

Resolution of the Conselleria for Innovation, Universities, Science and the Digital Society announcing the grants for the financial year 2023 for the Talented Researchers Support Programme - GenT Plan.

Order 17/2020, of 21 September, by the Conselleria for Innovation, Universities, Science and the Digital Society, establishes the regulatory rules for awarding grants under the Talented Researchers Support Programme - GenT Plan (DOGV no. 8912, of 24/09/2020). Its Title II regulates the specific provisions according to the type of grant.

Pursuant to the foregoing and in accordance with articles 160.4.b and 166 of Generalitat Law 1/2015, of 6 February, on Public Finance, the Instrumental Public Sector and Grants, it is decided:

One. Purpose and conditions for awarding the grant

1. To offer in 2023 the different grants regulated in Order 17/2020, of 21 September, by the Conselleria for Innovation, Universities, Science and Digital Society, which establishes the regulatory rules for awarding grants under the Talented Researchers Support Programme - Plan GenT published in DOGV no. 8912 on 24/09/2020 (regulatory rules in subsequent references in this order). The following grants are included as appendices to this resolution:

- a) Grants for hiring excellent researchers to undertake an R&D&i project in the Comunitat Valenciana (CIDEAGENT): Appendix I.
- b) Grants for hiring post-doctoral researchers with international experience (CDEAGENT): Appendix II.
- c) Grants for scientific excellence of junior researchers (SEJAGENT): Appendix III.

2. The conditions for application, processing, resolution and notification will be those established in the aforementioned regulatory rules.

Two. Funding and amount of the grants

1. The grants to be offered for 2023 relating to this resolution will be financed from Line S8252000 from Budget Programme 542.50 "Research, Technological Development and Innovation (R&D&i)" from the Generalitat budget for 2023, with an estimated amount of 12,000,000.00 euros, subject to the existence of adequate and sufficient credit for this in the Generalitat budgets for 2023.

2. The maximum amount established in Paragraph 1 can be increased with another amount additional to the total amount when, as a result of the existence of any of the circumstances provided for in Article 58 of the Regulation that develops Law 38/2003, of 17 November, the General Grants Act, as approved by Royal Decree 887/2006, of 21 July, there will be an increase in available credit prior to the award of the aid covered by this resolution.

3. The release of the additional amount is conditional upon declaration that the credit is available as a result of the circumstances outlined above and, where appropriate, on the prior approval of the appropriate budgetary amendment, at a time prior to the resolution of the award.

4. Under all circumstances, the maximum overall amount for 2023, as well as any eventual modifications, will be published in the *Diari Oficial de la Generalitat Valenciana* (Official Journal of the Generalitat Valenciana - DOGV), through a resolution by the Conselleria for Innovation, Universities, Science and Digital Society, as well as on its website, prior to the decision to award, without said publication implying the opening of a period for the submission of new applications or the commencement of a new resolution period.

5. For each annual period, the full amount of the grants announced in this resolution will be paid in advance, if the Generalitat's budget law or other regulations so provide. Otherwise, payment will be made on the basis of proof by the beneficiaries that the activity for which the grant is awarded has been carried out.

6. For advance payment of the grants, the beneficiary organisations must provide a bank guarantee for an amount equal to the amount advanced plus 1 % of the same.

The organisations indicated in Article 171.5 of Generalitat Law 1/2015, of 6 February, on Public Finance, the Instrumental Public Sector and Grants, and in Article 42.2 of Royal Decree 887/2006, of 21 July, which



approves the Regulations to Law 38/2003, of 17 November, the General Grants Act, are exempt from providing this guarantee.

Three. Beneficiaries

The beneficiaries of these grants may be those provided for in the regulatory rules, provided that they meet the requirements laid down therein and those additionally provided for in the appendix corresponding to each type of grant in this call for applications.

Four. Applications and documentation

1. Applications must only be submitted through the procedure established on the Generalitat's online portal, which can be accessed at the URL <https://sede.gva.es/es>. Only the last application submitted within the established deadline will be considered valid for the purposes of processing the documentation.

2. The standardised models to accompany the application will also be available on the website of the Conselleria for Innovation, Universities, Science and Digital Society http://innova.gva.es/es/web/ciencia/convocatories_2023.

3. For all the calls for applications, each grant applied for must be signed by the person legally representing the organisation and the person applying for the grant. This may be replaced if a research centre submits a list of applicants signed by said legal representative, for which purpose they must use the standard form that will be available on the website of the Conselleria for Innovation, Universities, Science and the Digital Society: https://innova.gva.es/es/web/ciencia/convocatories_2023.

Researchers may not submit applications for more than one grant mode from among those included in this resolution. If multiple applications are submitted, only the last application submitted within the deadline will be considered valid.

Five. Deadline and place for application submission

1. The deadline for submitting applications will be between 1 December 2022 and 23 December 2022, both inclusive.

2. The applications and the documentation required for each type of grant will be submitted electronically, through the Generalitat Valenciana website <https://sede.gva.es/es> by means of the corresponding procedure. Applications can be processed with or without a digital certificate.

3. Applications made with a digital certificate, accompanied by all the necessary documentation depending on the type of subsidy in question, will be submitted when all the steps of the online process have been completed.

