

**CALL FOR RESEARCH PROJECTS FOR LA MARATÓ 2022 CARDIOVASCULAR HEALTH**

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**1. Can any investigator present a project?**

- Only those who hold a doctorate.
- Those who work in public centres or not-for-profit organisations.
- The principal investigator in the case of unitary projects, and the principal co-ordinating investigator in the case of co-ordinated projects and the principal investigators of the subprojects, who at the moment of presenting the application of the project to this call have a current project funded by the Fundació La Marató de TV3 cannot apply to this call, although they may form part of a team as collaborating investigators.
- Exceptionally, presentation of proposals will be accepted from principal investigators who have an active project of the Marató 2020 call dedicated to Covid-19, provided that it is not the same project funded by the Fundació and does not affect the completion of the active agreement signed or the schedule for completion.

**2. Types of projects.**

- Unitary project. A unitary project is understood to be one that has single beneficiary principal investigator (PI).
- Co-ordinated project. A co-ordinated project is understood to be one that has different beneficiary principal investigators (PI) and, therefore, different subprojects that are represented by one of the beneficiaries and by the centre where this beneficiary performs the research, who shall be the interlocutor (co-ordinating principal investigator) with the Foundation and shall be the channel of communication with the Foundation

**3. Which projects are considered active?**

A project is considered to be active until

- Its final scientific and financial reports have been presented.

- the corresponding act of social return of La Marató of TV3, or any form of presentation of results that The Foundation may deem appropriate, has been held and participated in.
- Remaining financial resources, if any, have been returned.
- The closure of the project has been validated by the Foundation.

#### **4. Who is a principal investigator?**

A principal investigator is understood to be: the investigator who leads a unitary project or the investigators who lead the subprojects in co-ordinated projects.

#### **5. In the co-ordinated projects, who is a co-ordinating principal investigator?**

- The co-ordinating principal investigator will be the head and co-ordinator of the subprojects.
- He or she must present his or her own subproject together with those of the other principal investigators.

#### **6. How many times can the same investigator apply to the call?**

The investigators may only participate in this call as:

- PI 1 PROJECT: An investigator may present himself or herself as principal investigator in a single project or subproject.
- PI 1 PROJECT + MEMBER OF RESEARCH TEAM: An investigator may present himself or herself as principal investigator in a single project or subproject, and also as a member of the research team of another project or subproject.
- MEMBER OF RESEARCH TEAM IN 1 OR 2 PROJECTS: An investigator may form part of one or two research teams of projects or subprojects

#### **7. Can an investigator who is working in an active project for the Foundation present a project?**

- If he or she is the principal investigator of an active project or subproject, he or she may apply as a member of the research team of another project.
- If he or she is a member of the research team of an active project, he or she may apply as a principal investigator of a project or as a member of the research team of a project.
- If he or she is already participating in two active projects, he or she may NOT apply to any project of this call.

## **8. Requirements to be met by the principal investigators:**

- Applications may be presented, as persons in charge of the scientific and technical execution of the research projects to which conditions refer, the principal investigator in the case of unitary projects, co-ordinating principal investigators in the case of co-ordinated projects, who do their research work in public centres or not for profit organisations that have the necessary infrastructure, who work mainly within the territorial limits set out in the statutes of the Foundation., who hold the academic qualification of a doctorate, who can prove a professional career of excellence in research with:
  - 5 publications (in the field of cardiovascular health) in first-quartile Q1 journals during the last 5 years.  
or
  - 2 publications in first or last author position (in the field of cardiovascular health) in first-quartile Q1 Journals during the last 5 years.
- Publications as members of consortia will not be considered as individual publications of the principal investigators.
- In the case of a subproject with co-ordinator, the subprojects do not have to meet this last requirement.
- All the investigators principal of subprojects must have a doctorate.
- The principal co-ordinating investigator in the case of co-ordinated projects or the investigators of the subprojects, must be in active employment throughout the duration of the project.

