



PREDOCS-UB GRANT CALL

APPENDIX II. Criteria for assessing and ranking applications for the PREDOCS-UB programme (2025)

In accordance with the terms of Condition 4.4 of the call for applications for the PREDOCS-UB programme, approved by the Research Committee on 17 November 2025, the following criteria are approved to rank the applications received:

1. Merits stated in the candidate's CV: maximum 1 point, which can be obtained in the following ways:

- Publications: up to 0.35 points
 - Article in a journal indexed in the JCR/SJR: maximum 0.25 points
 - Other non-indexed publications: maximum 0.1 points
- Conference presentations, duly accepted and accredited: maximum 0.15 points
 - Spoken presentation: maximum 0.1 points
 - Poster: maximum 0.05 points
- Participation in scientific dissemination activities: maximum 0.1 points
- Stays at other universities (Erasmus, Seneca or similar): maximum 0.15 points
 - More than three months: maximum 0.15 points
 - Between one week and three months: maximum 0.05 points
- Departmental collaboration grants, UB Master's, other introductory research grants and competitive academic awards: maximum 0.15 points
- Other merits linked to the candidate's CV: maximum 0.1 points

2. Merits pertaining to the submitted research project: maximum 1 point.

To enable assessment of the merits in this section, candidates must clearly indicate/justify each of the cases in the annexed document to be submitted with the application. The following cases are considered:

- The supervisor endorsing the application has a junior teaching staff contract. Junior contracts are understood to mean all contracts that correspond to a position as an assistant professor (*lector*), Ramón y Cajal researcher, Beatriu Galindo researcher or associate professor (*agregat* or *titular*). In the case of associate professor positions, at the time the candidate's application is submitted, no more than two years may have passed since the supervisor took up their current position, in accordance with the date the contract came into force: 0.5 points.
- The research project is jointly supervised by researchers in different disciplinary areas. Joint supervision is considered interdisciplinary on the basis of knowledge areas included in SIRA: 0.5 points.



- The project makes a reasonable contribution to at least one of the seventeen sustainable development goals (SDGs) of the 2030 Agenda: maximum 0.25 points.
- The project shows consistent consideration of gender, reflecting on the impact the gender perspective on the research to be carried out and how this perspective is integrated into the project: maximum 0.25 points.

3. Evaluation of the candidate's thesis supervisor: up to 3 points, corresponding to the thesis supervisor's score, obtained in the output of the latest current academic dedication plan (PDA) for research (final resolution published) within the application period. Staff who have not been evaluated under the current PDA receive a score corresponding to the application of the current evaluation criteria to the information provided in their CV registered in SIRA at the close of the application period. The scoring system awards 3 points to all supervisors who reach or exceed the A threshold in their PDA area. For supervisors who have not reached the upper threshold, the following formula is applied:

$$\text{Supervisor assessment} = 3 * \frac{\text{output score}}{\text{PDA area threshold}}$$

4. The general criteria for ranking the submitted applications will be: sorting of applications by doctoral programme group and ranking by total score obtained. Grants will be awarded in descending order to the candidates with the highest scores in the corresponding programmes, considering that no programme may receive more than one grant, except in the cases of the reserves established in Appendix III.

When a grant is declined, the substitution procedure indicated in the previous section will apply.

5. The procedure for the award of these grants will be considered to start automatically on the date that the call for applications for grants for trainee research staff is published.

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