4. For applications made without a digital certificate, which will be accompanied by all the necessary documentation depending on the type of subsidy in question, after completing all the steps of the online process the application will be printed on paper and, with the original handwritten signature, it will be submitted to one of the registers provided for in Article 16.4 of Law 39/2015, of 1 October, the Common Public Administration Administrative Procedures Act (LPAC).

Postal services abroad, whether public or private, are not valid registers, as stated in Article 16.4 of Law 39/2015 of 1 October. If an application is submitted to one of these services, the date of registration of the application will be the date of its entry in a valid register. Applications submitted to any register other than an entry register will not be accepted.

5. Applications signed and registered in due time and containing both the application forms and the other documents specified as an integral part of the application for each grant in the relevant appendix will be deemed to have been submitted.

Six. Evaluation criteria, deadline for resolution and commencement of activity, notification and appeals

1. The applications will be processed in accordance with the provisions established in the regulatory rules and the award resolution will be made on a competitive basis.



2. The applications submitted will be assessed in accordance with the criteria and scale determined for each grant in Title II of the regulatory rules.
3. In the event of a tie in the total score obtained by the applications during the evaluation process, the issue will be settled in accordance with the provisions laid down in Article 18 of the regulatory rules. The table in Appendix IV shows data available from the Integrated University Information System on gender imbalance by subject area in the State Research Agency.
4. The resolution for the grants under application and the relevant notification will be carried out in accordance with Article 20 of the regulatory rules. The maximum period for resolving the applications submitted and for the award of the grants under this call for applications will be six months from the final deadline for submission of applications. Calculation of this period will be interrupted for the period required for rectification by the interested party. After this period has elapsed without a resolution, the request for the grant will be deemed rejected, in the terms provided for in Articles 25 of the LPAC and 25.5 of Law 38/2003, of November 17, the General Grants Act.
5. The resolutions relating to the grant award procedures, which culminate the administrative process, can be appealed by the interested party by choosing to lodge either an appeal for review with the same body that issued the resolution, in accordance with articles 112, 123 and 124 of the LPAC; or to make a challenge directly before the Administrative Chamber of the Comunitat Valenciana High Court of Justice, within two months counted from the notification, by lodging the corresponding contentious-administrative appeal under articles 10.1.a, and 46.1 of Law 29/1998, of 13 July, regulating the contentious-administrative jurisdiction. Under no circumstances may both appeals be filed simultaneously.
6. For the purposes of the provisions of Article 40.1 of Generalitat Law 1/2015, of 6 February, on public finances, the instrumental public sector and grants, and of Article 6.3.a of the regulatory rules, the beneficiaries of the grants listed in Appendix III must start their activity, without fail, in financial year 2023. For the remaining grants, the beneficiaries will start their activity in 2023 and, where appropriate, in 2024, if the recruitment of the research personnel takes place in that year.

Seven. Personal data Protection

The grants subject to this call for applications require the processing of the personal data relating to the grant applicants, representatives and third parties, in the following terms:

- a) Data controller: Conselleria for Innovation, Universities, Science and Digital Society, with address at Avenida Claude Combaldieu s/n, 03008 Alicante; contact email: protecciodedadesinnovacio@gva.es
- b) Category and origin of the data to be processed: personal identification, contact data and of any other nature that are collected through forms, consultation with Regional Government Interoperability Platforms (PAI) or with other public administrations, should this consultation not be objected to, along with the documentation provided by the applicants and legal representatives.

If the documentation presented contains data from third parties, prior to the communication of these data to the Conselleria, the applicants and legal representatives must inform them their data will be processed by the Conselleria, in the terms provided for in this precept.

- c) Purposes of the processing and legal basis: the legal basis is the performance of a task carried out in the public interest, exercise of public powers and in the fulfilment of the legal obligations in accordance with the regulatory rules for this call and other applicable rules, including those governing electronic filing, the personal data will be processed for the purpose of administering and managing the grant. In compliance with the principles of publicity and transparency, the grants awarded will be published, as appropriate, on the Conselleria website for notification purposes, on the Generalitat Valenciana Transparency Portal and in the National Grant Advertising System, indicating, according to each case, the call for applications, the programme and budget credit to which they are assigned, the beneficiary, amount granted and objective or purpose of the grant.

- d) Data recipients: the personal data may be communicated both to the PAI, to check the applicants' data or socio-economic situation envisaged for the scale, as well as to other administrations and public institutions, which may include, without limitation, bodies of an autonomous, local, state and EU nature, judicial bodies and the prosecutor's office, Court of Accounts, Corts Valencianes, Regional Audit Office, IGAE, Ombudsman, Síndic de Greuges, Valencian Antifraud Agency, Data Protection Officer and other third parties subject to private law with legitimate interest and/or right of access in the procedure.



e) All the data requested through the application form, as well as the related documentation, are necessary to be able to process the application. Failure to communicate this data to the Conselleria will entail the consequences provided for by the legal system.

f) Data retention period: the personal data will be kept for the time necessary to fulfill the purpose for which they were collected and for the periods established in the regulations in force to comply with legal obligations and responsibilities, and the data will be deleted in accordance with the provisions of the regulations on archives and documentation.

g) Rights: the data subject may exercise the rights to access, rectification, deletion, opposition, limiting the processing, portability and to not be the subject of a decision based solely on automated processing, through the following ways:

- An electronic procedure that can be consulted on the Conselleria website, in the section <http://innova.gva.es/es/proteccio-de-dades>

- By sending the request to any of the following postal addresses:

 - Avenida Claude Combaldieu s/n, 03008 Alicante

 - Avenida de Campanar, 32, 46015 - València.

