

1. Call Opening

1.1. Introduction

The Institute for Research in Biomedicine of Lleida (IRBLleida) has established a policy of stabilization of Miguel Servet researchers who have completed their contract with a positive evaluation by the ISCIII. This stabilization is the end point of a "tenure track" program with which our Institute supports these young researchers throughout the five years of their contract so that they can develop professionally and become researchers with the ability to lead their own lines and/or research groups.

1.2. Summary

The objective of this candidate selection process is to ensure the entry of new researchers with quality criteria, but also strategic, to give added value to the research carried out in our Institute.

2. Call Description

2.1. Scope

Currently, at IRBLleida we have three tenure researchers who have already stabilized and four tenure track researchers who will apply for stabilization in the coming years. In this context, the management of IRBLleida believes that the incorporation of new "tenure track" researchers should be limited so as not to generate an economically compromised situation in our institution in the medium/long term.

2.2. Funding&Payment

For the year 2026, **at least one place** is open, so that candidates who pass the selection process detailed below can apply for a Miguel Servet place in the AES 2026 call.

2.3. Duration & Important Dates

All those who are considering the possibility of applying for a Miguel Servet contract in the AES 2026 call must submit an expression of interest to the e-mail address projects@irblleida.cat.

- Expression of interest: until **February 6, 2026, at 3 p.m.**
- Submission of documents for prioritisation: until **12 February 2026 at 3 p.m.**
- Submission of the application to the ISCIII application: **February 11 to March 4, 2026.**

3. Candidates Profile

3.1. Eligibility

The eligibility criteria for candidates are as follows:

- To have obtained a doctorate, understood as the date of reading and approval of the doctoral thesis, between 1 January 2014 and 31 December 2021.
- In the case of candidates who have completed the Río Hortega or Sara Borrell research training programme, or who are in the second or third year of these contracts, respectively, the date of defence of the thesis may be after 2021. In these cases, it is necessary to have completed the program for which the candidate proposes to access the Miguel Servet contract. As for the date of defence of the doctoral thesis, this must have taken place before the deadline for submission of applications.

The prioritisation of candidates will be carried out in two phases:

- **1st phase** – The Internal Commission for Scientific Evaluation (CIAC) of IRBLleida will use the evaluation criteria of the candidate of the Miguel Servet AES 2026 call in order to prioritize the applications that participate in the process and, if necessary, an evaluation may be carried out by external experts.

To move on to the second phase, the candidate must score a minimum of **32 points** out of the maximum 70 points they can obtain, which represents 80% of the average cut-off score of candidates who won a contract in the 2021 (39.50), 2022 (41.00), 2023 (36.50), 2024 (41.05) and 2025 (46.88) calls.

- **2nd phase** – Candidates who have passed to the second phase must make a brief presentation of their CV and explain what benefits their incorporation into our institute can bring in terms of synergies with other groups, incorporation of new techniques and protocols, etc. The presentation will be telematic and will last a maximum of 15 minutes, with a 10-minute question time. The panel will

be made up of the director and deputy director of IRBLleida, a member of the Internal Scientific Committee (IAC) who does not have a conflict of interest with any of the candidates and two members of the 'External Scientific Advisory Board' (ESAB). In the event that the director presents a conflict of interest with any of the candidates, he or she will delegate his or her place to a member of the JRC who does not present a conflict of interest. The score obtained must be equal to or greater than 15 points out of the maximum 30 points to be obtained, so that the candidate is considered to have passed the second phase of the process and is considered prioritised.

3.2. Incompatibilities

N/A

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 formalize their application, candidates must submit:

- CVA of the candidate following the ISCIII model (maximum 8 pages)
- Selection of the 10 best publications of the last 7 years (IRBLleida model). (Annex I)
- Proposal report of Miguel Servet AES call.

4.2. Evaluation Criteria

Phase	Criteria	Definition	Points
1st Phase	Candidate Assessment		70
2nd Phase	Presentation of the candidate's CV and interview with the panel.	It will be telematic with a maximum duration of 15 minutes and a question time of 10 minutes.	30
Total Sum			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 resolution with the candidate selected for this call and a priority list of candidates in reserve.

5. Other Clauses

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

5.1. Confidentiality of Documentation

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.

5.2. Information Clause on the Processing of Personal Data

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.

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 Roura, 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.

6. Annexes

6.1. Annex I

This call will evaluate important aspects related to the contributions (funding, contracts with industry, etc.) and results (publications, patents, etc.) of the candidates over the last 7 years.

This 7-year period can be extended because of the following situations:

- Six months for each maternity/paternity leave.
- Temporary disability during pregnancy for reasons related to it. An extension of the same duration as the sick leave shall be added to the extension included in section (a).

- For temporary incapacity due to serious illness or accident of the applicant, with a medical leave equal to or greater than three months, the extension period will be the same as the duration of the disability (certificate with official leave).
- Care of 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 number of weeks of activity as a non-professional caregiver will be applied.
- All withdrawals must be correctly accredited at the time of submitting the scholarship application.

