Funding & Payment

Four mobility grants will be awarded for established researchers R3-R4 category. The stay must have a minimum duration of 1 month and a maximum of 3 months.

The financial endowment of each grant consists of a travel allowance of €1,000/month or fraction of a month, the cost of the going and return trip, and medical insurance for countries where the European Health Insurance Card is not valid. This grant will be compatible with the salary received by the researcher.

Once the grant has been awarded, the person will have one year to carry out the entire stay in the chosen centre. This year will begin on the day after the publication of the final resolution. If the stay is not carried out within the stipulated time and an extension is not requested, the researcher will be considered to have declined the grant.

A maximum extension of six months, which cannot be extended, may be requested for situations described in Annex I of the terms and conditions of the call. This extension

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must be requested three months before the end of the period of one year established in the call.

Once the grant has been awarded, IRBLleida will manage the financial endowment as follows:

- 75% of the travel allowance will be paid one month before the start of your stay.
- The remaining 25% will be paid halfway through the stay.
- Travel expenses will be processed and paid by an order placed directly by the IRB management office read to travel agencies in "the CCS Framework Agreement", according to the destination confirmed by the beneficiary.
- The medical insurance will also be managed directly by the IRBLleida management office.

Before starting the grant, it will be necessary to:

- To manage the coordination of occupational risk prevention with the institution that will host the beneficiary of the grant.
- Follow the steps indicated in the "MN003 Communication Manual for Trips Abroad".
- Notify the contracting entity in advance of the stay so that it can be communicated to the Social Security.
- For beneficiaries with a contract at the University of Lleida (UdL), the Arnau de Vilanova University Hospital of Lleida (HUAV), the Santa Maria University Hospital (HUSM) or others, authorisation must be provided from the contracting entity of the corresponding head of service and/or group leader.
- Letter of acceptance from the destination centre with the definitive dates of the stay.

2.3. Duration & Important Dates

- **Announcement of the Call:** 3rd October 2025
- **Deadline for submission of applications:** 3rd November 2025
- **Estimated Provisional Resolution:** December 2025
- **Estimated Final Resolution:** December 2025

3. Candidates Profile

3.1. Eligibility

All established research R3-R4 affiliated to IRBLleida are eligible for this mobility grant, if they have obtained their PhD (date of defence of the thesis) in a period of more than five years at the time of the deadline of the call.

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3.2. Incompatibilities

NA

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 IRBLleida website (<https://www.irblleida.org/es/convocatorias-intramurales/>).

To formalise the application, the following documentation must be submitted:

- Curriculum vitae (CVA FECYT format) of the candidate.
- Curriculum vitae (CV) of the PI of the receiving group. The CV of the IP of the receiving group can be in a non-standard format but always must contain the information that will be evaluated.
- Application form completed and signed.
- Authorization letter signed by the corresponding head of service for beneficiaries with a contract at the University of Lleida (UdL), Arnau de Vilanova University Hospital of Lleida (HUAV), Santa Maria University Hospital (HUSM), or other institutions (template is available in the call documentation on the website).
- Acceptance letter from the host institution which the researcher is applying to carry out the stay. This report must indicate the acceptance of the stay, the tentative dates on which it will take place and the purpose of the stay.
- Documentation accrediting the merits of the candidate indicated in the application form, in order to be able to make the corresponding quantification.

Any documentation that is not submitted using the standard forms provided by the institution (available in the section on intramural calls of the website, in the corresponding call) will not be evaluated.

4.2. Evaluation Criteria

The IRBLeida Projects Unit will verify that the candidates meet the requirements of the call and will send the list of candidates who meet these requirements to the Internal Scientific Evaluation Commission (CIAC). The candidatures will be evaluated by members of the CIAC without conflict of interest, who will issue a report with the corresponding score for each of the candidates. If a majority of the members of the CIAC present a conflict of interest to evaluate the call, the evaluation will be outsourced through independent experts.

