



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS TO FUND PREDOCTORAL TRAINING CONTRACTS

APPENDIX I. Conditions of the call for applications

Clause 1. Purpose

This 2024 call for applications for fifty-three grants to fund predoctoral training contracts — as foreseen in the Spanish National Training Sub-programme, in the framework of the National Plan for Scientific and Technical Research and Innovation 2021–2023 — is announced under Order CIN/1025/2022, of 27 October, approving the regulations governing the award of public grants for the formalization of predoctoral contracts corresponding to various programmes and sub-programmes of the above Plan, published in the Official State Gazette (BOE) no. 260, of 29 October 2022. The call is also governed by the provisions made in the Order of 27 December approving the call for the early processing for 2023 of the procedure for the award of public grants to fund knowledge generation projects and actions for the training of predoctoral research staff registered to these projects, in the framework of the National Plan for Scientific and Technical Research and Innovation 2021–2023.

Management of the call for applications for predoctoral training contracts is commissioned to the faculties/centres with which the grants are registered by the Spanish National Research Agency (AEI).

Grants for predoctoral training contracts are primarily intended to increase the number and quality of new doctoral graduates, achieved through the development of their doctoral theses in the framework of high-impact research projects carried out by leading research groups with consolidated scientific and academic trajectories at universities, public research bodies and other research centres.

Clause 2. Budget allocation

Remuneration and other subsidized payments are made by the Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation (through the AEI) and are co-financed by the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+)

A predoctoral contract has the following cost:

	2025	2026	2027	2028	Total
Contract (remuneration + social security payments)	€25,433.47	€31,791.84	€31,791.84	€31,791.84	€120,808.98
Compensation upon termination of the contract				€4,180.84	€4,180.84
Stays at R&D centres and enrolment fees for doctoral studies	€7,000				€7,000
TOTAL	€32,433.47	€31,791.84	€31,791.84	€35,972.68	€131,989.83

The total expenditure on this call for applications for the award of fifty-three contracts is €6.995.460,99.

The incorporation of the grant recipients during the financial year 2025 is conditional on the real availability of sufficient funds in the University of Barcelona budget.

This call for applications precedes the definitive resolutions on the award of project funding by the AEI and the FSE+ and the definitive award of predoctoral training contracts. It is therefore conditional on the definitive resolution of the award of funding for the corresponding projects.



Clause 3. Contract conditions

3.1. Legal framework

- 3.1.1. Successful grant recipients sign a trainee predoctoral researcher contract requiring full-time dedication for the entire grant period.
- 3.1.2. The predoctoral contract is governed by articles 20 and 21 and the first additional provision of Spanish Law 14/2011, of 1 June, on Science, Technology and Innovation and by its amendments under Spanish Law 17/2022, of 5 September; by Royal decree 103/2019, of 1 March, approving the Statute of Predoctoral Trainee Research Staff; by Order CIN/1025/2022, of 27 October, approving the regulations governing the award of public grants corresponding to various programmes and sub-programmes of the Spanish National Plan for Scientific and Technical Research and Innovation 2021-2023, under the management of the AEI (Official State Gazette (BOE) no. 260, of 29 October); by the Order of 27 December 2023 approving the call for the early processing for 2023 of the procedure for the award of grants to support knowledge generation projects and actions for the training of predoctoral research staff registered to these projects, in the framework of the National Plan for Scientific and Technical Research and Innovation 2021-2023, and additionally by the recast text of the Law on the Employee's Statute; by all other applicable labour legislation; by the applicable collective agreement, and by the wishes of the Parties as expressed in the employment contracts, which may not under any circumstances include conditions that are less favourable for the contracted trainee predoctoral researcher or contrary to those provided for in law or in the applicable collective agreement.

