

Research Grants 2018

Call for pre-doctoral researchers

The Banco Sabadell Foundation (hereinafter, the “Foundation”) is offering 15 grants for Spanish researchers who are in the final stages of completing their doctoral theses at a Spanish university or Spanish science centre. Grants are exclusively applicable for research in the fields of social sciences and humanities .

The purpose of the grants is to fund research visits at Spanish or foreign universities, Spanish or foreign research centres and other activities relating to the doctoral thesis. The Foundation particularly values research which facilitates the understanding of significant cultural, economic, political or social challenges, or research which can significantly increase the field of knowledge which it forms part of.

The individual amount of each grant is 6,000 euros, yet this figure may vary in line with the budget and circumstances of each proposal. The aforementioned grants are subject to current tax legislation.

General Terms and Conditions

- 1** All persons who satisfy, at the discretion of the Foundation’s management, the specific requirements to receive the grants may apply for the same.
 - 2** The grants will be allocated for a maximum term of one year.
 - 3** The payment of the sum allocated will be as follows: 50% upon commencing the research; 50% once the Foundation has approved the final project. The payment shall be made via bank transfer, to an account which the chosen candidates hold with Banco Sabadell.
 - 4** Candidates may apply using the I.T. application available on the webpage: [http://www.fundacionbancosabadell.com grants & awards/ research grants](http://www.fundacionbancosabadell.com/grants%20&%20awards/research%20grants)).
- The application must be submitted in Spanish or English, and it must include the following:
- Application form.
 - Applicant’s CV, indicating their academic record, professional activities awards and scholarships received, publications (books, articles and other technical or professional texts) and language skills.
 - Full official academic ’s degree certificate, and master’s degree certificate, if applicable. Summary of the research director’s CV, which must only include their most relevant accomplishments (it is recommendable not to exceed a maximum word limit of 500 words).
 - Director’s report, who must be a PhD Professor at a Spanish research university of acknowledged research solvency and prestige, who teaches at a Spanish university or Spanish research centre. The report must demonstrate the relevance of the research, and in the case that the grant is offered, express consent to supervising the applicant’s research.
 - Cover letter by the candidate, explaining the motives for their application, and why they consider themselves to be suitable to receive the grant.
 - Report on the research or the research stay proposed. The report must be written in Spanish or English, and include the following: 1) Purpose and relevance of the research; 2) methodology, hypothesis and viability of the research; 3) expectations and main results expected. The report is subject to a maximum word count of 2,000 words and a summary (150 words, maximum) must also be attached.
- 5** Candidates, by merely applying for this grant, waive any form of judicial or extra-judicial action against the Foundation’s judgement, and agree to the terms and conditions set forth herein.
 - 6** The Foundation, if it considers it to be appropriate, may call upon the candidates and successful applicants to provide as many clarifications as deemed necessary.
 - 7** The grants shall be allocated to natural persons.
 - 8** Persons who have previously received any aid or grant of the same type from the Foundation are not eligible.
 - 9** Ownership of the work corresponds to its authors, although they may not publish it without the authorisation of the Foundation.
 - 10** Any publication of the works must include a reference to the grant received.
 - 11** The Foundation reserves the right to publish the works, whatever their nature, in whole or in part, informing the authors in advance of its exercise of this right. Under no circumstances shall the works be published prior to their formal publication.
 - 12** Beneficiaries’ obligations:
 - To comply with all the rules of the different sections of this call.
 - To provide written acceptance of the grant allocated, once they have received official notification from the Foundation.
 - To use the grant from the moment they receive such notification, without any previous, current or future works preventing continuous compliance with the obligations set forth in the same, for the full duration during which the aid is granted
 - To carry out the work as planned, in accordance with the purpose of the grant.
 - At the end of the period, submit in Spanish or English, in electronic format, the final research thesis, for approval by the Foundation.
 - Together with the completed thesis, a summary of the same must also be submitted. The length of the summary should be approximately 150 words.
 - 13** The Foundation may resolve, without appeal, any incidents arising during this call and the development of the research, in particular by cancelling the grant should the beneficiary be in breach of any of the terms and conditions set forth herein.
 - 14** The Board may declare the awarding of the grant to be void, fully or partially annulled.
 - 15** The term for submitting applications is from 1 October 2018 to 1 November 2018. Candidates who do not meet all of the requisites, or who do not submit all of the documentation required prior to the deadline, shall not be offered the opportunity to amend their application and they shall subsequently be discarded from the selection process.
 - 16** The Foundation will directly notify applications who are selected within a maximum of six months as from the end of the registration period. Any failure to receive such notification within this period should be understood as not having been selected. No personal notification shall be sent to unsuccessful applicants.
 - 17** When allocating the grant the Foundation will assess the relevance of the research project, its scientific quality, its clarity and methodological solidity, as well as the candidate’s qualifications and the track record of the research group which their work forms part of.
 - 18** The personal data of the candidates shall be processed by the Foundation in its capacity as controller, whereby such data is necessary for the management and handling of the research grants described in these terms and conditions. Personal data shall be stored for as long as considered necessary for the management of the same.

The interested party may, under the terms set forth in data protection regulations, exercise their rights to access, rectify, oppose, suppress, limit and portability , by writing to the registered address of Banco Sabadell Foundation, Plaza Sant Roc, 20, 08201-Sabadell, or to the following email address: fundaciobs@bancosabadell.com. Furthermore, in the event that the interested party deems it to be necessary, they may contact the Spanish Data Protection Agency (AEPD for its acronym in Spanish) for the purpose of safeguarding their rights.