



## PREDOCS-UB GRANT CALL

### APPENDIX II. CRITERIA FOR ASSESSING AND RANKING APPLICATIONS FOR THE PREDOCS-UB PROGRAMME (2024)

In accordance with Condition 4.4 of the call for applications for the PREDOCS-UB programme, approved by the Research Committee on 29 October 2024, the following criteria shall apply for ranking candidate applications:

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

- Publications, maximum 0.35 points
  - Article in a journal indexed in the JCR/SJR: maximum 0.25 points
  - Other non-indexed publications: maximum 0.1 points
- Participation in conferences, accepted and duly accredited: maximum 0.15 points
  - Spoken communication: maximum 0.1 points
  - Poster: maximum 0.05 points
- Participation in scientific dissemination activities: maximum 0.1 points
- Periods spent at faculties and university schools other than the university that issued the candidate's degree (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, Màster+UB and other research initiation grants and competitive academic awards (bachelor's or master's degree): maximum 0.15 points
- Other merits associated with the candidate's curriculum vitae: maximum 0.1 points

2. Merits associated with the candidate's research project: maximum 1 point.

For the merits in this section to be assessed, candidates must clearly indicate/justify each of the items on the annexed document to be submitted with the application. The point can be awarded in the following cases:

- If the supervisor endorsing the application has a junior teaching and research staff (PDI) contract. This covers all contracts corresponding to the positions of assistant professor (*lector*), Ramon y Cajal researcher, Beatriu Galindo researcher and associate professor (*agregat* or *titular*). In the case of teaching positions, the supervisor must not have held



their current post for more than two (2) years at the time the candidate's application is submitted, taken from the date on which the contract was formalized: 0.5 points.

- If there is an interdisciplinary joint supervision agreement. Joint supervision is considered interdisciplinary when the supervisors work in different branches of knowledge, based on the categories used by the UB Research Information System (SIRA): 0.5 points.
- If the research project makes a clearly discernible contribution to at least one of the seventeen Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the 2030 Agenda: up to 0.25 points.
- If the research project includes specific reflection on the impact of the gender perspective on the research to be conducted and how this perspective will be integrated into the project: up to 0.25 points.

**3.** Assessment of the candidate's host group: up to 3 points, corresponding to the score assigned to the thesis supervisor, obtained in the output part of the most recent research academic commitment plan (PDA) within the application period. Staff who have not been assessed in the current PDA will receive a score applying the same PDA assessment criteria in force based on the information of their CV in SIRA on the call's closing date. The scoring system awards 3 points to all supervisors who reach or exceed the upper threshold of their PDA area. For supervisors who have not reached the upper threshold, the following formula is applied:

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

**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, bearing in mind that no programme may receive more than one grant, notwithstanding the specific cases referred to 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 grants will be considered to start automatically on the date that the call for applications is published.

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