## **9. How should the project be presented?**

- The application of the scientific party to take part in the call must be presented in English with a summary in Catalan, in digital support.
- The application shall be presented by the principal investigator or co-ordinating principal investigator of the project and the legal representative of the centre or co-ordinating centre.
- The conditions and the declaration of responsibility must be presented duly signed by all the investigators and by the legal representatives of their centres. They must be presented with digital signature within the deadline of the call.
- Participation in this call implies total acceptance of the conditions.
- These conditions will already be in the application of the selected centre and will be signed by the responsible person of the centre, the PI must sign and attach them.

- The conditions should be signed only once, in the language that is chosen. Catalan/Spanish/English.
- These conditions signed by the head of the centre will be used for all projects of the same centre.
- The digital forms will be available at the address:  
<http://www.entitats.ajutsmarato.com> (Register Organisations/Centres)  
<http://www.ajutsmarato.com> (Register Investigators)
- No applications made through other channels will be accepted.
- In the online application all the necessary documents must be attached, in PDF format.
- Every centre that participates in the call must enter telematically the data and administrative documents of its institution.
- If the centre has already presented projects in previous editions, it may access the application, where it will find the documentation presented previously. In this case it must validate and change the relevant documents (statement by representative 1, statement by representative 2, ... ) to adapt them to the requirements of this call.

#### **10. The administrative part of the application to be completed by the centres is:**

##### **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION OF THE CENTRE (one presentation per centre)**

IDENTIFICATION OF THE ORGANISATION / Completed form

STATEMENT BY REPRESENTATIVE 1 / Completed + digital signature of the manager of the Centre

STATEMENT BY REPRESENTATIVE 2 / Completed + digital signature of the manager of the Centre

TAX CERTIFICATE (up to date)

SOCIAL SECURITY CERTIFICATE (up to date)

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION (By-laws or deeds)

POWERS OF REPRESENTATION (legal representative power of attorney)

IDENTIFICATION OF THE PERSONS / legal representative

TAX ID / Company ID number

Declaration of Real Ownership

CONDITIONS OF THIS COMPETITION / Conditions signed digitally by the legal representative of the Centre /

**These conditions signed by the head of the centre will be used for all projects of the same centre.**

**\*\* If the centres are not resident in Spain, this point shall be accredited by means of equivalent documents in English.**

## **11. Project Investigators**

- The signature and data of the applicant PI are not required.
- In this section, exceptionally, handwritten signatures will be accepted as well as many pages as may be necessary.

## **12. In co-ordinated projects, does the co-ordinator administer the money?**

- No, each subproject must present its own budget and manage it, under the terms of the agreement that will govern the grant.
- In the case of a grant being awarded, each investigator centre will manage his or her own budget and will be responsible for it.

## **13. Research Committee:**

The principal investigator in the case of unitary projects, and the co-ordinating principal investigator in the case of co-ordinated projects and the principal investigators of each subproject must have in the moment of the presentation:

Report from the Research Committee or equivalent body of the centre to which the principal investigator who has to declare the viability of the projects in all its terms belongs.

If this document is not available in the moment of the formalisation of the application, a certificate must be provided that accredits that this application has been presented.

## **14. Report from the Clinical Research Ethics Committee of the centre (CREC)**

The principal investigator in the case of unitary projects, and the co-ordinating principal investigator in the case of co-ordinated projects and the principal investigators of each subproject must have in the moment of the presentation:

**Report from the Clinical Research Ethics Committee of the centre (CREC)** which must state the approval and viability in all its terms. This report will only be required of the principal investigator in the case of unitary projects, and the principal co-ordinating investigator in the case of co-ordinated projects and the principal investigators of each subproject, whose project, after the resolution of the call, is favourable for funding.

At the moment of the application, the principal investigators must have a pending evaluation letter, with the commitment of the centre, that the project has been sent to the CREC for its evaluation.

