

JORDI GRAS CALL 2023 FOR RESIDENTS AT PARC DE SALUT MAR

24th May, 2023

Since 1993, the PSMAR Training Commission, in collaboration with the Hospital del Mar Medical Research Institute (IMIM), has been running an initiative aimed at residents (MIR) at Parc de Salut MAR (PSMAR) who are completing their training period. The initiative aims to integrate these residents into existing IMIM research projects.

For the sixth year, these grants will be offered in the form of employment contracts to provide residents with a research vocation the opportunity to receive training in this field. In 2023, up to three one-year research grants will be awarded, with funding provided by both IMIM and the candidate's Research Group or Service.

Priority will be given to candidates who have the potential to be integrated into the workplace and continue working in the PSMAR clinical services.

⇒ Call Objective

The objective of this call is to promote research training for PSMAR residents who can contribute to strengthening the critical research mass at PSMAR.

⇒ Eligibility

PSMAR residents who will complete their residency in 2023 and are part of the research groups at IMIM may apply. In exceptional cases, PSMAR residents who have completed their residency in previous years may also apply. Priority will be given to candidates who have applied to the Rio Hortega contract call for 2023.

The application must be endorsed and signed by the principal investigator of the research project and the candidate's supervisor. The supervisor must hold a doctoral degree or have accredited experience in research and belong to one of the IMIM research groups. The principal investigator and supervisor may or may not be the same person, but the principal investigator must be an IMIM researcher.

⇒ Project Requirements

The projects must be ongoing, have a principal investigator from IMIM, be registered at IMIM, and have funding. Priority will be given to projects with 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 will be formalized through Fundació Institut Hospital del Mar de Investigacions Mèdiques and will be a full-time, one-year contract. The candidate must begin their placement on September 1, 2023. If the candidate does not assume the post by this date without justification, the grant may be cancelled. IMIM will cover up to €23,000 of the cost of the salary per person. The remaining expenses related to the contract must be provided by the host Research Group, and therefore the supervisor should ensure they have the required funding at the time of application. This grant is specifically intended to fund research activities. It will not subsidize clinical activities unless they are directly associated with the research project and this correlation has been clearly delineated in the original grant application.

This grant is incompatible with any other type of public employment contract, except for on-call work, which can be a maximum of four 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 Grants and Contracts Management Service **no later than June 21st 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-ISCI format).
- Academic record of the candidate.
- CV of the supervisor (in the form provided in this call).
- Rio Hortega grant documentation (in 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, impact for society, and the possibilities for publishing results derived from the placement or continued collaboration with the research project. This should be a maximum of three pages long, using the form provided in this call.
- A presentation letter from the candidate signed by the supervisor. The letter should state whether the funded research project is the candidate's thesis project or not.
- A 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 to cover all costs associated with the contract above the €23.000 (included on the application form).

⇒ Evaluation and Resolution

The Clinical Research Committee of IMIM, in the presence of the chair of the PSMAR Teaching Commission or their delegate, will evaluate the candidates, supervisors, and projects based on the documentation presented and the following criteria:

1. The scientific quality of the supervisor and other members of the candidate's research group, as reflected in their CV, including presentations at conferences, courses, external rotations at other centers, publications, and competitive and non-competitive projects. Score (1 to 10).
2. The scientific quality of the candidate, as reflected in their CV, including publications and competitive and non-competitive projects. Score (1 to 10).
3. The scientific quality and interest level of the project. 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 receive higher scores. Priority will also be given to applicants who have applied to the current Rio Hortega call. Score (1 to 10).
4. Other factors, such as the participation of other residents in the research (R-3, R-4, R-5), will also 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 supervisors have previously supervised Jordi Gras grant awardees, the commission will pay special attention to the achievement of objectives, the performance of these previous grants, and the timely submission of reports.

Once the assessment is complete, the Clinical Research Committee of IMIM will send a priority proposal for the award to the IMIM Director, who will make the final decision. The resolution will be published on the PSMAR and IMIM intranets in June 2023.

⇒ Follow-up and Reporting

Within one month after the grant period is over, the beneficiary must submit a signed report on the activities carried out to the Clinical Research Committee of IMIM through the IMIM Grants and Contracts Management Service. The supervisor will also need to sign the report to ensure compliance with this requirement.

For the three years following the completion of the grant, the supervisor should inform the Clinical Research Committee of IMIM of all scientific production generated, including publications, projects, and patents. They should also report whether the candidate has obtained their doctoral degree (this information should be sent to excellence@imim.es)