

Resolution REU/4498/2024 opening the call for applications for the Beatriu de Pinós Postdoctoral Fellowships (BP 2024).

Law 7/2001, of 31 May (DOGC no. 3407 of 12.6.2001), created the Agència de Gestió d'Ajuts Universitaris i de Recerca (Agency for the Management of University and Research Grants, hereinafter referred to as "AGAUR" after its Catalan acronym) as a public law entity whose actions are governed by private law, with its own legal personality, full capacity to act and its own assets for the fulfilment of its functions.

AGAUR is responsible for implementing programmes involving grants, loans, subsidies and other activities to promote university studies, scientific and technical research and technological innovation in Catalonia.

AGAUR is attached to the Ministry of Research and Universities of the Government of Catalonia, in accordance with the provisions of Decree 115/2022, of 14 June, restructuring the Ministry of Research and Universities, and Decree 133/2024, of 11 August, creating, naming and defining the powers of the ministries that make up the Government and Administration of Catalonia.

The provisions of Chapter IX of Legislative Decree 3/2002, of 24 December, approving the consolidated text of the Catalan Public Finance Act, relating to the legal system of subsidies and transfers from the Government of Catalonia; Law 38/2003, of 17 November, on Subsidies; and Royal Decree 887/2006, of 21 July, approving the provisions of the aforementioned Law 38/2003, of 17 November, shall all apply.

Article 11 of AGAUR's Statutes, approved by the Government of Catalonia by means of Decree 168/2002, of 11 June, states that the Board of Directors is responsible for approving and deciding on calls for applications for grants and subsidies. These powers were delegated to the President of the Executive Committee for Research Grants (CEAR in its Catalan acronym) on 28 April 2022.

On 20 November 2024, Resolution REU 4085/2024, of 14 November, approving the rules and regulations governing the Beatriu de Pinós (BP) Postdoctoral Fellowships, was published in the Official Gazette of the Government of Catalonia (DOGC in its Catalan acronym) no. 9294.

Now, therefore,

it is hereby decided:

#### Article 1

To open the call for the award of the Beatriu de Pinós Postdoctoral Fellowships (BP 2024) on a competitive basis.

#### Article 2

2.1 This call is funded by the Directorate General for Research (DGR) of the Ministry of Research and Universities of the Government of Catalonia. The total funding amount is 9,684,011.52 euros, which shall be charged to items 409.0001, 440.0001, 442.0001, 443.0001, 448.0001, 449.0001 and 482.0001 of the AGAUR budget for the years 2025, 2026 and 2027.

2.2 The award of the fellowships is conditional on the existence of adequate and sufficient available credit at the time of the award decision.

2.3 The maximum funding amount may be increased by 40% before the decision to award the grants is made, without the need to publish a new call for applications.

2.4 The amount of the grant may be reduced, in whole or in part, before the final award decision is issued, as a result of restrictions arising from compliance with the objectives of budgetary stability and financial sustainability.

2.5 Once this call for applications is resolved, if the maximum amount set out in Article 2 has not been exhausted, or if surplus funds are generated as a result of waivers or revocations of the fellowships awarded, new fellowships may be awarded to applications that are finally approved following an administrative appeal, or to applications on the reserve list, provided that such projects can be carried out within the deadlines set out in the regulations.

#### Article 3

The fellowships provided for in this call are governed by:

- a) Resolution REU/4085/2024, of 14 November, approving the rules and regulations governing the Beatriu de Pinós (BP) Postdoctoral Fellowships.
- b) The provisions on subsidies of Chapter IX of the consolidated text of the Catalan Public Finance Act, approved by Legislative Decree 3/2002, of 24 December, as well as the basic regulations on subsidies and other applicable regulations.

#### Article 4

4.1 Candidates must have obtained their doctoral degree between 1 January 2017 and 31 December 2022 (the date of completion of the doctoral degree is considered to be the date of reading and approval of the thesis).

4.2 The period for obtaining the doctoral degree shall be between 1 January 2015 and 31 December 2022 if any of the following circumstances can be justified during this period:

- Having taken a period of maternity or paternity leave.
- Having had dependent children under 6 years of age.
- Having had dependents with a legally recognised physical, mental or sensory disability.
- Having suffered a serious illness or accident requiring major surgery or treatment in a hospital resulting in temporary incapacity for the person's usual occupation or activity for a continuous period of at least 6 months. Minor surgery and outpatient surgery and rehabilitation treatments carried out outside the hospital system are excluded.
- Being a researcher with recognised refugee status under the 1951 Geneva Convention.
- Having suffered any of the situations provided for in Article 1 of Organic Law 1/2004, of 28 December, on Comprehensive Protection Measures against Gender-Based Violence.