In the pending evaluation letter, the investigator must give a signed commitment that the CREC with the approval and viability in all its terms, will be presented after receiving

the communication of the resolution of the call. The deadline for presentation of the final, approved Report from the Clinical Research Ethics Committee of the centre (CREC) will be 31 December 2023. If in this term this document is not available, the project will not be funded and the grant will be awarded to the project of the reserve list of projects in order.

If this is not necessary because of the type of research/nature of the projects, this must be justified by means of a document signed by the centre.

## **15. Report from the Animal Experimentation Committee**

The principal investigator in the case of unitary projects, and the co-ordinating principal investigator in the case of co-ordinated projects and the principal investigators of each subproject must have in the moment of the presentation:

**Report from the Animal Experimentation Committee** of the centre which must state the approval and viability in all its terms. This report will only be required of the principal investigator in the case of unitary projects, and the principal co-ordinating investigator in the case of co-ordinated projects and the principal investigators of each subproject, whose project, after the resolution of the call, is favourable for funding.

At the moment of the application, the principal investigators must have a pending evaluation letter, with the commitment of the centre, that the project has been sent to the Animal Experimentation Committee for its evaluation.

In the pending evaluation letter, the investigator must give a signed commitment that the Animal Experimentation Committee with the approval and viability in all its terms, will be presented after receiving the communication of the resolution of the call. The deadline for presentation of the final, approved Report from the Animal Experimentation Committee of the centre will be 31 December 2023. If in this term this document is not available, the project will not be funded and the grant will be awarded to the project of the reserve list of projects in order.

If this is not necessary because of the type of research/nature of the projects, this must be justified by means of a document signed by the centre.

## **16. Deadlines**

- **From 14 February 2023 at 10.00 until 8 March 2023 at 14.00.**
- The co-ordinating investigator may apply for the withdrawal of a proposal that has been presented before the deadline for closing or of the resolution of the call. In this case he or she must send an explanatory communication stating the reason for withdrawal to The Foundation, ([projectesrecerca@ccma.cat](mailto:projectesrecerca@ccma.cat))

## **17. Duration of the projects**

The maximum reference duration of the projects is three years. In case of reasoned necessity this duration may be extended, but never beyond 5 months before the holding of the act of social return or any form of presentation of results that the Fundació may consider, corresponding to the call.

## **18. Amount of grants:**

- The maximum amount of the financial assistance shall not exceed €200,000 for unitary projects. For projects in which two groups participate the maximum amount shall be €300,000. For co-ordinated projects of three or more groups the maximum amount payable shall be €400,000.
- In no case may the participating teams (individually) apply for more than €200,000. The awarded sum includes an item valued at 25% of the total amount, destined to the centre where the investigator performs the research (hereinafter, the centre), for support activities and to foster research and innovation (overheads cost).

## **19. Identification of the centre, why does all this new documentation have to be presented?**

- The justification for requiring this documentation is the need to verify the ability, competence and reliability of the people and entities that respond to the call, in line with the rules and provisions of suitability for contracting with public authorities and fulfilling the obligations under Law 10/2010, of 28 April, of the prevention of money-laundering and financing of terrorism, and its applicable regulations.
- There is no limit on the number of projects presented by any organisation.
- The website has a file of instructions, with advice, for filling in the forms.

## **20. Imputable Expenses**

- If funding is sought for the subcontracting of services, the subcontracting must not exceed the duration of the project.
- Likewise, the items for fungible material, inventoriable material, staff, other expenses, cost per patient, subcontracting, shipping and publications, must be specified in detail in the proposal. In this regard, the awards cannot cover subsistence or daily allowances.
- The item for publications must not have a total amount of €6,000 for each subproject.

- The item for patents must be in line with the needs of the project.
- The following cannot be attributed to the budget of the project: financial remuneration or payment in kind for the volunteers who take part in the projects presented for this call.
- The annual financial items of the budgets of each subproject must be expressed in euros.

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