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

Criteria		Definition	Top score
Candidate Evaluation	Publications (last 5 years)	DORA Criteria	30
	Competitive projects (last 5 years)	<u>Principal Investigator</u> of Projects or Postdoctoral HR Grants: IREP research projects: 3 points Regional: 6 points National: 8 points International: 10 points <u>Collaborating Researcher</u> : Regional/National: 1 point International: 2 points	20
	Participation in congresses	<u>International Congress</u> : Attendance: 1 point Poster: 2 points Oral Presentation: 5 points <u>National Congress</u> : Attendance: 0.5 points Poster: 1 point Oral presentation: 2.5 points	10
Assessment of the need, opportunity, interest and impact of the proposal		Impact on the research group and on the researcher's career. Alignment and suitability of the candidate, scientific quality of the proposal and expertise of the receiving PI.	35
Other		Young IP (born in 1980 or later)	5
Maximum		Total sum	100

4.3. Award Decision

After completing the evaluation process, the CIAC will submit to the IRBLeida director (or his designee) a prioritization list that will include the selected candidates and those on the reserve list. The director (or his designee) will then issue a provisional resolution, detailing the selected candidates and the candidates in reserve. After the publication of the provisional resolution, 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, successful candidates must sign a document accepting the grant and specifying the duration of the stay. Failure to accept the position within this period will be considered a resignation.

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

5. Beneficiaries Obligations

5.1. Project Follow-up

The beneficiaries of the grant must comply with the specifications described in point 2.2 of these rules before starting the stay.

5.2. Project outputs

To ensure adequate protection of the possible intellectual and/or industrial property derived from this action, PIs must inform the IRBLeida 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, the acknowledgement of IRBLeida's support must be included with the following statement: "(XXXXX received an IREP 2025 International Mobility Grant for IRBLeida established researchers R3-R4)."

5.3. Final Report

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A full report must be submitted to the IRBLleida Project Unit (postaward@irblleida.cat) within two months of the end of the stay. You can find the final report model on the website – intramural calls section.

This report should 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 set out in the call may result in the termination of the international mobility grant and/or a two-year suspension for future applications to the IREP call for the candidate. In addition, the following clauses are included:

6.1. Proposal Documentation Confidentiality

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

6.2. Terms and Conditions, Industrial and Intellectual Property

The intellectual or industrial property rights and exploitation rights that may derive from the implementation of the granted idea belong to IRBLleida, recognising as authors or inventors the persons who have conceived and implemented these ideas and applying the intellectual and industrial property regulations of IRBLleida.

6.3. Information Clause on the Processing of Personal Data

Data controller: Instituto de Investigación Biomédica de Lleida Fundación Dr. Pifarré (IRBLleida).

Purpose: Management of the calls and, if applicable, the awarding and delivery of the prize.

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

Recipients: 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: Additional and detailed information on Data Protection can be found on our website <http://www.irblleida.org/en/legal-notice/>.

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The data provided by applicants will be incorporated into the processing system owned by IRBLleida for the purpose of managing and resolving the selection process, and will be processed in a lawful, equitable, transparent, adequate, relevant, limited, accurate and updated manner, in accordance 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 data processing is compliance with a legal obligation by the controller, reinforced with the consent of the data subject.

These data must be kept for the period of time strictly necessary to fulfil this purpose, respecting in all cases the period determined by the 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 grant management process may be necessary for it to be resolved correctly, or because it is provided for in a regulation with the force of law.

As long as the interested party does not communicate otherwise, it will be understood that their data have not been modified and that they undertake to notify the IRBLleida 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 IRBLleida (Avda. Rovira Roure, 80, 25198 Lleida), at the email address protecciodedades@irblleida.cat or to the Data Protection Officer of IRBLleida, 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 lodge a complaint with the Catalan Data Protection Authority.

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7. Annex

7.1. Annex I

In those cases where, for the assessment of any type of merit, an evaluation period defined in time is established, the period proportional to the interruptions due to the reasons cited below calculated in accordance with the following criteria will be excluded from the accounting of the corresponding period:

- A. Periods of leave derived from maternity or paternity, adoption, or guardianship for the purpose of adoption or foster care taken in accordance with the protected situations set out in the General Social Security Scheme. An extension in weeks resulting from the product of 4 will be applied for the number of weeks of leave/leave taken by each child.
- B. Temporary disability due to serious illness or accident of the applicant, with medical leave equal to or greater than three months. A one-year extension applies.
- C. Temporary disability during pregnancy due to causes related to it. An extension in weeks resulting from the product of 4 will be applied for the number of weeks of sick leave that will be accumulated, where appropriate, to the extension set out in section a).
- D. Care for people in a situation of dependency, in accordance with the provisions of Law 39/2006, of 14 December, on the Promotion of Personal Autonomy and Care for People in a Situation of Dependency. An extension in weeks resulting from the product of 4 will be applied for the number of weeks of activity as a non-professional caregiver.