3.2. Subject of contract

- 3.1.2. The contracted trainee predoctoral researcher must carry out research tasks in one of the funded projects awarded to the University of Barcelona by the AEI under the provisional resolution of 22 July 2024, as listed in Appendix I to this call for applications. At the same time, they must complete the activities in the doctoral programme that lead to the acquisition of the skills and abilities needed to obtain the official university qualification of a doctoral degree. They may not be required to carry out any other activity that might undermine the contract's research and educational purpose. The contract also covers postdoctoral orientation, which focuses on perfecting skills and professional specialization, for a period of up to twelve months following the thesis defence, provided that the researcher obtains the doctoral degree within the contract execution period. In any case, the total duration of the contract may not exceed the maximum term provided for in Clause 3.3.1., below.
- 3.2.2. The contracted trainee predoctoral researcher may carry out teaching activities with a total duration of up to 180 hours over the course of the grant period. Any such collaboration may not exceed 60 years per year. The assignment of teaching is educational in nature and is the responsibility of the head of the department to which the thesis supervisor is attached. Teaching activities must not undermine the contract's research and educational purpose and must be carried out in accordance with the Regulations governing teaching collaborations by staff with a non-statutory trainee predoctoral research contract at the University of Barcelona, approved by the Governing Council on 5 December 2019.

3.3. Duration of contract

- 3.3.1. Predoctoral contracts are awarded for a maximum of 48 months. However, the contract may be terminated if the successful candidate does not pass the mandatory annual assessment by the academic committee of the doctoral programme, as provided for in Clause 3.9.



3.3.2. When the contract is signed with a person with a recognized disability, it may be extended up to a maximum of six years. Consideration will be given to the characteristics of the research activity and the extent to which the degree of the limitations caused by the disability impacts the performance of that activity, subject to the issue of a favourable report from the Catalan Public Employment Service, which may request reports from the competent technical bodies for disability assessment and guidance.

3.3.3. Calculation of the contract duration does not include situations of temporary incapacity and periods spent on full-time leave during pregnancy; risk during pregnancy and breastfeeding; childbirth, maternity, paternity, adoption, guardianship for the purposes of adoption, foster care, accumulated breastfeeding allowance, or similar situations related thereto, as well as periods of full-time leave for reasons of work-life balance or care for minors, relatives or dependants and extended leaves of absence to care for children or a family member or for reasons of gender-based violence, during the contract period will be excluded from the calculation of the contract's duration. In the event of temporary incapacity during pregnancy due to related causes, the predoctoral researcher may request the temporary suspension and extension of the grant period for the duration of the period of temporary incapacity. In other cases of temporary incapacity, researchers may request the temporary suspension and extension of the grant period provided that the period of incapacity covers a minimum of two consecutive months.

The contract will be extended for a period corresponding to the total reduction in hours for periods of part-time leave taken during the contract for childbirth, maternity, paternity, adoption, guardianship for the purposes of adoption, or foster care, and the reduction of work hours due to breastfeeding, premature birth, or hospitalization following childbirth, legal guardianship, care for minors suffering from cancer or serious illness, care for family members involved in an accident or suffering from a serious illness or for dependants, or for reasons of gender-based violence, and reduced working hours for situations similar to the foregoing, as well as for reasons of work-life balance or care for minors, relatives or dependants.

Requests for the temporary suspension and extension of the grant period must be authorized by the faculty or school with which the grant is registered.

3.3.4. Any time that the researcher has been employed under the same type of contract, whether at the same or a different institution, will be subtracted from the maximum duration of the contract, in accordance with Article 6 of Royal Decree 103/2019.

3.3.5. Upon completion of the contract, in accordance with the duration foreseen in this call for applications, the doctoral student may not undertake any teaching activity or other activity related to the research group in which they completed their contract. They may continue the activities related exclusively to their work towards the doctoral thesis, provided they are still enrolled in the doctoral programme.

3.3.6. Upon termination of the contract, the grant recipient will be entitled to compensation equivalent to that provided for fixed-term contracts under Article 49 of the recast text of the Workers' Statute.



3.4. Remuneration and other payments subsidized by the AEI

3.4.1. Grants for predoctoral contracts for the training of predoctoral researchers cover the following costs: a grant to cover the cost of the contract (gross salary and social security payments), a grant to cover the cost of compensation upon termination of the contract, and an additional grant to cover the expenses deriving from the completion of research stays at R&D&I centres and enrolment in the corresponding doctoral programme, in accordance with Article 13 of the Order of 27 December 2023, as referred to above.

