

Postdoctoral Junior Leader fellowships in Spain and Portugal

**SELECTION PROCESS RESULTS
INCOMING**
Call 2026

Fellowships





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Incoming postdoctoral fellowships

Addressed to excellent researchers of any nationality to carry out their projects at any university or research center in Spain or Portugal. Eligible candidates must have obtained their PhD 2–7 years before the call deadline and must have resided in Spain (or Portugal) for less than 12 months in the previous three years.

COST

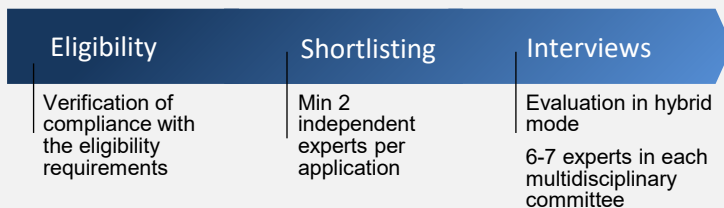
Average cost per fellowship
(3-year duration)

320.100€

BUDGET

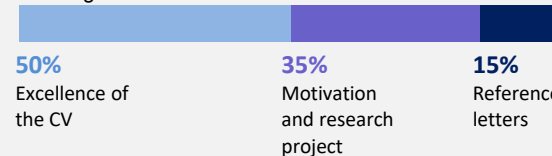
6.402.000€

EVALUATION PROCESS

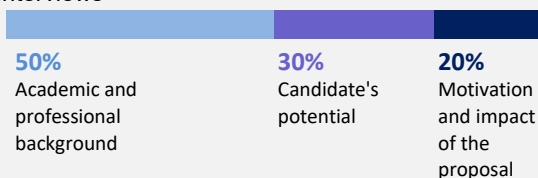


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Shortlisting



Interviews



Postdoctoral Fellowships in Spain and Portugal - Incoming

Average success rate

2026 Call:
5,93%

Average age of the awardees

2026 Call:
34,1

2026 Call Applications

SUBMITTED APPLICATIONS

370 

ELIGIBLE APPLICATIONS

337  33 → Do not fulfil the eligibility criteria of the call

PRE-SELECTED APPLICATIONS

60  277 → Do not pass the pre-selection stage

FELLOWS

20  40 → Do not pass the face-to-face stage

Fellows – Life Sciences

Candidate	Project title	Discipline
Nur Arafeh Dalmau	Resilient seas: Climate Refugia for Kelp Forests	Biodiversity Conservation
Rafael Blanco Domínguez	Delineating $\gamma\delta$ T cell engineering for next-generation colorectal cancer immunotherapy	Immunology
Hina Kosakamoto	Ultrastructural Remodeling of Neuronal Organelles Governing Foraging Decisions	Physiology
Timo Kvamme	Precision Medicine for Depression through Deep Multimodal Biotyping	Psychiatry
Cristina Nuevo Tapioles	Identifying Mitochondrial Vulnerabilities in KRAS-Driven Colorectal Cancer	Cell Biology
Tamara Prieto Fernandez	MosaicRoots: Tracing Somatic Evolution in Human Autoimmunity through Single-Cell Multiomics	Genetics
Carmen Romero Molina	Understanding tau and human microglia interaction in Alzheimer's Disease	Cell Biology
Carolin Sauer	Decoding molecular signatures of cell free DNA to transform cancer detection and monitoring for clinical decision making	Oncology
Roser Vilarrasa Blasi	Unravelling microenvironmental influences in autoimmune-lymphoproliferative immunodeficiencies	Immunology