- In person through the Conselleria Registry located at the above addresses.

Exercising these rights requires the unequivocal identification of the data subject or their representative.

h) Right to complain to the Supervisory Authority: the data subject may file a complaint with the Spanish Data Protection Agency (www.aepd.es) if they consider their rights have not been respected or that the processing has compromised their personal data. Prior to this they can contact the Generalitat Valenciana Data Protection Officer through dpd@gva.es or by going to Paseo De La Alameda, 16, 46010-València.

Eight. Transparency obligations for public and private organisations and individuals receiving grants under the call for applications

1. Public bodies must comply with the transparency obligations that, by virtue of Law 19/2013, of 9 December, on transparency, access to public information and good governance, and Law 1/2022, of 13 April, on transparency and good governance of the Comunitat Valenciana, correspond to it as a public body.

2. Private organisations benefiting from the grant must comply with the active publicity obligations set out in Chapter II of Title I of Law 19/2013, of 9 December, when:

a) They receive for the period of one year public aid or grants for an amount exceeding 100,000 euros.

b) They receive aid or grants from the public bodies pertaining to the Comunitat Valenciana listed in Article 3 of Law 1/2022 in excess of 50,000 euros for a period of one calendar year.

c) The aid or grants received represent at least 40 % of their total annual income, provided that they amount to at least 5,000 euros.

In particular, they will publish, in the terms provided for in the general principles of Article 5 of Law 19/2013, the institutional and organisational information set out in Article 6 and the economic and budgetary information set out in Article 8 thereof. This publication will be made through the entity's website, or through the GVA Oberta's TEP platform -transparència entitats privades, which can be accessed on gvaoberta.gva.es/tep.

This information must be published from the year following the year in which the thresholds were exceeded, and must be published for at least four calendar years.

Without prejudice to the obligations set out in the previous sections, all organisations receiving grants must adequately publicise the public nature of the funding of programmes, activities, investments or actions of any kind that are subsidised, including the logo of the Generalitat Valenciana in media such as posters, printed materials, electronic or audiovisual media and in any other means of advertising the subsidised activity.

All organisations benefiting from grants are obliged to provide the granting body, upon request, with all the information necessary for the latter to comply with the obligations laid down in transparency legislation, within 15 working days of being requested to do so. Once the period specified in the requirement has elapsed without it having been complied with, the body that issued the requirement may agree, after warning and hearing the interested party, to impose coercive fines under the terms set out in Article 5 of Law 1/2022.



The new datasets generated by the formalisation and implementation of the grants awarded by the administration of the Generalitat should be made available, whenever possible, as an open dataset.

3. In compliance with Law 19/2013, of 9 December, on Transparency, Access to Public Information and Good Governance, Comunitat Valenciana Law 1/2022, of 13 of April, on Transparency and Good Governance of the Comunitat Valenciana and of Article 18 of the General Grants Act, the physical persons receiving a grant must comply with the following transparency obligations:

1. Adequately publicise the public nature of the funding for the programmes, activities, investments or actions of any kind which are the subject of the grant, including the logo of the Generalitat Valenciana in all media such as posters, printed, electronic or audiovisual materials and in any other publicity undertaken regarding the subsidised activity.

2. Provide the awarding body, upon request, with all the information necessary for the latter to comply with its obligations under transparency legislation, within 15 working days of being requested to do so. Once the period specified in the requirement has elapsed without it having been complied with, the body that issued the requirement may agree, after warning and hearing the interested party, to impose coercive fines under the terms set out in Article 5 of Law 1/2022.

The new datasets generated by the formalisation and implementation of the grants awarded by the administration of the Generalitat should be made available, whenever possible, as an open dataset.

Nine. Control Plan

The Control Plan will be published on the following link: http://innova.gva.es/es/web/ciencia/convocatories_2023. This control plan will carry out a high-quality ex-post analysis on a random sample of records consisting of an evaluation of the complete dossier (progress reports and annual reporting, final reports, final review) once the grant period is finalised and the required documents have been submitted by the beneficiaries. The minimum amount of aid controlled will be at least 20 % of the initial credit provided by the grant line.

Ten. Entry into force

This resolution will enter into force the day after its publication in the *Diari Oficial de la Generalitat Valenciana* (Official Journal of the Generalitat Valenciana - DOGV). In accordance with Articles 112, 123 and 124 of Law 39/2015, of 1 of October, on the Common Public Administration Administrative Procedures, and articles 10 and 46 of Law 29/1998, of 13 July, regulating the contentious-administrative jurisdiction, an appeal for reconsideration may be lodged against this resolution, which puts an end to administrative proceedings, or a direct contentious-administrative appeal may be lodged, within the time limits and before the bodies indicated below:

a) An appeal for reversal must be lodged with the body that issued the decision within one month of the day following the publication of the resolution.

b) The contentious-administrative appeal must be lodged with the Comunitat Valenciana High Court of Justice within two months from the day following the publication of the resolution.

