



CALL FOR POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH CONTRACTS OF THE MARÍA DE MAEZTU RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF NUTRITION AND FOOD SAFETY (INSA-UB POSTDOC 2024)

The Research Institute of Nutrition and Food Safety of the University of Barcelona (Spain), accredited with the "María de Maeztu" excellence award (CEX2021-001234-M, funded by MCIN/AEI/10.13039/501100011033), launches its Postdoctoral Program aiming at hiring 3 excellent talented researchers who wish to carry out a 2-year stay/postdoctoral research project working in some of the Institute's research lines. Postdoctoral contracts will be covered with budget 2595FA02034000 RN002500, according to the rules described in this document.

This call aims to offer an excellent postdoctoral training program to young researchers of any nationality, attract talent and strengthen the Institute's 3 main research areas, contributing to the training of the new generation of scientific leaders. Candidates must be researchers with excellent and outstanding experience and contributions in their scientific discipline.

Three postdoctoral researchers will be hired, one for each of the 3 main research areas:

- INSA-UB POSTDOC 2024 – Food, Diet and Health
- INSA-UB POSTDOC 2024 – Food Control
- INSA-UB POSTDOC 2024 – Food Innovation & Sustainability

Selection of candidates will be carried out through an independent, transparent and competitive evaluation process.

The call will be divided into 2 phases:

A) Publication of postdoctoral positions offers by INSA-UB research groups

- Postdoctoral positions will be offered by INSA-UB research groups, following the specific [POSITION OFFER FORM](#), which can be obtained from the website of the Faculty of Pharmacy and Food Sciences and Torribera Campus
- Each INSA-UB research group will be able to publish one offer.
- Offers must be linked to one of the 3 main research areas: 1) Food, diet and health, 2) Food control and 3) Food innovation and sustainability.
- Offers must be supported by a funded research project.
- Postdoctoral offer forms must be sent by email to insa.campusalimentacio@ub.edu until November 20th 2023.

B) Application procedure (draft)

Postdoctoral positions will be called by the University of Barcelona according to internal procedures and published at the Electronic Office of the UB, according to the information provided below.

B.1 Requirements for applicants

- The call is open to candidates of any nationality.



- The call for applications is intended for researchers who finished their doctoral degree up to seven years prior to the application deadline.
- In case of interruption of the research activity between the date PhD degree and the application deadline, the period in which the doctoral degree must have been obtained may be extended beyond seven years for the following reasons, as long as they are duly certified by means of an official document:
 - Illness or accident resulting in a leave of absence of three months or more. An extension may be granted for the number of months duly justified.
 - Maternity/Paternity. An extension of 1 year may be granted for each child born after the date of the PhD defense. If the candidate can justify longer maternity/paternity leave, the eligibility period will be extended accordingly.
 - Mandatory national service: an extension can be requested for the number of months demonstrated.
- Applicants will have to choose one of the postdoctoral positions offered by INSA-UB and contact the supervisor responsible for the offer to obtain their approval to submit the application for that position.

B.2 Fellowship amount and conditions

- The duration of the contracts will be one year, renewable for an additional year, with full-time dedication, and the gross salary will be 25.340,04 €/year.
- Contracts will not be compatible with other postdoctoral contracts/fellowships.

B.3 Application and forms

- The [APPLICATION FORM](#) can be obtained from the website of the Electronic Office of the University of Barcelona.
- The application must include the following documents (in English and pdf format):
 - Application form. In the application form, the candidate will indicate which of the postdoctoral project he/she has selected and will contain approval of the INSA-UB supervisor for the offer. By signing the application form, the applicant commits to comply with the requirements detailed in these rules.
 - [CURRICULUM VITAE](#) of the candidate using to the template that can be obtained at the website of the Electronic Office of the University of Barcelona.
 - Photocopy of the document certifying the date of PhD defense.
 - If a candidate alleges an exception due to interruption of research activity, as described in the Call for Applications, relevant supporting documents must be provided.

B.4 Selection process

- Applications will be evaluated by external reviewers from accredited assessment agencies and will be awarded on a competitive basis. The María de Maeztu Executive Committee of the INSA-UB will be responsible for monitoring the call, guaranteeing that candidates comply with all specific requirements, and may leave the call empty in case the following criteria are not met.



