

1. Call Opening

1.1. Introduction

The Institute for Biomedical Research of Lleida Dr. Pifarré Foundation (IRBLleida) is set up with the aim of creating synergies between basic research, clinical research and epidemiological research, so that biomedical research is the driving force behind the improvement of daily clinical practice, for the benefit of the entire population. The purpose of IRBLleida is to promote, develop, transfer, manage and disseminate research of excellence, scientific and technological knowledge, teaching and training in the field of life sciences and health. To this end, it promotes relations and the exchange of knowledge between research staff and research groups belonging to the various centres and entities in the biomedical field, which operate mainly in the area of Lleida; promotes collaboration with other institutions and entities, prioritizing the realization of joint projects; raises funds to finance the pursuit of excellence activities of interest of such centres and devices; and manages the resources ordered for research that the various institutions and entities that are part of it entrust to it.

1.2. Summary

The Institute for Biomedical Research of Lleida (IRBLleida) is opening a call to finance the tuition fee for the Master's Degree in Biomedical Research at the University of Lleida (UdL) for the academic year 2025-2026.

The aim of this call is to encourage the incorporation of talented students with a research vocation into IRBLIeida's research groups, by financing the enrolment of the master's degree and the development of the TFM in IRBLIeida's research groups.

2. Call Description

2.1. Scope

This call is mainly aimed at students, who have completed the degree that gives them access to the Master's Degree in Biomedical Research of the UdL, with an interest in starting a research career in the biomedical field.

2.2. Funding & Payment

IRBLleida offers <u>4 grants</u> to cover the <u>tuition fee</u> for the Master's Degree in Biomedical Research at the UdL for the 2025-2026 academic year.

Beneficiaries are obliged to carry out the Master's Degree Final Project in one of the IRBLIeida research groups.



2.3. Duration and Important Dates

Call Opening: 10 July 2025 Application deadline: 5 September 2025 Provisional resolution estimated: 9 September 2025 Estimated final resolution: 15 September 2025

3. Candidates Profile

3.1. Eligibility

At the time of application, candidates must have completed the degree that gives them access to the Master's degree in Biomedical Research at the UdL and be at least on the waiting list for admission to it.

Candidates must have the commitment to carry out the master's degree Final Project in a research group at IRBLIeida.

3.2. Incompatibilities

N/A

4. Application & Award Decision

4.1. Proposal Submission

Interested students must submit the required documentation 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 their application, candidates must submit:

- CV of the candidate.
- Academic certificate and transcript of the bachelor's degree that has given them access to the master's degree.
- Documentation accrediting that you are at least on the waiting list for admission to the UdL master's degree in biomedical research for the 2025-2026 academic year.



4.2. Evaluation Criteria

Applications that are eligible according to the criteria of the call will be prioritised by the Internal Commission for Scientific Evaluation of the IRBLIeida (CIAC) following the following criteria:

Criteria	Definition	Points
Candidate Assessment	Average grade Grade*	100
Maximum	Total Sum	100

*Applicants who have completed their bachelor's, bachelor's or diploma studies in institutions outside the Spanish university system must submit their academic transcript together with the statements of calculation of equivalences, as stipulated by the Ministry of Universities: <u>Equivalence of Average Grades</u>.

If two candidates have the same average grade and are tied for the last funding position, it will be determined by the CIAC.

4.3. Award Decision

Once the candidate evaluation process has been completed, the CIAC will send the prioritization of the applications and the evaluation reports of each of the candidates to the director of IRBLIeida (or whoever he designates). In this prioritization, the selected candidates and those who remain in reserve will be indicated. The IRBLIeida Director (or his designee) will issue a provisional award decision with the candidates selected for this call and a priority list of reserve candidates. Following the provisional award decision, applicants will have 5 working days to submit possible allegations to the decision by sending an email to projects@irblleida.cat. Once the allegations have been resolved, the final award decision will be made public.

Within one month of the publication of the final award decision, the selected candidates proposed as beneficiaries must sign a document accepting the scholarship.

Along with the scholarship acceptance document, the beneficiaries of the scholarship must provide the following documentation to make the payment corresponding to the tuition fee for the master's degree in Biomedical Research at the UdL:

- Document accrediting enrolment in the master's degree.
- Proof of payment. In the case of the instalment payment option, the beneficiaries must provide the three payment receipts.
- Bank Ownership Certificate

All resignations after acceptance must be notified to IRBLleida Projects Unit (projects@irblleida.cat).



If not all the places offered are filled or there are resignations, and there are not enough candidates on the priority reserve list to cover possible vacancies, the IRBLIeida Management may invest the unused resources in new actions that are strategic for the institution.

5. Beneficiaries' obligations

5.1. Project Follow-up

N/A

5.2. Project Outputs

Candidates and scientific tutors of the Master's Degree Final Project must notify the IRBLIeida Innovation Department, through the address: <u>innovacio@irblleida.cat</u>, of any communication or dissemination of the results of the research projects that are the subject of the grant, whether oral or written, in the form of an article, poster, clinical practice guide, etc., national or international, before it takes place to ensure adequate protection of intellectual and/or industrial property.

Scientific tutors must follow the recommendations for the correct identification of the scientific production of the IRBLIeida.

In any communication and/or publication resulting from the research work carried out within the framework of this grant, it must be indicated that it has received funding from "IRBLIeida Master Fellowships 2025". Scientific tutors must express their commitment to these requirements by signing the scholarship application.

5.3. Final Justification

A full report must be submitted to the IRBLIeida Projects Unit (<u>postaward@irblIeida.cat</u>) within two months of the end of the fellowship. This report must include details of the scientific objectives achieved during the stay in the IRBLIeida research group where they have developed the TFM, as well as any publication and communication resulting from this action. You can find the final report model on the website – intramural calls section. In addition, a copy of the TFM submitted must be sent.



6. Other Clauses

Participation in this call implies full acceptance of the rules, both by the candidates and the scientific tutors. Failure to comply with the duties or conditions established in the call for this scholarship entails the loss of beneficiary status. If the cause of non-compliance is attributable to the scientific tutor, he/she may not present candidates for the call for Grants to carry out a master's degree final project at IRBLleida during the following two years.

6.1. Proposal Documentation Confidentiality

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

6.2. Terms and Conditions, Industrial and Intellectual Property

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

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, fair, transparent, adequate, relevant, limited, accurate and upto-date 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 by the consent of the data subject.



This data must be kept for the period strictly necessary to fulfil the purpose, respecting in any case the period determined by these rules and regulations governing the call for applications and the applicable archiving regulations.

Specific data may be communicated to third parties in the public or private sphere, either because the intervention of these entities during the process of managing the aid 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 considered that their data have not been modified and that they undertake to notify IRBLIeida 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 . A copy of your identity document must be attached or the email signed 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.

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