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APPENDIX I

Grants for hiring excellent researchers to undertake an R&D&i project in the Comunitat Valenciana (CIDEAGENT)

One. Purpose and characteristics of the grant

1. The purpose of this call is to award grants whose specific regulation is established in Articles 25 to 30 of the regulatory rules.

2. A maximum of 20 grants are included in the call, which will be distributed proportionally by subject areas defined by the State Research Agency, in accordance with the applications submitted that have met the requirements and whose documentation is complete and correct. The resulting figures for grants that can be awarded by subject area will be rounded to the nearest minor integer.

In order for an application to be proposed for funding, it must reach a score, after the evaluation of the criteria listed in Article 28 of the regulatory rules, equal to or greater than 85 points (hereinafter the threshold).

3. Once the number of grants in the call has been distributed proportionally by subject areas, those applications that reach this threshold in each subject area will be proposed for financing.

Once this distribution has been carried out and if there are surplus grants, if there are subject areas which, due to rounding, have not been allocated any grant and have applications that reach the threshold, these grants will be distributed among them, so that a maximum of one grant is allocated to each of them. In the event that the number of surplus grants to be distributed is less than the number of areas that meet these conditions, the funding proposal will be made for these areas in order of the highest total score obtained, allocating a maximum of one grant to each area.

Additionally, if, after the application of the above criteria, grants remain undistributed with respect to the maximum number in the call, they will be allocated among the applications from all subject areas that have reached said threshold, prioritised in order of highest total score obtained.

4. The duration of the grants will be four years (48 months), extendable by up to two more years. The extension will be requested and justified by the beneficiary organisation six months before the end of the grant and must be authorised by the head of the directorate-general responsible for science and research policy. An extension will be approved conditional on the existence of adequate and sufficient credit under the line corresponding to Budget Programme 542.50.

5. The annual grant for each of the contracts, which must be full-time, will be for 70,000 euros, intended to fund the salary and the employer's social security contributions. The minimum annual remuneration to be received by the researcher will be 53,000 euros gross annually.

6. Of the annual grant for each contract established in the previous section (70,000 euros), the percentage of aid financed by the Generalitat in each of the years will be as follows:

- 100 % for the first year (first 12 months of the contract).
- 80 % for the second year (from the 13th to the 24th monthly payment under the contract).
- 70 % for the third year (from the 25th to the 36th monthly payment under the contract).
- 50 % for the fourth year (from the 37th to the 48th monthly payment under the contract).

For extensions, the percentage co-financed by the Generalitat will be up to 50 % of the cost of the contracts.

The beneficiary organisations will bear the remainder of the funding for the contracts each year.

7. The grant will be supplemented by an additional allocation available to the researcher for the implementation of the project. This annual allocation will be a maximum of 100,000 euros and will be determined in the award resolution depending on the budget of the applying project and the outcome of the evaluation process. If the extension to the grant is authorised, each year extended will have an additional allocation up to a maximum of 100,000 euros.

8. The following cost categories may be funded by the amount allocated for project implementation:

a) Staff recruitment costs. These costs may relate to the following categories:

1. Pre-doctoral researchers.

The employment contract will be formalised in accordance with Article 21 of Law 14/2011, on science, technology and innovation.

The maximum duration of the contract with each pre-doctoral researcher will be four years.



The annual allocation for each of the predoctoral contracts will be 22,192.80 euros for the first three years and 27,300.00 euros for the fourth year and this figure will necessarily be used to fund the salary and employer's social security contributions. The minimum salary that researchers in training must receive during this period, which must be indicated in each contract, will comply with the provisions of Article 7 of Royal Decree 103/2019, of 1 March, approving the Statute on Predoctoral Research Staff in Training. The individuals selected must be admitted to a university doctoral programme within the Comunitat Valenciana at the time of hiring.

2. Technical support staff.

The annual allocation, in this case, will be 19,890.00 euros for full-time contracts and this figure will necessarily be used to fund the salary and employer's social security contributions. The minimum salary that must be received by the personnel hired and that must be indicated in each contract will be 15,000 euros gross per year on a full-time basis. In the case of formalising a part-time contract, the annual allocation for each of the contracts will be proportional to the working day carried out.

b) Implementation and operating costs:

