



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR PREDOCS-UB

APPENDIX II. CRITERIA FOR ASSESSING AND RANKING APPLICATIONS FOR THE PREDOCS-UB PROGRAMME (2021)

In accordance with the provisions established in condition 4.4 of the call for applications for the PREDOCS-UB programme, approved by the Research Committee on 8 November 2021, the following criteria are approved to rank the applications that are submitted:

1. Merit in the candidate's curriculum: maximum 1 point, which can be obtained in the following ways:

- **Publications:**
 - Article in the Journal Citation Reports (JCR) or in Scimago Journal & Country Ranks (SJR): 0.5 points.
 - Other non-indexed publications: 0.2 points.
- **Conference presentations, accepted and duly accredited:**
 - Spoken communication: 0.3 points.
 - Poster: 0.1 points.
- **Periods spent in other faculties and university schools that are not the same as the university that issued their qualification (Erasmus, Sèneca or similar):**
 - Over 3 months: 0.5 points.
 - 1-3 months: 0.2 points.
- **Departmental collaboration grants and other research initiation grants, competitive academic awards for the bachelor's degree or master's degree): 0.2 points.**

2. Merit associated with the submitted project: maximum 1 point, which can be obtained in the following ways:

- The supervisor who backs the application is a junior member of teaching and research staff (*junior* is defined as staff who have held a full-time contract at the institution for less than 5 years): 0.5 points.
- There is a co-supervisor and the project is interdisciplinary: 0.5 points.



- The project is related to or contributes to at least one of the seventeen Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of Agenda 2030, and is implemented from the perspective, approach and area of knowledge that is considered: maximum 0.25 points.
- All of the project is associated with the gender dimension: maximum 0.25 points.

3. Assessment of the applicant's host group: up to 3 points, corresponding to the score given to the thesis supervisor who has been included on the application, obtained based on the curriculum vitae and according to the criteria of the academic commitment plan (PDA) for research. The scoring system gives 3 points to all supervisors who reach at least the upper threshold in their PDA area. For supervisors who do not reach the upper threshold, the following formula is applied:

$$\text{Assessment of the supervisor} = 3 * \sqrt{\text{output score/PDA area threshold}}$$

The criteria established in Section 3 are assessed based on information on the last assessed PDA that there is on the research management system (GREC) at the time of extracting data to assess the applications when the submission period is closed. Therefore, subsequent increments are not considered.

4. The general ranking criteria for submitted applications is: grouping of applications into doctoral programme groups and ranking by the total score obtained. The grants are awarded to the candidate with the highest score obtained in the corresponding programme. One programme cannot receive more than one grant, except in the case of the reserves established in Annex III.

When a grant is declined, the same ranking criteria as above is used to offer it to another candidate.

5. The procedure for awarding these grants is considered to start on the date that the call for applications for trainee research staff is announced.

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