4.3 The period for obtaining a doctoral degree for candidates with a degree of disability equal to or greater than 33%, recognised by the assessment and guidance team of the centres for people with functional diversity of the Government of Catalonia or equivalent shall be between 1 January 2015 and 31 December 2022.

#### Article 5

5.1 The fellowships awarded have a duration of 3 years.

5.2 The beneficiary entities of the grants must recruit the candidates and formalise the contract in accordance with the relevant regulations in force within the period between the date of publication of the award decision on the Electronic Board of the Administration of the Government of Catalonia (<<https://seu.gencat.cat/ca/informacio-publica.html>>) and 1 March 2026.

In the case of fellowships awarded by substitution from the reserve list, researchers may be recruited until 1 May 2026 at the latest.

#### Article 6

6.1 The amount of the grant for the recruitment of researchers shall be 161,400.19 euros (one hundred and sixty-one thousand four hundred euros). This amount shall cover the cost of each research contract for the period of time provided for in this call for applications and shall include the remuneration to be received by researchers and the employer's Social Security contributions. The minimum remuneration to be paid to the researchers, which must be specified in each contract, shall be 36,480.00 euros gross per year (thirty-six thousand four hundred and eighty euros).

Grants are subject to the tax regime in force at the time of award.

6.2 In addition, the fellowship shall also include a supplementary amount to cover the costs of compensation for termination of the contract due to expiry of the agreed time, with an amount equivalent to that provided for fixed-term contracts in Article 49 of the Consolidated Text of the Workers' Statute Law, up to a maximum of 3,648.00 euros (three thousand six hundred and forty-eight euros) per fellowship.

6.3 The supplementary amount shall be 12,000.00 euros (twelve thousand euros).

In the event of a partial waiver that results in a contract period of less than 18 months, the maximum supplementary amount that can be justified shall be 6,000.00 euros (six thousand euros).

#### Article 7

7.1 The period for the submission of provisional applications for researcher candidates shall start on the day following the publication of this Resolution in the DOGC and shall end on 4 February 2025 at 14:00:00, local time in Barcelona.

7.2 The deadline for the institutions to confirm or reject the submission of provisional applications shall run from 14 February to 28 February 2025.

7.3 Applications may be submitted in accordance with the provisions of Rule 10 of Resolution REU/4085/2024, of 14 November, approving the rules and regulations governing the Beatriu de Pinós (BP) Postdoctoral Fellowships.

#### Article 8

The acceptance form must be submitted to the AGAUR electronic register through the EACAT platform or through the procedure associated with an AGAUR file (submission of documents and other requests), which can be found in the "Procedures" section of the website of the Government of Catalonia (<<http://web.gencat.cat/en/tramits/>>), within a maximum period of two months from the day following the publication of the decision to award the fellowships on the Electronic Board of the Government of Catalonia.

#### Article 9

9.1 The competent body for the organisation and management of this call for applications is the head of AGAUR.

9.2 The resolution of the call for applications corresponds to the Board of Directors of AGAUR and, by delegation, to the CEAR or the person who holds its presidency, according to the agreement of the Board of Directors of 28 April 2022 (Resolution REU/1421/2022, of 10 May, DOGC no. 8668 of 16.5.2022).

9.3 These fellowships are awarded on a competitive basis.

9.4 The maximum legal time limit for deciding on this call for applications is six months from its publication in the DOGC. Once this period has elapsed without an express decision, the grant applied for is deemed to have been refused by administrative silence.

9.5 The award decision shall be notified by publication on the Electronic Board of the Administration of the Government of Catalonia. For the purposes of wider dissemination and information, the result of the decision may be consulted on the AGAUR website.

9.6 The interested parties may lodge an appeal for reconsideration against the award decision, which exhausts administrative channels, with the President of the CEAR within a period of one month from the day following its publication on the Electronic Board of the Government of Catalonia, or they may lodge an appeal directly with the administrative court of Barcelona within two months from the day following its publication, in accordance with the provisions of Articles 123 and 124 of Law 39/2015, of 1 October, on the Common Administrative Procedure for Public Administrations, and Articles 8, 14 and 46 of Law 29/1998, of 13 July, regulating Judicial Review.

#### Article 10

The interested parties may lodge an appeal against this Resolution, which exhausts administrative channels, with the President of the CEAR within a period of one month from the day following its publication in the DOGC, or they may lodge an appeal directly with the administrative court of Barcelona within two months from the day following its publication, in accordance with the provisions of Articles 123 and 124 of Law 39/2015, of 1 October, on the Common Administrative Procedure for Public Administrations, and Articles 8, 14 and 46 of Law 29/1998, of 13 July, regulating Judicial Review.

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