

Research Grants 2020–2021

Call for pre-doctoral students

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General terms and conditions

1. Purpose

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2. Beneficiaries

Any person deemed by the Banco Sabadell Foundation to meet the requirements set out below will be eligible to apply. Any person who has previously received the same type of Grant or scholarship from the Foundation will not be eligible.

3. Characteristics of the Grants

These Grants are intended to finance research work, stays at Spanish or foreign universities or scientific centres and other activities related to the performance of a doctoral thesis. The Foundation will give **priority to research works that help to understand the major cultural, economic, political and social challenges of our time or which can significantly expand on the field of expertise to which they relate.**

- The Grants will be offered for a maximum of one year.
- The Foundation may call upon the candidates and successful applicants to offer any clarifications it deems necessary.
- Although authors will retain ownership of their research works, they will not be able to publish them unless authorised to do so by the Foundation.
- Any publication of such works must mention the Grants received. The Foundation reserves the right to publish all or part of the research works, whatever their nature, provided it notifies the authors beforehand. Under no circumstances will any works be published before they are formally presented.
- The Foundation may resolve, without appeal, any incidents arising during this announcement and in the course of the work, in particular by terminating the Grant should the beneficiary be in breach of any of these obligations. The Foundation may declare its awarding of the Grants to be totally or partially terminated.
- When awarding the Grants, the Foundation will assess the timeliness and relevance of the research project, its scientific quality, narrative clarity and methodological soundness, together with the candidate's qualifications and the history of the research group involved in the work.
- By merely applying for the Grants, candidates renounce any judicial or extra-judicial action against the decision of the Foundation and fully accept the content of this document.

4. Submission of applications

Candidates should apply using the online tool available on the website:

<http://www.fundacionbancosabadell.com> (Calls/Research Grants).

The application, which can be submitted in either Spanish or English, must include the following information:

- Application form.
- Curriculum Vitae of the applicant, indicating their academic record, professional activities, prizes and grants obtained, publications (books, articles and other technical or professional texts) and languages known.
- Full official academic certificate of higher education, bachelor's degree or master's studies, if applicable.
- Abbreviated Curriculum Vitae of the research director, stating only their most relevant merits (recommended maximum 500 words).
- Academic certificate of PhD degree.
- Report from the research director, who must hold a PhD from a recognised Spanish research university and be a professor at a Spanish university or Spanish research centre, setting out the importance of the research and their express consent to guide the applicant's work in the event of being awarded the Grants.
- Candidate's cover letter setting out the reasons for applying for the Grant and the reasons why they consider themselves a good candidate to receive it.
- Report about the intended research or stay. The report, which should be written in Spanish or English, must indicate: (1) purpose and significance of the work, (2) methodology, hypotheses and feasibility of the research, (3) expectations and desired outcome. The report should be no more than 2,000 words long and should be preceded by a summary of approximately 150 words.

The period for submitting applications will be from **2 november 2020 to 2 december 2020**.

Applications submitted within the application period that fail to meet all of the necessary requirements or that do not include all of the required documentation cannot be changed and will be rejected.

5. Award and payment of Grants

The Foundation will begin directly notifying those who have been selected as recipients of the Grant on 2 June 2021, six months after the end of the application period. Anyone who does not receive any notification during the week commencing 2 June should understand this to mean that they have not been selected. No notice will be given of any rejected applications for the Grants.

The individual amount of each grant is 6,000.00 euros (gross). This amount may vary depending on the budget and circumstances of each proposal. The aforesaid grants will be subject to the tax legislation in force.

The accrual and subsequent payment of the allocated amount will be made in the following way: 50% in July 2021 and the remaining 50% in June 2022, once the Foundation has received and approved the final research report. Payment will be made by bank transfer to the account opened by the selected researchers with Banco Sabadell.

6. Obligations of the beneficiaries

- To comply with all the rules set out in the various sections of this announcement.
- To inform the Foundation of the number of the account opened in any Banco Sabadell branch to which the payments envisaged in the above provision should be made. They should also attach a copy of their ID card (DNI).
- Beneficiaries should begin making use of the Grant as soon as they receive notice that the Grant has been awarded, without any prior commitment or existing or future project(s) preventing them from fulfilling their obligations throughout the entire period for which the Grants are provided.
- To undertake the planned work, which should exactly match the work for which the Grants have been awarded.
- To deliver, at the end of the indicated period, the final research report in English or Spanish, and in electronic format, for approval by the Foundation's Management.
- To deliver, together with the completed paper, an abstract (approximately 150 words) of that paper, in electronic format.

7. Personal data processing

Pursuant to existing legislation on personal data protection, the Foundation hereby makes the following basic information available to data subjects:

Data Controller: Fundació Privada Banc Sabadell, holder of company tax number (NIF) G60707791, with registered offices at Plaza Sant Roc 20, Sabadell.

Purpose and duration: Personal data will be processed for the purpose of processing and managing the announcement of the research Grants described in these terms and conditions. Personal data will be kept for as long as required in order to manage the Grants and comply with that set forth in these terms and conditions. Under no circumstances will data be shared with third parties unless legally required.

Legal grounds: the legal basis for processing data arises from the data subjects' application for the Grant.

Rights: Under the terms provided in Regulation (EU) 679/2016 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the protection of natural persons and in Organic Law 3/2018 of 5 December on personal data protection and the guarantee of digital rights, data subjects may exercise their rights of access, rectification, objection, erasure, restriction and portability by writing to the registered office of the Banco Sabadell Private Foundation, at Plaza Sant Roc, 20, 08201 Sabadell, or by sending an email to: fundaciobsadministracio@bancosabadell.com.

If deemed necessary, data subjects may contact the Spanish Data Protection Agency (Agencia Española de Protección de Datos, or AEPD) via their website www.agpd.es or at their registered address at Jorge Juan, 6, 28001, Madrid (Spain), in order to safeguard their rights.

* Applications by students of any other fields will be immediately excluded from the selection process.