The gross salary for the predoctoral contract, divided into fourteen payments, is as follows (as established in the current official salary tables):

- **First year of the contract:** payment equivalent to 60% of the salary established for Group I non-statutory employees in the salary table contained in the Single Collective Agreement for non-statutory employees of the General State Administration.
- **Second, third and fourth year of the contract:** payment equivalent to 75% of the salary established for Group I of non-civil servant employees in the salary table contained in the Single Collective Agreement for non-civil servant employees of the General State Administration.

Remuneration may not be less than the minimum interprofessional wage established each year under Article 27 of the recast text of the Law on the Workers' Statute. The above payments are determined taking as a minimum value the salary for M3 non-statutory staff in the salary table contained in the Single Collective Agreement for non-statutory employees of the General State Administration.

If the trainee predoctoral researcher has entered into a contract at another institution and has not completed the maximum duration of that contract, their remuneration will be established in accordance with the provisions of Article 7 of Royal Decree 103/ 2019, taking into account the period spent at the other institution.

3.4.2. The corresponding tax withholdings will be applied to the gross payments, in accordance with current regulations. Payment will be made monthly in arrears and directly to the recipient once the contract has been formalized. Double payments are made in the months of June and December.

3.4.3. In relation to the additional grant to cover the costs deriving from stays at R&D&I centres and enrolment fees for doctoral programmes, a single payment of €7,000 is authorized per person, which may be used for the following purposes:

- a) To cover the cost of stays carried out by the grant recipients for the duration of the grant period, throughout the predoctoral stage and the postdoctoral orientation period, at R&D&I centres outside the faculty/centre with which they are registered. These stays should enhance their training and support the development of the doctoral thesis. Stays must provide a degree of mobility and/or internationalization that the predoctoral researcher has not had access to previously due to their academic training or to other factors such as place or residence or nationality. However, any such stay must not delay the completion of the doctoral thesis. In the postdoctoral orientation period, these stays may be used to complement predoctoral training and guide the choice of future lines of work in the predoctoral stage.

Stays can be carried out at other public or private research, development and innovation centres in Spain or abroad, provided that they are located outside the area of the faculty/centre with which the trainee predoctoral researcher is registered. Stays must have a minimum duration of thirty consecutive calendar days, from the date the trainee predoctoral researcher starts at the receiving faculty/centre, and must be carried out within the contract period. Stays must be



authorized by the Vice-Rector for Doctoral Studies, Trainee Research Staff and Talent Attraction.

The eligible expenses are those established in Article 11.3(b) of the advance call for applications for grants for knowledge generation projects PID2023.

In accordance with Article 17.1(d) of Law 35/2006, of 28 November, on income tax on natural persons and the partial amendment of the laws on corporate tax, income of non-residents and personal equity, the sums apportioned in this Clause are intended to cover the cost of travel, subsistence and accommodation associated with temporary stays at universities and research centres other than the registered grant centre intended to complete the trainee predoctoral researcher's training and are not considered remuneration for professional activities, rendering them exempt from income tax on natural persons.

- b) To cover the expenses deriving from the predoctoral researcher's enrolment fees for the duration of the grant covering the trainee predoctoral research contract.

3.5. Working conditions

The working hours, breaks, holiday allowance, leave and all other conditions are those established for trainee research staff in the collective agreement for teaching and research staff at Catalan public universities.

3.6. Conflicts of interest

The regulations on conflicts of interest provided for under Catalan Law 21/1987, of 26 November, on conflicts of interest for Catalan government employees shall apply.

3.7. Rights and obligations

3.7.1. Researchers must respect the principles set out in the European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity and Article 11 of Royal Decree 103/2019. They have the rights and duties recognized under current law, internal UB regulations, and, in particular, articles 12 and 13 of Royal Decree 103/2019, the predoctoral training contract, and the terms and conditions of this call for applications.

3.7.2. In addition to the obligations stipulated in the regulations indicated above, predoctoral researchers have the following obligations:

- a) To join the thesis supervisor's department and research group by the deadline and under the terms and conditions established by the University.
- b) To continue their doctoral studies, formalizing their enrolment in the doctoral programme each academic year, except in the postdoctoral orientation period, and to meet the objectives of the submitted research plan. This plan may only be modified with the consent of the academic committee of the doctoral programme. The Student Grants and Financial Aid unit must be informed of any such modifications by means of the corresponding report.
- c) To submit the progress reports as stipulated in Clause 3.8, in addition to any other progress reports required under the applicable regulations on doctoral studies.
- d) In the case of non-EU nationals, to ensure that the necessary work and residence permits remain valid for the duration of the contractual relationship.



