

1. Call Opening

1.1. Introduction

The Institute for Research in Biomedicine of Lleida – Fundació Dr. Pifarré (IRBLleida) opens the 3rd call for Biomedical Research Projects for Alt Pirineu and Aran. The communication of this call will be made through the website, social networks, the distribution list of the corporate email by subscription of IRBLleida, as well as on other web portals intended for this purpose.

1.2. Summary

The objective of this grant is to introduce these professionals to research in order to promote biomedical research that reaches and adapts to the idiosyncrasies of the territory.

2. Call Description

2.1. Scope

Grants aimed at professionals with health training and/or healthcare activity who carry out their main work in the Alt Pirineu and Aran Health Region before and while they are receiving the grant, without prejudice to where the rest of the research team works.

2.2. Funding & Payment

It is proposed to grant 2 research projects of €5,000 each, which will preferably be developed jointly with a group from IRBLleida with which this collaboration will have been previously agreed.

Eligible expenses will include:

- **Stays in IRBLleida research groups**, provided that a letter from the group's principal investigator confirming the acceptance of the stay is attached to the application.
- **Scientific and technical services of IRBLleida**, necessary to guarantee the correct development of the project.
- **Publication of the results**, with the obligation to include a thank you to the funds received from the Provincial Council of Lleida in the publications derived from the project.

- **Execution costs**, including inventoriable material, consumables, subcontracting and others. Subcontracting may not exceed 50% of the total amount of the grant.
- **Travel expenses and registration for conferences**, with a limit of 20% of the total grant awarded.

The project budget must be detailed in the report following the established eligibility criteria and in accordance with the model provided.

2.3. Duration & Important Dates

The project's expected start date is January 1, 2026, with a duration of one year. This period may be extended for a maximum of six additional months.

Opening of the call: 15 July 2025

Deadline: 3 October 2025

Estimated provisional resolution: November 2025

Estimated final resolution: November 2025

3. Candidates Profile

3.1. Eligibility

Professionals with health training and/or care activity and who carry out their main work in the Alt Pirineu and Aran Health Region before and while they are enjoying the grant.

3.2. Incompatibility

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 must be submitted:

- Application Form (model available on the IRBLleida website, in the research section - intramural calls).
- PI curriculum vitae (CVA FECYT format).
- Selection of the 5 best publications of the last 5 years.

Any documentation that does not conform to the standardised model will not be evaluated.

4.2. Evaluation criteria

Proposals will be prioritized by the IRBLleida Internal Scientific Evaluation Committee (CIAC) according to the following criteria:

| Criteria | Definition | Points |
|----------------------|--|--------|
| Evaluation of the PI | Publications (DORA criteria) | 20 |
| | Participation in projects or clinical trials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15pts Principal Investigator • 5pts collaborating researcher | 20 |
| Project Evaluation | Objectives and scientific feasibility | 60 |
| Maximum | Total Amount | 100 |

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 IRBLleida (or whoever he designates). In this prioritization, the selected candidates and those who remain in reserve will be indicated. The director of IRBLleida (or whoever he designates) will issue a provisional award decision with the candidates selected for this call and a priority list of candidates in reserve. After 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 a period of one month from the publication of the final award decision, the selected candidates proposed as beneficiaries must sign a document accepting the grant.

5. Beneficiaries' obligations

5.1. Project Follow-up

Beneficiaries, if they are not affiliated to IRBLleida, must apply for affiliation at the time of acceptance of the grant.

5.2. Project Outputs

The beneficiaries of the grant must notify the IRBLleida Innovation Department, through the address: innovacio@irblleida.cat, 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 guarantee adequate protection of intellectual and/or industrial property.

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 the Provincial Council of Lleida through the Grant "Biomedical Research Projects for the High Pyrenees and Aran".

5.3. Final Reporting

A complete report must be sent to the IRBLleida Projects Unit (postaward@irblleida.cat) within two months of the end of the grant. You can find the model of the final report on the website – section intramural calls.

6. Other Clauses

Participation in this call implies total acceptance of the rules. Failure to comply with the duties or conditions established in the call for this scholarship will result in the loss of beneficiary status.

6.1. Proposal Documentation Confidentiality

The documentation associated with the proposals will be treated as confidential information, and all the people 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. Personal Data Collection Purpose and Processing Information

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

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 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.irblleida.org/en/legal-notice/>.

The data provided by applicants will be incorporated into the processing system owned by IRBLleida 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 data processing is the fulfilment of a legal obligation on the part of the controller reinforced with the consent of the data subject.

7. Annex

7.1 Annex I

In those cases, in which, 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 mentioned below, calculated in accordance with the following criteria, will be excluded from the accounting of the corresponding period:

- A. Periods of time 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 increase 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 pregnancy. 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, if applicable, 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 for the number of weeks of activity as a non-professional caregiver will be applied.

This data must be kept for the period 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.

Specific 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 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 IRBLleida 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 IRBLleida (Avda. Rovira Roure, 80, 25198 Lleida), to the e-mail address protecciodedades@irblleida.cat or to the IRBLleida'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.