

## GUIDE FOR 'BEATRIU DE PINÓS' FELLOWS

(BP 2024 CALL)

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### 1. Characteristics of the grant

Beatriu de Pinós grants have a duration of 3 years and provide funding for the following concepts:

- Recruitment of the postdoctoral researcher (3-year full-time contract).
- Costs of compensation for termination of the contract.
- Additional amount for research and training activities.

AGAUR transfers the amount of the grant to the host entity, and this is responsible for formalising the employment contract with the researchers and **informing them about all the relevant tax obligations**. The entity is also in charge of managing the additional amount and safeguarding the justifying documentation.

### 2. Additional amount

It is a 12,000 euros fellowship intended for research, training and professional development activities. In the event of a partial waiver that results in a contract period of less than 18 months, the maximum amount that can be justified shall be 6,000 euros. The money from this additional amount can be used from the first day of employment, regardless of the time AGAUR takes to transfer it to the beneficiary entity.

#### Eligible expenses are:

- ✓ Training and professional development activities, including courses (about technical skills, transversal skills or languages) and personalized mentoring services.
- ✓ Travel costs to carry out research stays, participate in conferences, fieldwork trips, attend meetings, etc.
- ✓ Purchase of bibliographic material, office or laboratory consumables, specialised scientific and technical services (contracted outside the host organisation), acquisition of specific software, etc. Fees from scientific associations are also eligible during the validity of the grant.
- ✓ Costs of publishing articles in scientific magazines and depositing results and data, including technical review, translation and adaptation services; editing and publication of works related to the research project; dissemination and communication of results; expenses associated with intellectual property rights.

- ✓ A personal computer device (desktop computer, laptop or tablet) for research and training activities during the validity of the grant.

**The following expenses are not eligible:**

- The purchase of inventoriable laboratory or office equipment, except for the computer mentioned above.
- Costs of maintenance, installation or repair of inventoriable equipment.
- Expenses for internal technical services invoiced by the host institution (the provider's CIF cannot coincide with the CIF of the host entity), as well as indirect costs.
- Expenses incurred outside the period of validity of the grant. For example, expenses incurred during periods of sick leave, registrations for conferences held after the end date of the grant, or the costs for obtaining visas and the homologation of academic qualifications prior to hiring.
- Expenses incurred by third parties, including travel costs of visiting professors, catering for groups of attendees or volunteers in experiments, fieldwork expenses incurred by support staff, etc.

### 3. Ethical assessment of the research project

If the research project includes aspects that require ethical assessment (human biological material, human participants, animal testing, personal data, environmental risks, etc.), accordingly to what was stated in the proposal, a copy of the **favourable report issued by the relevant ethics committee** linked to the host organisation must be presented.

This report must be sent by the host entity jointly with the recruitment accreditation of the BP researcher. If in this moment the report is still not available, the candidate must state that he/she has started the procedure and the expected date for obtaining it.

### 4. Scientific-technical justification reports

BP researchers must submit two scientific reports:

- **Follow-up report:** it must be submitted during the 18<sup>th</sup> month of the contract and it must include the Data Management Plan of the research project (the contents of this plan are specified in section 30 of the [call general terms](#)).
- **Final justification report:** it must be submitted no later than two months after the end of the BP contract.

The forms are available on the [website of the BP 2024 call](#). Both reports must be sent electronically, preferably through the [Procedure associated with an AGAUR file](#), and must be signed by means of an officially recognised electronic certificate.

In addition, the beneficiary entity must submit the documentation certifying the contracting costs and a list of the expenses incurred with the additional amount (the models for these documents are also available on the website).

## 5. Waivers, suspensions, incidents and modifications

Researchers **can withdraw from their grant at any time**. In the event of having been recruited less than 18 months, the maximum amount of the additional grant that can be justified is 6,000 euros. The withdrawal, as well as its cause, must be communicated to AGAUR using the standard form available on the call website within a maximum period of one month from the day on which it occurred. In any case, the beneficiary entity must submit the justification documentation of the grant on term.

In the event of sick leave, maternity or paternity leave, the entity may request an **extension in the duration of the grant equivalent to the suspension time**. Likewise, part-time permits to care for minors or dependent relatives, allow institutions to request an equivalent extension proportional to the reduction of the working hours. Applications for these extensions must be reported to AGAUR as soon as possible and must be formalised at least one month before the end of the grant.

In the event of exceptional circumstances, **AGAUR may authorise modifications in the project developed** by the researcher in relation to the presented proposal, as well as resolve any incident related to the management of the grant. These changes must be requested through a letter addressed to AGAUR director, with the approval of the responsible researcher and the legal representative of the host institution.

## 6. Open science and advertising

Beneficiary entities and researchers must provide **open access to the scientific articles** generated within the framework of this grant, by depositing the final version accepted for publication and the data associated with these articles in institutional or thematic repositories, simultaneously with the publication date. In addition, **open dissemination of all results generated** in the framework of the project (including research data, codes and methodologies) is recommended, as well as the management of research data in accordance with the international FAIR principles (easily findable, accessible, interoperable and reusable data). All of the above is compatible with the possibility of protecting the intellectual property rights of research and innovation results prior to scientific publication, in accordance with national and European regulations.

In the publications and other results that may be produced thanks to this grant, **the support of the Beatriu de Pinós postdoctoral fellowship programme** of the Department of Research and Universities of the Generalitat de Catalunya must be mentioned, and the reference number of the grant must be included.

## 7. Research stays outside the institution

Contracted researchers may carry out research stays outside the beneficiary entity of the grant, provided that they have the approval of the responsible researcher and the entity. The maximum duration of the stays is 9 months, either in a single period or divided into shorter stays during the period of the grant.



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