- e) To request authorization from the Vice-Rector for Doctoral Studies, Trainee Research Staff and Talent Attraction to make any change that may have a bearing on the effective execution of the contract.
- f) In the event of withdrawal from the contract, to use the standardized form to notify the Student Grants and Financial Aid unit at least 15 days in advance of the effective withdrawal date.
- g) To submit a final report on all work carried out and the results obtained, within one month of completion of the contract or from the date of withdrawal from the contract.
- h) To notify the Student Grants and Financial Aid unit (Trainee Research Staff Grants Section) of the expected thesis defence date as soon as it is known.
- i) To request authorization from the Vice-Rector for Doctoral Studies, Trainee Research Staff and Talent Attraction, subject to the prior approval of the principal investigator (PI) of the project, for any period of absence or mobility stay.
- j) To comply with all obligations deriving from the agreements of the Governing Council of 22 July 2019 pertaining to the establishment of a data management and open-access publishing plan.
- k) To clearly state in all actions deriving from the research activities the co-funding received from the Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities, the European Union, the AEI and the FSE+, as instructed by the AEI.

3.7.3. The contracted trainee predoctoral researcher must meet the deadlines for submitting their doctoral thesis and any applicable extensions, in accordance with the regulations of the Doctoral School on the submission of doctoral theses. If work on the thesis was started prior to signing the contract, the submission deadlines will not be affected.

3.7.4. Trainee predoctoral research staff may contact the PI of the project to which they are attached regarding any issues related to the performance of their obligations.

3.7.5. Complaints and claims from trainee predoctoral research staff are dealt with by the Office of the Vice-Rector for Doctoral Studies, Training Research Staff and Talent Attraction.

3.7.6. The PIs, together with the thesis supervisors, have the following obligations:

- To ensure that the contracted trainee predoctoral researcher is supervised throughout the grant period.
- To guarantee educational support throughout the contract period.
- To plan and guide the development of the thesis research project to ensure that it is educational, original and innovative.
- To supervise the progress and monitoring of the work plan, provide the necessary guidance and professional and scientific assistance, and ensure feasibility and coherence in relation to the research group or line to which it is attached.
- To ensure that the doctoral thesis meets acceptable academic and ethical standards throughout its development, and to establish a respectful and equitable relationship with the trainee researcher.

3.8. Progress report

3.8.1. The contracted trainee predoctoral researcher must submit two scientific-technical reports: an initial progress report in month 20–1 of the grant period and a final report covering the full grant



execution period (including the postdoctoral orientation period, if applicable) to be submitted no later than one month after the expiry of the contract.

- 3.8.2. The reports must be submitted to the Trainee Research Staff Grants Section. They must contain a description of the work carried out and the degree of completion of the training programme for the reporting period, as well as the work plan for the remaining grant period. The reports must provide details of any completed doctoral stays and the activities carried out.

The progress report must include the contracted trainee predoctoral researcher's updated curriculum vitae and provide the projected date for the completion of the doctoral thesis.

Together with the final report, the trainee predoctoral researcher must complete the scientific-technical indicators form provided by the AEI to allow the impact assessment of their work. The figures must coincide with those stated in the attached curriculum vitae.

- 3.8.3. An unfavourable progress report will lead to the withdrawal of the grant and termination of the contract.
- 3.8.4. Predoctoral researchers who fail to submit the two reports will be required to return all sums received that have not been formally justified.

