



THE MARTÍ I FRANQUÈS PROGRAMME OF RESEARCH GRANTS

2012 COMPETITION

URV–FCT GRANT PROGRAMME FOR TRAINEE RESEARCHERS (BPIF URV–FCT)

Annex to the conditions of the public competition for the awarding of predoctoral research grants

The Universitat Rovira i Virgili (hereafter URV) and the Fundació Caixa Tarragona of the Caixa d'Estalvis de Catalunya, Tarragona i Manresa, Private Foundation (hereafter FCT) have frequently collaborated in areas of common interest and particular importance for the region and the citizens of the Camp de Tarragona.

To this end, on 1 August 2011 the two institutions signed a specific collaboration agreement, the goal of which is to establish the terms under which the URV and the FCT will work together to set up a joint URV grant programme for trainee researchers that is designed to create and spread knowledge in the priority areas of the sub-campus of the Campus of International Excellence Southern Catalonia (CEICS), which are precisely those of the leading economic activities of the region and its cultural heritage.

In accordance with clause 4 of this agreement, for the academic year 2012-2013 the URV and the Caixa Tarragona Foundation set up four BPIF-URV-FCT grants for doctoral theses in the following areas:

- 1 in Chemistry and Energy,
- 1 in Tourism and Leisure,
- 1 in Nutrition and Health, and
- 1 in Heritage and Culture

The annual competition has two phases:

- In the first phase thesis proposals must be presented by a URV researcher who is participating in an ongoing project that was awarded to his/her research group by means of a competition.

Researchers from research institutes and from technology centres affiliated to the URV can also take part in this phase. Should they wish to do so, the application must be presented jointly with a URV researcher.

All the thesis proposals must be presented in English and will be published in the international media and in the media where the URV usually publishes.



- The second phase consists of the call for applications and subsequent selection of candidates who have been accepted by one of the proposing research groups.

The candidates are responsible for contacting the person who represents the thesis proposal that they have chosen. Each candidate may only select one research project. A research project may be selected by more than one candidate.

Once candidates have been accepted by a research group, they will be evaluated on the basis of the weighted average grade of the academic transcript of their degree or diploma. The average grade will be calculated using the procedure detailed in the conditions of the competition for grants aimed at enabling universities, research centres and hospital foundations to contract new research staff during 2012 (FI-DGR) (DOGC num. 5951, of 29 August 2011).

A prioritized list of the candidates will be published for each area of the CEICS' sub-campuses (Chemistry and Energy, Tourism and Leisure, Nutrition and Health, Heritage and Culture).

The applications will be evaluated and put in order and then presented to a selection committee who will validate the process and award the grant to the best candidate in each area. This committee will be made up of the Vice-Rector for Research and Relations with Health Institutions, a person designated by the Fundació Caixa Tarragona and a member of the Research Management Service who will act as secretary. Once this evaluation has been completed, the URV and the FCT will award the grants accordingly and publish the results of this process in accordance with the relevant regulations, which will be ratified by the Research and Transfer Committee.

Each candidate will have 10 consecutive days in which to accept the grant. If the candidate does not accept the grant within this period, the grant will automatically be offered to the next candidate on the specific list for each area.