1. Consumables. Office supplies and computer accessories cannot be funded.
2. Travel, subsistence and accommodation for the researchers (post-doctoral researchers and pre-doctoral researchers) and the research support staff hired for the project. This will comply with the limits established for these items in the appropriate Generalitat regulations. Research stays, understood as periods of more than one month in the same destination, cannot be financed, so that if a stay (more than one month) is carried out, no expenditure can be financed with funds from this grant.
3. Travel, subsistence and accommodation for the post-doctoral researchers invited to participate in the project in activities undertaken within the Comunitat Valenciana, provided that this participation is justified and it must be described and specified in the scientific-technical reports. Under these circumstances, these costs will comply with the limits established for these items in the appropriate Generalitat regulations.
4. Dissemination of the group's activities. The following will be eligible under this item: registration for congresses and conferences for the staff hired for the project, project website, publications relating to the research project in scientific journals, as well as their translation, and membership fees to specialised associations.
5. Holding scientific conferences directly related to the project presented, provided that other grants have not been granted for this same item by the Conselleria. Under all circumstances, all the official documentation relating to the conference must reference its funding for this project. The expenses eligible under this section may be allocated to the following cost categories:
 - a) Travel, subsistence and accommodation expenses for the members of the scientific committee, the organising committee and speakers and lecturers within the limits established for these items in the Generalitat regulations on compensation for service.
 - b) The dissemination of meeting programmes, such as: poster design and printing expenses, leaflets and programmes, website and advertising that must always refer to the sponsorship by the Generalitat Conselleria for Innovation, Universities, Science and Digital Society.
 - c) Costs relating to presentations, conferences and other participations within the limits established for these items in the Generalitat regulations on compensation for service.
 - d) Translation and technical equipment rental costs.
 - e) Publishing the resulting papers or summary documents.
6. Costs for purchasing scientific and technical equipment, including software of a specialised nature and intended exclusively for the research and that allows the effective use of the equipment purchased. Only one personal computer can be financed for each person hired under this aid. Computer equipment such as tablets will not be financed.
7. Other expenses strictly necessary for carrying out the project, such as field work, sequencing, microscopy, consultancy and equivalent services for submitting proposals in international calls for proposals or for moving and relocating equipment (laboratories) from their research centre of origin.
8. Indirect costs. Operating costs of the beneficiary organisations necessary for carrying out the project up to a maximum of 21 % of the amount of the additional allocation awarded for each year.
9. Staff hired under the grant may not receive remuneration from the project additional to the contract for



their participation. All the costs must be directly related to the implementation of the project in order to be funded by this grant.

Two. Applicant requirements

1. Researchers who, at the time of submitting the applications, do not have a link with a Valencian public university or research centre may apply for these grants if they meet one of the following requirements:

- a) They are the beneficiary of an ERC starting or consolidator grant and they are using this aid while undertaking a project at a university or research centre outside the Comunitat Valenciana.
- b) They have passed Phase 1 of the ERC (*starting/consolidator*) grants evaluation process or have been a beneficiary of a Ramón y Cajal or MSCA-IF grant.
- c) They have, during the application period determined by the call, at least 6 year's experience following the award of their doctorate and have completed one or more stays in internationally renowned research centres outside the Comunitat Valenciana that add up to, as a minimum, a total period of three years.

If the doctorate has been issued by a university within the Comunitat Valenciana, the candidate will need to have been contractually separated from that institution for at least two years since attaining their doctorate.

2. Researchers can also apply for these grants who have been the beneficiary of the grants available to recruit post-doctoral researchers with international experience, the grants for scientific excellence of junior researchers, Ramón y Cajal support for contracts, or grants that have been let and arranged by a Valencian public university within the framework of an excellence programme to attract and retain talent, with competitive tendering that has a duration of at least three years. Or, if they are beneficiaries of these grants or programmes, they have a maximum of twelve months left in the period for submitting applications to finish their contract under these grants or programmes.

3. The contracted researcher may not form part of other research groups with current funding from this conselleria aimed at promoting emerging, consolidating or consolidated research groups or those from the Prometeo Programme.

Three. Applications and documentation

1. The applications will be submitted within the deadline and in the manner provided for in Section 5 of this resolution.

2. Online applications, which will include the project's expenditure budget (additional allocation) with forecasts covering each year of the project's duration, will be accompanied, in addition to the form signed by the organisation's legal representative in the field of research, by the following documents:

- a) A copy of the doctorate certificate or of the document certifying payment of the fees for the issue of the doctorate. In the case of foreign qualifications, in languages other than the official ones in the Comunitat Valenciana or English, a legal translation is needed.
- b) *Curriculum vitae* of the applicant indicating their scientific excellence and project leadership skills.
- c) Research project, preferably in English.
- d) Work plan to be awarded an ERC Grant or a higher level grant of which the applicant is a beneficiary, preferably in English.
- e) Report of the applicant's employment record issued by the Spanish Social Security after the start date of the application period, or, if applicable, a signed declaration stating that the applicant has never contributed to the Spanish Social Security system.
- f) Copy, where appropriate, of the documents proving that the applicant meets the requirements set out in Point 1 or 2 of the second subparagraph to this Appendix.

3. For the purposes of the provisions established in Article 14.3 of the Rules of the Order, the *curriculum vitae* of the applicant, the research project and the work plan for the award of an ERC Grant or a higher level grant of which the applicant is a beneficiary, are considered an integral part and minimum content of the application, so that the absence or inadequate level of content of these documents will be deemed grounds for rejecting the application, following a decision to be issued in accordance with the terms established in Article 21 of the Common Public Administration Administrative Procedures Act.

4. The beneficiary organisation will verify that the applicant and the documentation submitted complies



with the requirements established in this call for applications. The applications must necessarily be signed by the applicant and be approved by the research centre, which will be accredited by means of a form signed by the organisation's legal representative in the field of research. This approval will, among other things, undertake to employ the applicant in accordance with the conditions laid down in the regulatory rules and in the award resolution, if the grant is awarded. Likewise, the beneficiary organisation will ensure that the excellent researcher hired under this grant will have the space and conditions required to undertake their excellent research project and that these will be comparable to the other staff within the organisation who may be beneficiaries of state or international projects or programmes promoting excellence.

Four. Evaluation criteria

1. The applications will be evaluated out of a total of 100 points in accordance with the following criteria and scales:

a) Scientific excellence of the candidate (50 %)

Up to 25 points: scientific publications and participation in dissemination activities.