3.9. Expiry of contract

- 3.9.1. The predoctoral contract will expire at the end of the period stated in the contract or in the event of other circumstances provided for in Article 49 of the Workers' Statute. If the doctoral thesis is read before the contract expiry date, the contract will remain valid for up to twelve months to cover the postdoctoral orientation period. In no case will the maximum duration of the contract be extended. If the contract is terminated following the presentation of a notice of termination, the presenting Party must notify the other Party at least fifteen days in advance.
- 3.9.2. The contract will be terminated if the trainee predoctoral researcher does not pass the annual assessment carried out by the academic committee of the doctoral programme.
- 3.9.3. The contract may also be terminated if the successful candidate fails to formalize their enrolment in the doctoral programme within the period established by the University, except during the postdoctoral orientation period.
- 3.9.4. The contract will also be terminated if the holder's residence or work permit expires.
- 3.9.5. Upon termination of the contract, the contracted trainee predoctoral researcher will be entitled to compensation equivalent to that provided for fixed-term contracts under Article 49 of the recast text of the Workers' Statute.

Clause 4. Candidate selection procedure

4.1. Candidate requirements

- 4.1.1. This grant may be requested by any candidate who meets the following requirements:
- a) They must be enrolled on a full-time basis or have been admitted to a doctoral programme for the academic year 2024–2025 at the time the application is submitted. Grants may also be requested by candidates who have not enrolled in or been admitted to a doctoral programme

at the time the application is submitted provided that they have enrolled or been admitted by the time the contract is formalized.

- b) They must not already hold a doctoral degree.
- c) They must not have defended their doctoral thesis.
- d) They must have a thesis supervisor who is part of the research team of the funded project to which they will be attached.
- e) In the case non-EU nationals and candidates not covered by international treaties signed by the European Union and ratified by Spain: To hold the necessary work and residence permits before the predoctoral contract is signed and ensure that they remain valid for the duration of the contractual relationship.

4.1.2. Only one application may be submitted per candidate, for a single research project.

4.1.3. Grant recipients must be enrolled in a doctoral programme at the time the contract is formalized. They must remain enrolled in the programme for the duration of the contract, except during the postdoctoral orientation period.

4.2. Application and supporting documentation

4.2.1. Candidates interested in taking part in the call for applications must submit their application and supporting documentation via the specific electronic platform (GAIA/CAIAC), accessed via the link on the following websites:

- [Seu Electrònica de la UB](#)
- [GAIA/CAIA](#)

Candidates who submit their application via any other means will be permanently excluded from the selection process and may not re-apply.

4.2.2. The following documents must be attached to the application:

- a) For studies not completed at the UB, including qualifications obtained outside Spain: copy of the candidate's personal academic transcript for the completed university studies (bachelor's degree, pre-EHEA degree, master's degree) stating the grades obtained in the relevant exam sittings expressed as failed (S), passed (A), merit (N), excellent (E) or excellent with honours (MH), the corresponding numerical grades, the credits earned and the date the qualifications were awarded, as well as the corresponding certified translation, where applicable.
- b) For studies completed outside Spain: statement of equivalence of the grade point average for bachelor's degree and master's degree studies, submitted using the template provided by the Spanish Ministry of Education, Vocational Training and Sport.
- c) Curriculum vitae, using the CVN template in GREC, which must list the merits the candidate wishes to be considered.
- d) Accreditation of the degree of disability, if applicable.

4.3. Submission period

4.3.1. Applications will be accepted from 9 to 27 September 2024 (IMPORTANT: the application period closes at 14:00 local time).

4.3.2. If the application is incomplete or missing the requisite supporting documents, candidates will be notified of the need to rectify the omission or submit the missing documents within ten working days. Candidates who fail to do so will be considered to have withdrawn their application, subject to a prior resolution, which must be issued as provided for under Article 21 of Law 39/2015, on common administrative procedures for public administrations. Candidates will be notified on the basis of the lists of applications with incomplete documentation published on the webpage of the Student Grants and Financial Aid unit for trainee predoctoral researcher grants (ub.edu/beques/3rcicle/FPI/resoluciones.html) and in the UB's Electronic Office. During this period, submitted applications may not be modified.

4.3.3. Once the period for submitting missing documents has closed, the applications are assessed.

4.3.4. The curriculum vitae is an integral part of the application. Candidates who fail to submit one or whose curriculum vitae is incomplete will be excluded from the selection process.

4.4. Evaluation and selection

4.4.1. Applications are assessed by the project PI, who makes the contract award proposal. If grounds arise for abstention or recusal as provided for in Law 40/2015, of 1 October, on the legal regime of the public sector, the application will be assessed by another member of the project team.

