

1. Call Opening

1.1. Introduction

The *Institute for Research in Biomedicine of Lleida – Fundació Dr. Pifarré (IRBLleida)* opens the 4th 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 fund two research projects, each with a budget of 5,000€. These projects should preferably be carried out in collaboration with an IRBLleida research group, with which the collaboration must 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 consumables, subcontracting and others. Subcontracting may not exceed 50% of the total amount of the grant. Inventoriable materials are not eligible.
- **Travel expenses and registration for conferences**, with a limit of 20% of the total grant awarded.

The project budget must be detailed in the application form following the established eligibility criteria and in accordance with the template provided in the intramural section calls.

2.3. Duration & Important Dates

The project's expected start date is January 1, 2027, with a duration of one year. This period may be extended for a maximum of six additional months.

Opening of the call: 9th July 2026

Deadline: 8th October 2026

Estimated provisional resolution: November 2026

Estimated final resolution: December 2026

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

A researcher who acts as PI of an active Biomedical Research Projects for Alt Pirineu and Aran grant awarded in the third (2025) or second (2024) editions are not eligible to apply for this year's call.

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 (template available on the IRBLleida website, in the research section - intramural calls).
- CVA FECYT format of the PI.
- Selection of the 5 best publications of the last 7 years (period extendable according to Annex I).

Any documentation that does not comply with the standardised template will not be taken into consideration or evaluated.

4.2. Evaluation criteria

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

Criteria	Definition	Score
Evaluation of the PI	Publications (DORA criteria) (last 7 years)	20
	Participation in projects or clinical trials: • 15pts Principal Investigator • 5pts collaborating researcher	20
Project Evaluation	Objectives and scientific feasibility	60
Total		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. Failure to accept the position within this period will be considered a resignation of 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 template 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 cases where the evaluation of any type of merit is subject to a defined assessment period, the time frame will be adjusted to exclude the proportional duration of interruptions due to the reasons listed below, calculated according to the following criteria:

- A) Periods of leave related to maternity or paternity, adoption, or foster care, taken in accordance with the protected situations recognized under the General Social Security Regime. An extension in weeks will be applied, calculated as 4 times the number of weeks of leave taken per child.
- B) Temporary incapacity due to serious illness or accident of the applicant, with a medical leave of three months or more. A one-year extension will be applied.
- C) Temporary incapacity during pregnancy due to pregnancy-related causes. An extension in weeks will be applied, calculated as 4 times the number of weeks of leave. This extension may be added, where applicable, to the one indicated in section A.

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- D) Care for dependent persons, as established in Law 39/2006 of December 14, on the Promotion of Personal Autonomy and Care for People in a Situation of Dependency. An extension in weeks will be applied, calculated as 4 times the number of weeks of activity as a non-professional caregiver.

All the leaves must be correctly submitted at the time of the grant application.