Up to 15 points: participation in national or international research projects, groups, contracts and patents or those equivalent merits in their respective areas of knowledge.

Up to 10 points: international stays, prizes and other relevant actions.

b) Quality and impact of the proposed research project and work plan (35 %).

Up to 15 points: quality of the research project (objectives, expected impacts, project methodology and work plan).

Up to 10 points: that the project is at the frontier of knowledge and has a high international profile.

Up to 10 points: work plan to apply for future calls for ERC grants or a higher level ERC grant of which the applicant is a beneficiary.

c) Candidate's capacity to lead projects and supervise doctoral theses (15 %).

2. The evaluation committee provided for in Article 17 of the regulatory rules will seek the advice of experts with recognised international prestige appointed by the head of the directorate general responsible for science and research policy, or from evaluation agencies.

Five. Provisional resolution

In accordance with Article 19.2 of the regulatory rules, the persons proposed in the provisional resolution will, within 10 days from publication, present the acceptance or withdrawal document relating to the grant proposal, as well as any other document required by the aforementioned resolution. Failure to present this documentation within the established period will be understood as withdrawal of the application.

Six. Contract

1. The beneficiary organisations must formalise an employment contract with the post-doctoral researcher in accordance with Article 23 of Law 14/2011, of June 1, on science, technology and innovation, and send a copy to the instructing body within one month of its formalisation. However, in order to comply with the provisions laid down in Letter *f* of that article, prior authorisation from the conselleria responsible for science and research policy will be required.

2. The researcher hired may provide complementary collaborations in teaching tasks in the centre receiving the grant (in the case of a public university), or in another organisation, for a maximum of one hundred hours per year, at their own request, respecting, where applicable, the applicable regulations on incompatibilities of personnel in the service of public administrations.

Seven. Obligations

1. The beneficiaries must formalise a contract with the post-doctoral researcher within the period between the day following the publication of the award resolution and 9 September 2024. The post-doctoral researcher must join the work centre established in the contract on the start date fixed in it. The stays must be authorised by the beneficiary of the aid.

2. The researcher responsible for implementing the project must make public the fact the project has received funding from the Generalitat in publications, presentations, participation in congresses and other scientific dissemination activities during the period it is benefitting from the grant.



3. Within one month of their formalisation, the beneficiary centres will submit a copy of the contracts for the staff hired under this aid, which, for the contractual modes that so require, must expressly state their link with the project.

Eight. Scientific and financial reporting

1. Scientific and financial reporting will be made in accordance with the provisions set down in articles 22 and 30 of the regulatory rules.

2. The total approved budget for the grant and its yearly payments will coincide with the payment plan laid down in the award resolution. The investments and costs for each project may be made over the implementation period without necessarily coinciding with said payment plan, in the event that advance payment is made to the beneficiary organisation.

3. For these purposes, the beneficiary organisations that, in accordance with the provisions of Article 23, Paragraphs 2 and 3 of the regulatory rules, have advance payment, may execute project actions and pay expenses that they are not able to make in one year, in the immediate following year.

Under all circumstances, they must present annual financial reporting of the expenses incurred in each year, in accordance with the provisions established in Article 22 of the regulatory rules, with the payment relating to the second and subsequent annual payments being conditioned on the fact that the financial reporting for the previous annual payment has been previously presented.

4. The other beneficiary organisations must undertake the project activities, pay the expenses and justify the grant in accordance with the annual payments granted in the award resolution.

5. The use of the grant awarded will also be justified by compliance with the scientific-technical reporting rules as provided for in Article 29 of the regulatory rules.



APPENDIX II

Grants for hiring post-doctoral researchers with international experience (CDEIGENT)

One. Purpose and characteristics of the grant

1. The purpose of this call for applications is to award grants whose specific regulation is established in articles 31 to 36 of the regulatory rules.

2. A maximum of 9 grants are included in the call, which will be distributed proportionally by subject areas defined by the State Research Agency, in accordance with the applications submitted that have met the requirements and whose documentation is complete and correct. The resulting figures for grants that can be awarded by subject area will be rounded to the nearest minor integer.

In order for an application to be proposed for funding, it must reach a score, after the evaluation of the criteria listed in Article 34 of the regulatory rules, equal to or greater than 85 points (hereinafter the threshold).

3. Once the number of grants in the call has been distributed proportionally by subject areas, those applications that reach this threshold in each subject area will be proposed for financing.

Once this distribution has been carried out and if there are surplus grants, if there are subject areas which, due to rounding, have not been allocated any grant and have applications that reach the threshold, these grants will be distributed among them, so that a maximum of one grant is allocated to each of them. In the event that the number of surplus grants to be distributed is less than the number of areas that meet these conditions, the funding proposal will be made for these areas in order of the highest total score obtained, allocating a maximum of one grant to each area.

Additionally, if, after the application of the above criteria, grants remain undistributed with respect to the maximum number in the call, they will be allocated among the applications from all subject areas that have reached said threshold, prioritised in order of highest total score obtained.

4. The duration of the grants will be four years (48 months), extendable by up to two more years. The extension will be requested and justified by the beneficiary organisation six months before the end of the grant and must be authorised by the head of the directorate-general responsible for science and research policy. An extension will be approved conditional on the existence of adequate and sufficient credit under the line corresponding to Budget Programme 542.50.