A maximum of 100 points can be awarded, on the basis of the following criteria:

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA	SCORE (max. 100 points)
1. Candidate's academic and/or scientific-technical experience	0—50 points
1.1. Scientific and technical contributions	0—45 points
1.2. Mobility and internationalization	0—5 points
2. Suitability of the candidate to carry out the research activities required for the funded project	0—50 points

4.4.2. With regard to the candidate's academic and/or scientific-technical experience:

- a) Scientific and technical contributions: the assessment takes into account the candidate's academic record and other merits as well as their suitability to carry out the tasks envisaged for the contract, on the basis of their training and professional experience.
- b) Mobility and internationalization: the assessment focuses on the relevance and the impact on the trainee predoctoral researcher's trajectory of stays carried out at national or international research centres or in the industrial sector, taking into account the prestige of the host centre and the nature of the activities carried out.

4.4.3. With regard to the candidate's suitability to carry out the necessary research activities: the assessment takes into account the candidate's suitability for the project or to carry out the research tasks envisaged for the contract, on the basis of their training and professional experience. This takes into account the added value the project brings to the trainee predoctoral researcher's career and the value it provides to the host faculty/centre and research team.



If two or more applications receive the same final score, preference will be given to the candidate with the highest score for criterion 1. If the scores remain equal, the successful candidate will be drawn at random.

- 4.4.4. Once the PI of the project has assessed the applications, they send their proposal to the Research Committee, which issues the definitive proposal, as required. The definitive proposal is reviewed by the Vice-Rector for Doctoral Studies, Trainee Research Staff and Talent Attraction who draws up the provisional resolution on the award of contracts, which includes the scores awarded to each candidate, and the list of candidates excluded from the selection process, indicating the reasons for exclusion in each case.
- 4.4.5. The provisional resolution on the award of contracts and the list of candidates excluded from the selection process is published on the website of the Student Grants and Financial Aid unit (area for Trainee Predoctoral Research Staff Grants) and in the UB's Electronic Office. Candidates have a period of ten working days to submit any allegations they deem appropriate. Once this period has expired, and once the corresponding arguments have been heard and ruled on, the Vice-Rector for Doctoral Studies, Trainee Research Staff and Talent Attraction, by delegation of the rector, will issue a final resolution on the call for applications, announcing the grant recipients and the list of reserve candidates.
- 4.4.6. The final resolution on the award of grants and all other information pertaining to the call for applications must be published on the website of the Student Grants and Financial Aid unit (area for Trainee Predoctoral Research Staff Grants: ub.edu/beques/3rcicle/FPI/resoluciones.html), and in the UB's Electronic Office.

4.5. Formalization of the contract

- 4.5.1. Once the selection process has been completed, successful candidates must formalize the predoctoral contract within a period of twenty days by submitting written acceptance of the grant and all other documents required for formalize the contract to the Trainee Research Staff Grant Section. If they fail to do so, they will be understood to have rejected the grant.
- 4.5.2. Non-EU nationals who are awaiting receipt of their residence and work permits and cannot therefore take up their position on the date foreseen in the contract must request an extension of the period before starting work.
- 4.5.3. By signing the contract, candidates confirm that they meet all of the general conditions deriving from the contract award resolution and agree to comply with the regulations set out in the call for applications and the clauses of the contract. The candidate must be familiar with and comply with the specific regulations in place at the UB students and abide by the relevant regulations on occupational risk prevention.
- 4.5.4. The trainee predoctoral researcher must register with the same research project and department as their thesis supervisor.
- 4.5.5. Grant recipients must be enrolled in a doctoral programme at the time the contract is formalized. They must remain enrolled in the programme for the duration of the contract, except during the postdoctoral orientation period.

4.6. Substitutions



If a successful candidate withdraws before signing the predoctoral research contract, within the period established in Clause 4.5.1, a reserve candidate may be contracted, in which case the corresponding resolution will be issued by the Vice-Rector for Doctoral Studies, Trainee Research Staff and Talent Attraction.

If there is no reserve candidate for the project, substitutions can be arranged as follows:

- a) The PI can propose a reserve candidate from another funded project included in the call for applications.
- b) A new call for applications can be opened for the predoctoral contract corresponding to the funded project, provided that the winning candidate withdraws within twenty days of publication of the resolution announcing the award of the grant.