- Evaluation criteria for candidates (max 100 points):

Criteria	Points
1. Scientific Excellence of CV	0-60
1a. Publications and scientific contributions	0-35
1b. Conferences	0-5
1c. Supervision and training of students	0-10
1d. Fellowships, awards and other merits	0-10
2. International experience and mobility (Research stays at centers or universities)	0-20
3. Research experience (participation, leading and potential) in competitive research projects (ERC, EU H2020, Marie Curie Fellowships, etc), transfer projects and contracts, etc.	0-20

- INSA-UB fully endorses and shares the principles of the San Francisco Declaration on Research Assessment ([SFDORA](#)), by which it discourages evaluators to rely only on journal-based metrics (such as Journal Impact Factors) as a surrogate measure for the quality of individual research articles. For the purposes of research assessment, INSA-UB considers the value of all research outputs, including qualitative indicators of research impact.
- Candidate must reach a minimum score of 65 points.
- The best candidate will be selected for each one of the 3 research areas of INSA-UB.

B.5 Acceptance of the call and obligations of the selected candidates

- An acceptance form must be signed by the selected candidates. This signature indicates their acceptance of conditions of INSA-UB postdoctoral program. Non-acceptance will entail the resignation.
- Selected candidates comply to acknowledge INSA-UB in their affiliation and include the following statement in any publication/communication derived from their research: "Supported by María de Maeztu Unit of Excellence (Research Institute of Nutrition and Food Safety, INSA-UB, University of Barcelona), Grant CEX2021-001234-M, funded by MCIN/AEI /10.13039/501100011033", as well as the María de Maeztu INSA-UB logo, if applicable.
- Selected candidates will provide to the INSA-UB director an annual scientific report in English, as well as any other information that INSA-UB deems necessary.
- Selected candidates will present their results in an oral presentation format during the INSA-UB Annual Workshop, the meeting of the Institute's Scientific Advisory Committee, or in another forum if the management of INSA-UB requires it.

B.6 Information regarding the processing of personal data

- Data controller is the General Secretariat of the University of Barcelona, with postal address Gran Via de les Corts Catalanes, 585, 08007 Barcelona and email address secretaria.general@ub.edu.



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- The purpose of processing personal data is to manage this call that finance the recruitment of postdoctoral researchers at INSA-UB.
- The legal basis for the processing of any personal data is the fulfillment of a mission carried out in the public interest based on what is established by Organic Law 6/2001, of December 21, on Universities and Law 1/2003, of February 19, of universities in Catalonia; Law 38/2003, of November 17, General Subsidies; Royal Decree 1721/2007, of 21 December, which establishes the regime for scholarships and personalized study grants. The data collected are necessary to carry out the aforementioned treatments.
- Data will be kept for the time necessary to fulfil the purpose for which they were collected and to determine the possible responsibilities that could be derived.
- The recipient of your personal data is the University itself and those in charge of processing your data on behalf of the University, if applicable. No transfer of data to third parties is envisaged, unless there is a legal obligation to do so. In this case, only the necessary data will be sent.
- Applicants can access to the data, request data rectification, data erasure and data portability, and request objection or restriction of processing. You can write to the General Secretary at the postal address Gran Via de les Corts Catalanes, 585, 08007 Barcelona, or at the email address secretaria.general@ub.edu, attaching a copy of your DNI or any other appropriate identity document.
- If you consider that your rights were not attended well enough, you can contact with UB's Data Protection Officer: protecciodedades@ub.edu. Gran Via de les Corts Catalanes, 585, 08007 Barcelona.
- Applicants can lodge a complaint with the Catalan Data Protection Authority.
- With the submission of an application form, the applicant declares to have read this right of information and, in the event that he/she provides personal data of third parties, he/she undertakes to provide them with the content of this rule.

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Contra aquesta resolució, que esgota la via administrativa, independentment de la seva immediata executivitat, els interessats legítims poden interposar recurs contenciós administratiu davant del Jutjat Contenciós Administratiu de Barcelona, d'acord amb l'art. 8 de la Llei 29/1998, de 13 de juliol, reguladora de la jurisdicció contenciosa administrativa. El recurs es podrà interposar en



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el termini de dos mesos, a comptar des de l'endemà de la notificació de la resolució, segons el que estableix l'article 46 de l'esmentada Llei.

No obstant, els interessats legítims podran, potestativament, interposar recurs de reposició en el termini d'un mes, a comptar des del dia següent al de la notificació d'aquesta resolució, de conformitat amb l'article 123 i següents de la Llei 39/2015, d'1 d'octubre, del Procediment Administratiu Comú de les Administracions Públiques. Cas d'interposar aquest, els interessats legítims no podran presentar el recurs contenciós administratiu fins que sigui resolt expressament o s'hagi produït la desestimació presumpta del recurs de reposició.

Altrament, els interessats legítims podran interposar qualsevol altre recurs que creguin convenient en defensa dels seus drets.