

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1 | APPLICANT PROFILE

Who are the contracts for?

- These contracts are aimed at Health Sciences specialists with research experience who wish to advance in their scientific specialty by carrying out a specific project in the areas of **Oncology** or **Neurodegenerative Diseases**.

What academic qualifications do applicants need?

- They must have completed their doctoral thesis and hold a PhD degree.

Is there an age limit for applicants in this call?

- Yes, candidates must be aged **under forty** at the time of applying.

Can someone enter this call if currently unemployed?

- Yes, provided the applicant meets the requirements stated in the call conditions.

Are these contracts confined to researchers who are Spanish nationals?

- No. The call is open to individuals of Spanish nationality regardless of their place of residence, but also nationals of other countries who can prove stable or long-term residence in Spain.

Can a Spanish national apply for a contract while living abroad?

- Yes.

Can someone applying under this call also enter other BBVA Foundation calls?

- Yes, there is no incompatibility with applying for other BBVA Foundation grants or funding.

Can beneficiaries of a Leonardo Grant or members of a team in receipt of a BBVA Foundation Grant for Research Teams apply for one of the contracts in this call?

- Yes.

How can non-Spanish nationals accredit residence in Spain?

- Non-nationals should provide a Union citizen registration certificate, a foreign nationals' residence card (TIE), a residence authorization card issued under Law 14/2013 of September 27 on support for entrepreneurs and their internationalization, and a municipal record of residence certificate, as appropriate.
- Long-term residence is regulated by Organic Law 4/2000 of January 11 on the rights and freedoms of foreigners in Spain and their social integration (article 32) (BOE no. 10 of January 12, 2000), and Royal Decree 557/2011 of 20 April (articles 155 and 156), approving the Regulation of Organic Law 4/2000 (BOE no. 103 of April 30, 2011. Corrected in BOE no. 145 of June 18, 2011).

- Long-term residence in Spain can be substantiated by the possession of foreign national ID cards that specify that the bearer has the status of long-term resident. Citizens can obtain such cards upon application via the corresponding official forms, accrediting their compliance with the pertinent legal requirements.

How does one apply for residence papers or the foreign nationals' identity card (TIE)?

- Those meeting the requirements can apply for residence papers to the Policía Nacional. For more information, consult the links below:
1/ EU citizens, citizens of the [European Economic Area and Switzerland](#), and [family members](#) who are not nationals of any of the above.
2/ [Non-EU](#) citizens.

2 | CONTRACT DETAILS

How many research contracts will be awarded under this call?

- **Two contracts:** one in the area of Oncology and the other in Neurodegenerative Diseases.

What does the contract specify regarding the nature and location of the associated research projects?

- 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).

How long is the contract for?

- Research contracts have a duration of 3 years and will entail a stay in the selected foreign center of between 1 and 2 years.

When does the contract come into effect?

- Research contract awardees must sign an acceptance statement before February 15, 2022. The start of the research work must take place within three months of the date of signature.

What is the monetary amount of contracts?

- Each research contract will be for an annual amount of 100,000 euros.
- This sum will be distributed as 65,000 euros gross salary and 35,000 euros to fund travel and accommodation expenses, as well as 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.

3 | HOW TO APPLY

How do I go about submitting an application under this call?

- All applications must be submitted via the email address ayudas-investigacion@bbva.es, with the candidate's name stated in the subject line.

Can a candidate submit more than one application?

- No.

How long is the call open for submissions?

- From October 15, 2021 to December 15, 2021 at 18:00, Spanish standard time.

What documentation is required?

- The signed [application form](#), the candidate's [curriculum vitae](#), the [description of the project](#) submitted in the call, and a letter of reference.

In what languages can I apply?

- Application forms and all other documentation can be submitted in Spanish, Catalan or English.

And the letter of reference?

- Likewise in Spanish, Catalan or English.
- The letter must be provided by 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.

What is the right format for submitting the curriculum vitae?

- Curriculum vitae will be as automatically generated from the [CVN](#) editor of FECYT-Ministerio de Ciencia e Innovación.

Is a template available for preparing the project description?

- Yes, a dedicated form for the project description is available from the BBVA Foundation [website](#). Required contents are:
 - 1/ Structured summary (Rationale, design, study subjects, interventions, expected results, analyses to be conducted)
 - 2/ Research and healthcare activity to be undertaken in connection with the proposed project. Lines of research involved
 - 3/ Project description. Summary of the current state of knowledge
 - 4/ Working hypothesis
 - 5/ Objectives
 - 6/ Methods
 - 7/ Work program
 - 8/ Ethical considerations. Include as an annex the patient information sheet and informed consent form, where applicable, describe protocols established for data protection and sample collection and storage, the submission made to the Animal Testing Ethics Committee, etc.
 - 9/ Expected benefits
 - 10/ Project budget

Will there be a chance to correct errors after the submission period has closed?

- Yes. If the application contains errors that can be corrected, the BBVA Foundation will inform the applicant so that, within 10 calendar days of this notification, they may correct them, as an essential condition for the application to be taken into consideration in the evaluation process.

How will the awardees be selected?

- 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

When will the call resolution be made public?

- The call resolution will be made public 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.