

JORDI GRAS CALL 2021 FOR RESIDENTS AT PARC DE SALUT MAR

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Since 1993, the PSMAR Teaching Commission, together with the Hospital del Mar Medical Research Institute (IMIM) has been running an initiative addressed to the residents (MIR) at Parc de Salut MAR (PSMAR) who are completing their training period, to incorporate them into existing IMIM research projects.

For the fourteenth year, these grants will take the form of an employment contract that will ensure that residents with a research vocation have the real possibility of obtaining training in this area.

In 2021, three one-year research grants will be awarded. This year, the three grants will be co-financed by the IMIM and the candidate's Group/Service/Programme.

Priority will be given to candidates with the prospect of being integrated into the workplace and continuing in the PSMAR clinical services.

⇒ Aim of the call

The aim of the call is to promote research training for residents who can help strengthen the critical research mass at the PSMAR.

⇒ Recipients

PSMAR residents who finish their residence in 2021 and who are part of the research groups of IMIM, may apply. In exceptional cases, PSMAR residents who have completed their residence in previous years may also apply.

Priority will be given to those candidates who have applied to the Rio Hortega contract call. The beneficiaries of this call must apply to the 2022 Rio Hortega contract call (if they meet the requirements).

The application must be endorsed and signed by the principal investigator of the research project and also by the candidate's supervisor, who must have a doctoral degree or accredited experience in research and belong to one of the IMIM research groups. Principal investigators and supervisors may or may not be the same person, but the principal investigator should be an IMIM researcher. Supervisors may be from another institution as long as they are part of the project research team. Supervisors will only be able to register as such on one proposal.

⇒ Project requirements

The projects must be ongoing, have a principal investigator from the IMIM, be registered at the IMIM and have funding (priority will be given to projects that have competitive funding and that are ongoing throughout the term of the grant). The candidate should explain their role in the project.

Only one candidate can be presented per project.

⇒ Contract Conditions

The contract shall be formalised through Parc de Salut Mar (IMIM Centre); it shall be a full-time contract with a salary of €26,875.75 per year, divided into 12 monthly payments (total cost of contract €34,343.84). It shall be for one year and the candidate shall begin the placement on 1 September, 2021. If the candidate has not assumed the post by this date, without justification, the grant may be cancelled. Depending on budget availability, the grant may be funded primarily through the agreement that Foundation of the Hospital del Mar Medical Research Institute (Fundació IMIM) has signed with the Department of Health of the Generalitat de Catalunya or through the Foundation's own resources. Fifty per cent of the gross salary of the awardee must be provided by the Service/Group/Program of that candidate.

This grant is incompatible with any other type of public employment contract, with the exception of being on call, which can be a maximum of 4 times per month or the equivalent in attendance hours. In either case these will be paid by the candidate's Service and/or Research Group.

⇒ Documentation and Deadline

Candidates should submit their application and documentation to the IMIM Call and Grant Management Service no later than 15 April, 2021, at 1 pm (email: recerca@imim.es; an electronic signature is mandatory (COMB certificate, FNMT or DNIE)).

The following documentation must be received:

- Full application form, which should be signed by the candidate, the supervisor and the principal investigator (PI) of the research project.
- CV of the candidate (preferably in CVA format).
- Academic record of the candidate.
- CV of the supervisor (preferentially in CVA format) for the last 5 years, including the main publications with all the authors listed.
- Rio Hortega grant documentation (in the case this has been submitted).
- An overview of the research project to be carried out by the candidate, including the following sections: objectives, method, expected results, and the possibilities for publishing results derived from the placement or continued collaboration with the research project. This shall be a maximum of three pages long. (a memory template is provided)
- A presentation letter from the candidate signed by the supervisor. The letter should state whether the funded research project is the thesis project of the candidate or not. If their thesis is being carried out in another project, the letter should state the links with the project for which this grant has been awarded.
- Report by the Head of Service endorsing the proposal and setting out the possible prospects for integrating the candidate into the PSMAR staff.
- A signed commitment by the Head of Service/Group/Programme to pay 50% of the cost of the gross salary of the grant, €13,437.92). (Included on the application form).

⇒ Evaluation and Resolution

The PSMAR Research Commission (CR-PSMAR) in the presence of the chair of the PSMAR Teaching Commission, or the person they so delegate, shall evaluate the merits of the candidates, supervisors, and project based on the documentation presented and the following criteria:

- 1) The scientific quality of the supervisor and the other members of the candidate's research group according to their CV (publications and competitive and non-competitive projects). Score (1 to 10).
- 2) Scientific quality of the candidate according to their CV (publications and competitive and non-competitive projects). Score (1 to 10).

3) Scientific quality and interest-level of the project, clarity of the objectives and quality of the method. Priority will be given to applications linked to projects funded by the European Commission. Collaboration with other IMIM research groups, and alignment with the IMIM's priority research lines will get higher scores. Score (1 to 10).

4) Other issues: the participation of other residents in the research (R-3, R-4, R-5) will be taken into account. The aim of this placement is to facilitate the integration of other residents into research and promote the continuity of projects. If the supervisors have already supervised other Jordi Gras grant awardees, the commission shall pay special attention to the achievement of the objectives, the performance of these previous grants, and the timely submission of reports.

5) The candidates will be summoned to a meeting of the PSMAR Research Commission in May for a hearing on their proposal.

Once the assessment is complete, the CR-PSMAR will send a priority proposal for the award to the IMIM Director who makes the final decision.

The resolution will be published on the PSMAR and IMIM intranets in the second half of May 2021.

⇒ Follow-up and reporting

Once the grant period is over, and within a maximum of one month, the beneficiary shall submit a signed report of the activities carried out for the CR-PMAR through the IMIM Call and Grant Management Service. These reports must also be signed by the supervisor who will be responsible for the fulfilment of this requirement.

For the three years following the completion of the grant, the supervisor should inform the CR-PSMAR of all scientific production generated (publications, projects, patents, etc.) and whether the candidate has obtained their doctoral degree.