

**RESOLUTION REU/284/2023, of 27 January, which opens the call for grants for the hiring of post-doctoral research staff in the Catalan science and technology system, within the Beatriu de Pinós Programme (BP 2022).**

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 Management of University and Research Grants - hereinafter, AGAUR in its Catalan initials) as an entity governed by public law and which acts in accordance with private law, with its own legal identity, with the full capacity to act and with its own assets in order to fulfil its duties.

It is the Agency's responsibility to implement grant, loan and subsidy programmes as well as other activities to promote university study, scientific and technical research and technological innovation in Catalonia.

AGAUR is affiliated with the Department of Research and Universities, in accordance with the provisions set forth in the Decree 115/2022 of 14 June, on the restructuring of the Department of Research and Universities.

The provisions set forth in Section IX of the Legislative Decree 3/2002 of 24 December, which approved the revised text of the Public Finance Law of Catalonia, in relation to the legal system of grants and transfers from the Government of Catalonia; Law 38/2003 of 17 November, on General Grants and Royal Decree 887/2006 of 21 July, which approves the Regulations of the aforementioned Law 38/2003 of 17 November, are all applicable.

Article 11 of AGAUR's Statutes, approved by the Generalitat (Government of Catalonia) by virtue of Decree 168/2002 of 11 June, sets forth that it is the Board of Directors' responsibility to approve the calls for applications for grants and subsidies, as well as their resolution. These powers were delegated to the Chair of the Research Grant Executive Board (CEAR in its initials in Catalan) on 28 April 2022.

On 22 December 2022, Resolution REU/3989/2022 was published in the Official Gazette of the Government of Catalonia issue no. 8818, of 19 December, which approves the Beatriu de Pinós grant rules for the hiring of post-doctoral research staff in the science and technology system of Catalonia (BP).

Therefore,

It is hereby resolved:

#### Article 1

To open the call for the awarding of 60 grants, awarded on a competitive basis, for the hiring of post-doctoral research staff in the Catalan science and technology system, within the Beatriu de Pinós Programme (BP 2022).

#### Article 2

2.1 This call is financed by the General Directorate for Research (DGR in its Catalan initials) and the Department of Research and Universities (REU in its initials in Catalan). The overall amount is €9,140,907.60, which will be charged to items 409.0001, 440.0001, 442.0001, 443.0001, 448.0001, 449.0001 i 482.0001 of the AGAUR budget for the year 2023, 2024 i 2025

2.2 The awarding of grants is contingent on the existence of sufficient funds at the time of the awarding of the grant.

2.3 This maximum endowment may be extended by up to 20% before the resolution to award the grant has been passed, without the need to publish a new call.

2.4 The grant may be reduced in whole or in part before the definitive resolution is issued as a consequence of restrictions deriving from the fulfilment of budgetary stability and financial sustainability objectives.

2.5 Once this call has been resolved, if the maximum amount set forth in Article 2 has not been exhausted, or in the event that funds are left over deriving from waivers or revocations of the grants awarded, new allocations may finally be made to approved applications as a result of the filing of an administrative or contentious-administrative appeal, or to applications that have been placed on a reserve list, provided those projects are completed by the deadlines set in the grant rules.

### Article 3

The grants covered by this call are regulated by:

- a) Resolution REU/3989/2022, of 19 December, which approves the Beatriu de Pinós grant rules for the hiring of post-doctoral research staff in the science and technology system of Catalonia (BP).
- b) The general regulations for grants.

### Article 4

4.1 The individual candidates must have obtained a doctorate qualification between 1 January 2015 and 31 December 2020 (understood as the date of obtaining the doctorate as the date of the reading and approval of the thesis).

4.2 The period for obtaining the doctorate qualification is from 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2020 provided that the following facts can be justified during this period:

- Having taken maternity or paternity leave.
- Have dependant children under the age of 6.
- Having taken care of people with a legally recognised physical, mental or sensory disability.
- Having suffered a serious illness or accident that requires major surgery or hospital treatment and which causes temporary incapacity for the person's normal occupation or activity for a minimum continuous period of 6 months. Minor surgery, out-patient surgery and rehabilitation treatment performed outside the hospital system are excluded.
- Being a researcher with recognised refugee status according to the Geneva Convention of 1951.
- Have undergone any of the situations provided for in article 1 of Organic Law 1/2004, of 28 December, on comprehensive protection measures against gender violence.

4.3 The period for obtaining the doctorate qualification for individual candidates with a level of disability which is greater than or equal to 33%, as issued by the evaluation and orientation teams of the Government of Catalonia care centres for people with functional diversity or equivalent is from 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2020.

### Article 5

5.1 The grants awarded are for a period of 3 years.

5.2 The beneficiary entities must hire the candidate and formalise the contract in accordance with the regulations in force, in respect of the period understood as the one between the date of publication of the awarding of the grant on the electronic noticeboard of

the Administration of the Government of Catalonia (<<https://seu.gencat.cat/ca/informacio-publica.html>>) and 1 April 2024.