5. The annual grant for each of the contracts, which must be full-time, will be for 55,000 euros, intended to fund the salary and the employer's social security contributions. The minimum annual remuneration to be received by the researcher will be 42,000 euros gross annually.

6. Of the annual grant for each contract established in the previous section (55,000 euros), the percentage of aid financed by the Generalitat in each of the years will be as follows:

- 100 % for the first year (first 12 months of the contract).
- 80 % for the second year (from the 13th to the 24th monthly payment under the contract).
- 70 % for the third year (from the 25th to the 36th monthly payment under the contract).
- 50 % for the fourth year (from the 37th to the 48th monthly payment under the contract).

For extensions, the percentage co-financed by the Generalitat will be up to 50 % of the cost of the contracts.

For each year, the beneficiary organisation must assume the rest of the financing for the contracts.

7. In addition, the researcher will have an annual allocation intended to finance different cost items of the reference research group into which they are integrated. This annual allocation will be a maximum of 30,000 euros and will be determined in the award resolution depending on the budget of the applying project and the outcome of the evaluation process. If the extension to the grant is authorised, each year extended will have an additional allocation up to a maximum of 30,000 euros.

8. The following items may be financed by the additional allocation:

a) Recruitment costs for technical support staff.

The annual allocation, in this case, will be 19,890.00 euros for full-time contracts, and this figure will necessarily be used to fund the salary and employer's social security contributions. The minimum salary that must be received by the personnel hired and that must be indicated in each contract will be 15,000



euros gross per year on a full-time basis. In the case of formalising a part-time contract, the annual allocation for each of the contracts will be proportional to the working day carried out.

b) Implementation and operating costs:

1. Consumables. Office supplies and computer accessories cannot be funded.
2. Travel, subsistence and accommodation for post-doctoral researchers hired using the aid, members of the reference group and the research support staff hired using the aid. This will comply with the limits established for these items in the appropriate Generalitat regulations. Research stays, understood as periods of more than one month in the same destination, cannot be financed, so that if a stay (more than one month) is carried out, no expenditure can be financed with funds from this grant.
3. Travel, subsistence and accommodation of post-doctoral researchers invited to participate in the project or with the reference research group in activities undertaken in the Comunitat Valenciana, provided that the participation is justified and it must be described and specified in the scientific-technical reports. This will comply with the limits established for these items in the appropriate Generalitat regulations.
4. Dissemination of the group's activities. Eligible items under this heading will include registration for congresses and conferences by the members of the group, research support staff and staff hired for the project, the group's website, publications in scientific journals, as well as their translation, and membership fees for specialised associations.
5. Holding scientific conferences directly related to the project presented, provided that other grants have not been granted for this same item by the Conselleria. Under all circumstances, all the official documentation relating to the conference must reference its funding for this project. The expenses eligible under this section may be allocated to the following cost categories:
 - a) Travel, subsistence and accommodation expenses for the members of the scientific committee, the organising committee and speakers and lecturers within the limits established for these items in the Generalitat regulations on compensation for service.
 - b) The dissemination of meeting programmes, such as: poster design and printing expenses, leaflets and programmes, website and advertising that must always refer to the sponsorship by the Generalitat Conselleria for Innovation, Universities, Science and Digital Society.
 - c) Costs relating to presentations, conferences and other participations within the limits established for these items in the Generalitat regulations on compensation for service.
 - d) Translation and technical equipment rental costs.
 - e) Publishing the resulting papers or summary documents.
6. Costs for purchasing scientific and technical equipment, including software of a specialised nature and intended exclusively for the research and that allows the effective use of the equipment purchased. Only one personal computer can be financed for each person hired under this aid. Computer equipment such as tablets will not be financed.
7. Other expenses strictly necessary for carrying out the project, such as field work, sequencing, microscopy, consultancy and equivalent services for submitting proposals in international calls for proposals or for moving and relocating equipment (laboratories) from their research centre of origin.
8. Indirect costs. Operating costs of the beneficiary organisations necessary for carrying out the project up to a maximum of 21 % of the amount of the additional allocation awarded for each year.
9. Staff hired under the grant may not receive remuneration from the allocation referred to in point 7. additional to the contract for their participation. All the expenses must be directly related to the activity of the reference research group in which the researcher is integrated in order to be financed by this grant.

Two. Requirements for the applicants and the reference research group

1. Post-doctoral researchers may apply for these grants who, at the time of submitting the applications, do not have a link with a Valencian public university or research centre, provided they meet the following requirements:

- a) Have, during the application submission period, experience since obtaining their doctorate not exceeding 6 years.

In the case of people who have taken leave relating to maternity or paternity in accordance with the protected situations that are included in the Social Security General Regime; or due to caring for dependent persons -in accordance with the provisions of Law 39/2006, of 14 December-; or



due to a situation related to temporary incapacity derived from a serious illness; or a situation derived from gender violence, the experience requirement since obtaining their doctorate cited in the preceding paragraph will be extended by one year for each leave period relating to maternity or paternity or other aforementioned situation.

b) Have completed one or more stays in internationally renowned research centres outside the Comunitat Valenciana that add up to, as a minimum, a total period of two years.

