

## 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

IRBLleida is launching the 2026 call for Master's Degree in Biomedical Research Fellowships to support enrolment in the Master's Degree in Biomedical Research at the University of Lleida (UdL) for the 2026–2027 academic year. The fellowships will cover the master's tuition fees for selected students who undertake their Master's Final Project (TFM) within an IRBLleida research group.

## 2. Call Description

### 2.1. Scope

This call is intended for students who have completed the degree that gives access to the Master's Degree in Biomedical Research at the University of Lleida (UdL) and who wish to carry out the experimental component of their Master's Final Project (TFM) within an IRBLleida research group. The scope of the call is therefore to promote the integration of master's students into IRBLleida research groups, contributing to the strengthening of their research activity, talent-attraction capacity and scientific competitiveness.

### 2.2. Funding & Payment

IRBLleida offers 4 fellowships to cover the tuition fees for the Master's Degree in Biomedical Research at the UdL for the 2026-2027 academic year.

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

Prior to the start of the Master's Degree Final Project, beneficiaries must submit a commitment declaration, jointly signed by the candidate and the Master's Degree Final Project supervisor of the host IRBLleida research group, whereby both parties accept and agree to comply with all the terms and conditions set out in these call.

### 2.3. Duration and Important Dates

**Call Opening:** 28<sup>th</sup> July 2026

**Application deadline:** 30<sup>th</sup> September 2026

**Provisional resolution estimated:** September 2026

**Estimated final resolution:** October 2026

## 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 undertake a research-oriented Master's Final Project (TFM) within an IRBLleida research group. Bibliographic projects will not be eligible under this call. Participation in the fellowship is therefore conditional upon the candidate's commitment to carry out the experimental component of the TFM within an IRBLleida research group. Compliance with this requirement will be verified upon completion of the Master's program. For this purpose, beneficiaries must submit a copy of the Master's Final Project (TFM) carried out within the host IRBLleida research group. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the reimbursement of the full fellowship amount by the host IRBLleida research group, where such non-compliance is attributable to the group or its scientific supervisor.

### 3.2. Incompatibilities

This fellowship is incompatible with any other scholarship, fellowship, grant, or financial aid intended to cover, fully or partially, the tuition fees of the Master's Degree in Biomedical Research.

## 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 IRBLeida website (<https://www.irbllleida.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 the candidate is at least on the waiting list for admission to the UdL master's degree in biomedical research for the 2026-2027 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 IRBLeida (CIAC) following the following criteria:

| Criteria                    | Definition            | Points     |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| <b>Candidate Assessment</b> | Average grade degree* | <b>100</b> |
| <b>Maximum</b>              | Total Sum             | <b>100</b> |

\*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: [Equivalence of Average Grades](#).

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 IRBLeida (or whoever he designates). In this prioritization, the selected candidates and those who remain in reserve will be indicated. The IRBLeida 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](mailto: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 fellowship.

Along with the acceptance document, the beneficiaries of the fellowship must provide the following documentation to make the payment corresponding to the tuition fees 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](mailto: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 IRBLleida Management may invest the unused resources in new actions that are strategic for the institution.

## 5. Beneficiaries' obligations

### 5.1. Project Follow-up

Upon completion of the Master's degree, candidates must submit a copy of the Master's Final Project (TFM) carried out within the IRBLleida research group.

### 5.2. Project Outputs

Candidates and scientific tutors of the Master's Degree Final Project must notify the IRBLleida Innovation Department, through the address: [innovacio@irblleida.cat](mailto:innovacio@irblleida.cat), of any communication or dissemination of the results of the research projects that are the subject of the fellowship, 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 IRBLleida.

In any communication and/or publication resulting from the research work carried out within the framework of this fellowship, it must be indicated that it has received funding from "IRBLleida Master's Degree in Biomedical Research Fellowships Call 2026". Scientific tutors must express their commitment to these requirements by signing the fellowship application.

### 5.3. Final Justification

A full report must be submitted to the IRBLleida Projects Unit ([postaward@irblleida.cat](mailto:postaward@irblleida.cat)) within two months of the end of the fellowship. This report must include details of the scientific objectives achieved during the stay in the IRBLleida 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 fellowship 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 Fellowships 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 <http://www.irblleida.org/en/legal-notice/>.

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 up-to-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 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](mailto:protecciodedades@irblleida.cat) or to the Data Protection Officer of IRBLleida, [dpd@ticsalutsocial.cat](mailto: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.