In the case of grants awarded in substitution from the reserve list, whose resolutions are announced from 01.01.2024, hiring may be done up to 01.07.2024 at the latest.

## Article 6

6.1 The amount of the grant for hiring the research staff is €136,906.86 (one hundred and thirty-six thousand, nine hundred and six euros, eighty-six cents). This amount is to finance the cost of each contract for the period set forth in this grant call, and it includes the remuneration to be paid to the research staff as well as the employer's Social Security contributions. The minimum remuneration that the hired research staff must receive, which must be stated in each contract, will be €34,416.00 gross per year.

The grants awarded are subject to the tax regime in force at the time of them being awarded.

6.2 In addition, the grant includes an amount for compensation costs 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 Revised Text of the Workers' Statute with a maximum of €3,441.60 per grant.

6.3 The amount of the complementary grant is €12,000.00 (twelve thousand euros).

If a partial waiver should take place which involves the justification of a contracting period of less than 18 months, the maximum amount of the complementary grant would be €6,000.00 (six thousand euros).

## Article 7

7.1 Throughout the project's term, the candidates and the beneficiary entities must take the appropriate measures to maintain open and fluent communication with the public and the media regarding the project and highlight the financial support of the Government of Catalonia.

7.2 The support of the Beatriu de Pinós post-doctoral programme of the Ministry of Research and Universities of the Government of Catalonia must be cited in all publications and other results that may arise from this call, including the grant reference number. The

beneficiary entity must display the relevant logo on its website. The logo is provided in the Visual Identification Programme (PIV), published on the website <http://www.gencat.cat/piv/>.

## Article 8

8.1 The period for submitting provisional applications for candidates for research staff positions is from the day following the publication date of this resolution in the DOGC until 9 March 2023 at 14:00, local time in Barcelona, the last day of the said period.

8.2 The period for institutions to confirm or reject the submission of provisional applications for new grants will be from 17 March to 29 March 2023.

8.3 Applications can be presented in accordance with the provisions of rule 8 of the Resolution REU/3989/2022, of 19 September, which approve the grant rules for the hiring of post-doctoral research staff in the Catalan science and technology system, within the Beatriu de Pinós Programme (BP).

## Article 9

The acceptance form must be submitted on the AGAUR electronic register using the EACAT platform or through the Procedure Associated with an AGAUR file (submission of documentation and other requests), which can be found in the "Procedures" section of the website of the Government of Catalonia (<<http://web.gencat.cat/ca/tramits/>> ), no later than two months from the publication of the resolution to award the grants on the electronic noticeboard of the Government of Catalonia.

## Article 10

10.1 The competent officer for the issuance and supervision of this call is the person appointed by AGAUR.

10.2 The responsibility of the call is held by the AGAUR's Board of Directors and, by delegation, the Chair or acting Chair of the CEAR, according to the resolution of the Board of Directors of 28 December 2022, (Resolution REU/1421/2022 of 10.5 2022, DOGC no. 8668, of 16.5.2022).

10.3 The award procedure for these grants is carried out on a competitive tender basis.

10.4 The legally binding deadline to resolve this call is six months from the date of publication of this call in the DOGC. Having elapsed this period without an express resolution being made, the requested grant is deemed to have been tacitly rejected.

10.5 The resolution on the awarding of grants will be announced on the electronic noticeboard of the Public Administration of the Government of Catalonia. In order to provide greater dissemination, and for information purposes, the result of the resolution may be viewed on AGAUR's website.

10.6 Interested parties may, on a voluntary basis, file an appeal against the awarding of the grant, which exhausts the administrative channel, to the Chair of the CEAR within one month from the day after its publication on the electronic noticeboard of the Public Administration of the Government of Catalonia, or may directly file a contentious-administrative appeal to the contentious-administrative court of Barcelona, within two months from the day after its publication, in accordance with the provisions of Articles 123 and 124 of the Law 39/2015 of 1 October, on the common administrative procedure of public administrations, and Articles 8, 14 and 46 of the Law 29/1998 of 13 July, regulating the contentious-administrative jurisdiction.

#### Article 11

Interested parties may, on a voluntary basis, file an appeal against the resolution to award grants, which exhausts the administrative channels, to the Chair of the CEAR within one month from the day following its publication in the DOGC or they may file a contentious-administrative appeal directly to the contentious-administrative court of Barcelona, within two months from the day following its publication, in accordance with the provisions of Articles 123 and 124 of the Law 39/2015 of 1 October, on the common administrative procedure of public administrations, and Articles 8, 14 and 46 of Law 29/1998 of 13 July, regulating the contentious-administrative jurisdiction.

Barcelona,

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