Clause 5. Final provisions

5.1. Dissemination

The Student Grants and Financial Aid unit must ensure the maximum dissemination of this call for applications, which must be published in the University of Barcelona's Electronic Office and on the website of the Trainee Research Staff Grants Section.

5.2. Interpretation

Any doubts concerning the interpretation of this call for applications or disputes arising from its application will be clarified by the Vice-Rector for Doctoral Studies, Trainee Research Staff and Talent Attraction.

5.3. Publication of administrative decisions

5.3.1. Administrative decisions pertaining to the procedure for the award of grants are published in the University of Barcelona's Electronic Office for the purposes of calculating deadlines and public notification.

5.3.2. However, for information purposes, they may also be published on notice boards and on other websites. The competent body may also decide to send personal notifications, at its discretion.

5.4. Appeals

5.4.1. Candidates who wish to contest the resolution of this call for applications, irrespective of the immediacy, or otherwise, of its execution, may choose to open contentious administrative proceedings through the courts of Barcelona, within a period of two months starting the day after the resolution is announced, in accordance with the provisions to this effect made in articles 8 and 46 of Law 29/1998, of 13 July, on contentious administrative jurisdiction.

5.4.2. Candidates may also file an appeal of reversal with the body that issued the resolution, within one month from the day after its publication, in accordance with articles 123 et seq. of Law 39/2015. In this case, contentious administrative proceedings may not be opened until the appeal for reversal has been expressly or implicitly resolved.

5.4.3. Candidates may also lodge any other appeal they deem appropriate in defence of their rights.

5.5. Deadlines



5.5.1. The month of August is a period of inactivity for all purposes related to this procedure, including the resolution of administrative appeals.

5.5.2. The deadline for announcing the results of the call for applications is six months from the date on which the call is published in the UB's Electronic Office.

5.6. Right to information pertaining to the processing of personal data

5.6.1. Personal data are processed under the authority of the General Secretary's Office of the University of Barcelona, with the postal address Gran Via de les Corts Catalanes, 585, 08007 Barcelona and the email address secretaria.general@ub.edu.

5.6.2. Data will be processed to manage the contracts for predoctoral research staff announced by the UB and funded by the AEI with co-funding from the FSE+.

5.6.3. The lawful basis for the processing of personal data is the performance of a task carried out in the public interest (Catalan Law 1/2003, of 19 February, on Catalan universities; Organic Law 6/2001, of 21 December, on universities; and Law 38/2003, of 17 November, on general subsidies). Express consent is required for the processing of special categories of personal data.

5.6.4. Data will be stored during the period required to fulfil the purpose for which they were collected and to determine any possible responsibilities deriving therefrom.

5.6.5. The recipients of the personal data are the University of Barcelona and the AEI and, where applicable, the designated data protection officers.

In the case of candidates employed as predoctoral research staff, the relevant data will also be received by the relevant tax authorities and the General Treasury of the Spanish Social Security administration. In addition, the award proposal, the ranked list, the list of exclusions and the final resolution on this call for applications will be published on the UB website indicated in this document. Data will not be disclosed to third parties unless there is a legal obligation to do so. In such cases, only the pertinent data are sent.

5.6.6. Data subjects may access their data and exercise their rights of rectification, erasure, objection, restriction of processing and data portability by sending written notice to the General Secretary's Office of the University of Barcelona by ordinary mail (Gran Via de les Corts Catalanes, 585, 08007 Barcelona) or by email (secretaria.general@ub.edu). A photocopy of the Spanish ID document (DNI/NIE) or other valid form of identification must be attached.

5.6.7. Data subjects who consider that their rights have not been given appropriate consideration may contact the University of Barcelona Data Protection Officer by ordinary mail (Gran Via de les Corts Catalanes, 585, 08007 Barcelona) or by email (protecciodedades@ub.edu).

5.6.8. Complaints may also be filed with the Catalan Data Protection Authority.

5.6.9. By submitting an application, candidates declare that they have read the right to information clauses and, if they provide any data pertaining to parties, that they undertake to provide said third parties with a copy of this information.