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CALL CONDITIONS

1/ Description

The Joan Rodés-Josep Baselga Advanced Research Contracts are aimed at specialists in the Health Sciences, with experience in research, who wish to further their scientific specialization by undertaking a specific project in the areas of **Oncology** or **Neurodegenerative Diseases**.

These contracts, to be awarded annually over a threeyear period to candidates with a profile of demonstrable excellence, bear the names of doctors Joan Rodés and Josep Baselga, in recognition of two exceptionally innovative and transformative figures in biomedicine, whose many contributions remain present today in numerous facets of the best clinical practice and advanced translational research.

2/ Object

Two research contracts will be awarded to two professionals with a strong clinical and/or translational research profile, one in the field of Oncology and the other in the field of Neurodegenerative Diseases.

The research projects should be of a clinical and/or translational nature and will be carried out in coordination between Hospital Clínic and a leading foreign center, selected by mutual agreement with the head of the Medical Oncology or Neurology service (depending on the project topic) at Hospital Clínic.

The research contract will have a duration of 3 years and will entail a stay in the selected foreign center for a period of between 1 and 2 years.

3/ Applicants

Applicants will be individuals of Spanish nationality, regardless of place of residence, or non-Spanish nationals with stable or long-term residence in Spain, with a track record of scientific research in the clinical and/or translational space, and demonstrating a particular research interest in Oncology or Neurodegenerative Diseases.

Candidates should be aged under 40 at the time of applying and be specialized in an area of the Health Sciences, with no more than 5 years having elapsed from the completion of their specialty healthcare training. They should also have completed their PhD thesis and hold the academic title of doctor.

The heads of the Medical Oncology and Neurology services at Hospital Clínic will designate a tutor from among this institution's preeminent professionals, who will supervise the development of the project, participating in the selection of the associated foreign centers and liaising with the same.

4/ Amount of funding

Each research contract will be for an annual amount of **100,000 euros**, breaking down as 65,000 euros gross salary and 35,000 euros to fund travel and accommodation expenses, the purchase of consumables and other project-related costs required for its execution. All such outlays must be itemized and justified in the project description.





5/ How to apply

Applications will comprise the following documents:

- 1. **Application form** completed and signed by the applicant, to include:
- Personal details
 - Name and surname
- DNI/Passport (with copy attached)
- · Date of birth
- Nationality: non-national applicants should provide documentation accrediting their stable or longterm residence in Spain: registration certificate of Union citizen, foreign nationals' identity card (TIE), residence authorization card issued under Law 14/2013 of September 27 on support for entrepreneurs and their internationalization, and municipal record of residence certificate, as appropriate.
- Completion date of specialty healthcare training
- Specialty (attach copy of specialty certificate)
- Date of award of PhD (attach copy of PhD degree certificate or proof of application for the issue of the same)
- Contact details
 - Postal address
- Phone no.
- Email address
- Area applied for: "Oncology" or "Neurodegenerative Diseases"
- **Reasons** for applying (maximum 1000 characters with spaces)
- 2. **Curriculum vitae** automatically generated from the **CVN editor** of FECYT-Ministerio de Ciencia e Innovación.

- 3. A letter of reference from a researcher or expert in the relevant field who has a direct knowledge of the applicant's contributions. This letter must be sent directly by its signatory to the email address ayudas-investigacion@fbbva.es before the deadline for submissions.
- 4. **Description of the research project** to be carried out, using the **template** provided.

6/ Submission deadline and procedures

The period for submitting applications will run from **October 15, 2021 to December 15, 2021**, at 18:00, Spanish standard time.

Applicants may complete their applications and attach the required documentation in Spanish, Catalan or English.

All applications should be submitted to the email address **ayudas-investigacion@fbbva.es** with the applicant's name stated in the subject line. If the application contains correctable errors, the BBVA Foundation will inform the applicant to this effect, so they may correct them within 10 calendar days of this notification, as a precondition for the application to enter the evaluation process.

7/ Evaluation process

The process of selecting candidates and awarding the research contracts will be in the charge of an evaluation committee made up of 10 experts of acknowledged prestige in the realm of clinical and/or translational research.

The BBVA Foundation and Hospital Clínic de Barcelona will each appoint an equal number of committee members. The committee will be chaired by a representative of Hospital Clínic who will also have a casting vote.

The evaluation committee will assess applicants against the following main criteria:

- The applicant's CV profile
- The research project submitted

The committee will arrive at its decision independently, relying on the best standards applicable to research in the areas of Oncology and Neurodegenerative Diseases.

8/ Resolution

The resolution of the call will be publicly announced no later than **January 30, 2022.**

The call may be declared wholly or partially vacant and the evaluation committee's decision will not be open to appeal.

Once the call has been resolved, the names of the research contract recipients and the membership of the evaluation committee will be published on the websites of the BBVA Foundation and Hospital Clínic.

There will be no further correspondence or communication with applicants who were not among those selected. No itemized or individual information will be provided on either the applications received or the deliberations of the evaluation committee.

9/ Formal documentation

Research contract awardees must sign an acceptance statement **before February 15**, **2022**. The start of research work under the contract must take place within three months of the signing of this statement.

10/ Acceptance

This call for applications will comply with the provisions of current legislation on the protection of personal data.

The act of participating in this call signifies the acceptance of its conditions and resolution, which will not be open to appeal, and the renunciation of any claim in its respect.

Exceptionally, the BBVA Foundation and Hospital Clínic reserve the right to make changes in the wording of these conditions for the sole purpose of clarifying their content, without such changes in any case implying a substantial or arbitrary alteration of the same. The text of the conditions will be available on the websites of the Foundation, www.fbbva.es/en, and Hospital Clínic, www.clinicbarcelona.org/en.

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