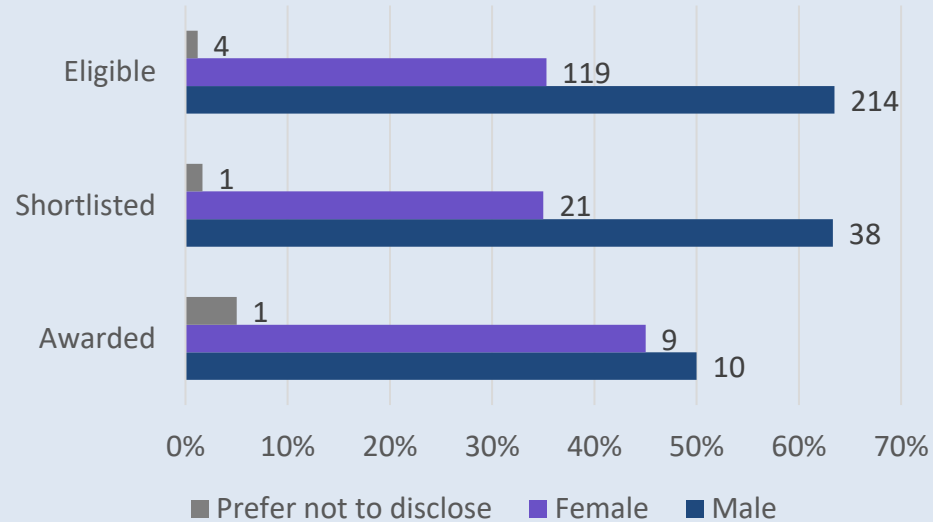
Fellows – Physics, Mathematics and Engineering

Candidate	Project title	Discipline
Lorena Acuña Aguirre	Exo-Smoothie: Are exoplanet interiors well-mixed?	Other Physical Sciences
Stefano Brusco	VENTURA: Climate-Resilient Bridge Design against Extreme Wind Hazards	Civil Engineering and Technology
Beatriz Lozano Torres	PancTher: Ultrasound-responsive metal-organic frameworks (MOFs) for the concomitant local release of antiKRAS oligonucleotides and chemotherapeutics in pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma (PDAC).	Applied Chemistry
Luca Mantani	Empowering precision for New Physics discovery at the LHC	Theoretical and Mathematical Physics
Conor O’Riordan	Strong lensing as the dark matter laboratory of the future	Astronomy and Astrophysics
Ignacio Peis Aznarte	Flow-Based Generative Meta-Learning for Reliable AI in Medicine	Computer Science
Marta Reina Campos	Galactic Evolution Driven by Massive Star Clusters	Astronomy and Astrophysics
Núria Torres Albà	Peering Through the Fog: Understanding Supermassive Black Hole Growth by Characterizing their Environment	Astronomy and Astrophysics
Ramón Torres Cavanillas	Neuromorphic Switching in Engineered 2D Prussian Blue-Based Frameworks (Neuron2DBLue)	Applied Chemistry
Michael Williams	AI-Accelerated Sequential Inference for Next-Generation Gravitational-Wave Astronomy	Other Physical Sciences
Emmanouil Zapartas	SuperNova II Binary ORiGiN (SN2BORN)	Astronomy and Astrophysics

Reserve List

Life Sciences		Physical Sciences, Mathematics and Engineering	
1	Maria Rakka	1	Paulina Majchrzak
2	Pedro Ortega Moreno	2	Antón Baleato Lizancos
3	Andres Aranda Diaz	3	Aristeidis Amvrosiadis
4	Yago Arribas de Sandoval	4	Ferran Esteve Franch
5	Violeta Duran Laforet	5	Lorenzo Agosta
6	Javier Fajardo Nolla	6	Christopher Waechtler
7	Arantxa Maria Larisa Rojas	7	William Barker
8	Carla Calvó Tusell	8	Luca Ciambelli
9	Marotel Marie	9	Adrián Tamayo Serra
10	Davide G. Franchina	10	Yan B. Vogel

Gender distribution by selection process stage



Statistics

Fellows - Years of postdoctoral experience		
Thematics	Average	Min–Max
Life Sciences	3,67	3-6 years
Physics, Mathematics, Chemistry and Engineering	3,73	2-6 years

Success rate per thematic area			
	Eligible	Awarded	Success rate (Awarded / Eligible)
Life sciences	150	9	6,00%
Physics, Mathematics and Engineering	187	11	5,88%

Fellows – Scientific Disciplines

Life Sciences	
Cell Biology	2
Immunology	2
Biodiversity Conservation	1
Physiology	1
Genetics	1
Oncology	1
Psychiatry	1
Total	9

Physics, Mathematics and Engineering	
Astronomy and Astrophysics	4
Applied Chemistry	2
Other Physical Sciences	2
Theoretical and Mathematical Physics	1
Computer Science	1
Civil Engineering and Technology	1
Total	11

Fellows - Nationality