If the doctorate has been issued by a university within the Comunitat Valenciana, the candidate will need to have been contractually separated from that institution for at least two years since attaining their doctorate.

c) Have the endorsement of the lead researcher from the reference research group they will be joining. No member of the reference research groups may belong to another group and only one applicant may be endorsed by each of the reference research groups.

2. The contracted researcher may not form part of other research groups with current funding from this conselleria aimed at promoting emerging, consolidating or consolidated research groups.

Three. Applications and documentation

1. The applications will be submitted within the deadline and in the manner provided for in Section 5 of this resolution.

2. Online applications, which will include the project's expenditure budget for the additional allocation with forecasts covering each year of the project's duration, will be accompanied, in addition to the form signed by the organisation's legal representative in the field of research, by the following documents:

a) A copy of the doctorate certificate or of the document certifying payment of the fees for the issue of the doctorate. In the case of foreign qualifications, in languages other than the official ones in the Comunitat Valenciana or English, a legal translation is needed.

b) *Curriculum vitae* of the applicant indicating their scientific excellence and project leadership skills.

c) Copy of documents proving the applicant has completed one or more post-doctoral stays in internationally renowned research centres that add up to, as a minimum, a total period of two years.

e) Report on the applicant's employment record issued by the Spanish Social Security after the start date of the application period, or, if applicable, a signed declaration stating that the applicant has never contributed to the Spanish Social Security system.

e) Endorsement by the researcher responsible for the reference research group into which they will be integrated.

f) Scientific background of the research group into which they will be integrated.

g) If applicable, list of members of the research group who have not been included in the application as the number of available lines has been exceeded.

h) In the event that the research group is not currently funded by the Prometeo Programme, the applicant must submit a document demonstrating that the group meets, during the application submission period, the requirements for its constitution, in accordance with the regulatory bases in force in the Prometeo Programme grants for excellent research groups. Likewise, the documentation supporting the circumstances described in the aforementioned document will also be included.

3. For the purposes of the provisions established in Article 14.3 of the Rules of the Order, the *curriculum vitae* of the applicant and the scientific background of the research group are considered an integral part and minimum content of the application, so that the absence or inadequate level of content of these documents will be deemed grounds for rejecting the application, following a decision to be issued in accordance with the terms established in Article 21 of the Common Public Administration Administrative Procedures Act.

4. The beneficiary organisation will verify that the applicant and the documentation submitted complies with the requirements established in this call for applications. The applications must necessarily be signed by the applicant and be approved by the research centre, which will be accredited by means of a form signed by the organisation's legal representative in the field of research. This approval will, among other things, undertake to hire the applicant in accordance with the conditions laid down in the regulatory



rules and in the award resolution, if the grant is awarded. Likewise, the beneficiary organisation will ensure that the researcher hired under this grant will have the space and conditions required to undertake their activity and that these will be comparable to the other staff within the organisation who may be beneficiaries of similar projects or programmes.

Four. Evaluation criteria

1. The applications will be evaluated out of a total of 100 points in accordance with the following criteria and scales:

a) Scientific excellence of the candidate (50 %)

- Up to 25 points: scientific publications and participation in dissemination activities.
- Up to 15 points: participation in national or international research projects, groups, contracts and patents or those equivalent merits in their respective areas of knowledge.
- Up to 10 points: international stays, prizes and other relevant actions.

b) International track record of the candidate (25 %).

It will be an advantage if the applicant has passed Phase 1 of the evaluation process for ERC grants (*Starting/Consolidator*) or if they have received a seal of excellence in the MSCA-IF grants or if they have been selected or been on the reserve list for other high-quality national or international calls that may be included in the respective call (programmes such as Juan de la Cierva, Ramón y Cajal, etc.).

c) Quality and interest of the scientific background of the research group into which the candidate will be integrated (25 %).

2. The evaluation committee provided for in Article 17 of the regulatory rules will seek the advice of experts with recognised international prestige appointed by the head of the directorate general responsible for science and research policy, or from evaluation agencies.

Five. Provisional resolution

In accordance with Article 19.2 of the regulatory rules, the persons proposed in the provisional resolution will, within 10 days from publication, present the acceptance or withdrawal document relating to the grant proposal, as well as any other document required by the aforementioned resolution. Failure to present this documentation within the indicated period will be understood as withdrawal of the application.

Six. Contract

1. The beneficiary organisations must formalise an employment contract with the post-doctoral researcher in accordance with the requirements established in Law 14/2011, of June 1, on Science, Technology and Innovation, or, where appropriate, in Royal Legislative Decree 2/2015, of October 23, approving the consolidated text of the Workers Statute Act and will send a copy to the instructing body within one month of its formalisation.

2. The researcher hired may provide complementary collaborations in teaching tasks in the centre receiving the grant (in the case of a public university), or in another organisation, for a maximum of one hundred hours per year, at their own request, respecting, where applicable, the applicable regulations on incompatibilities of personnel in the service of public administrations.

Seven. Obligations

1. The beneficiaries must formalise a contract with the post-doctoral researcher within the period between the day following the publication of the award resolution and 9 September 2024. The post-doctoral researcher must join the work centre established in the contract on the start date fixed in it. The stays must be authorised by the beneficiary of the aid.

2. The contracted researcher must make public the fact the project has received funding from the Generalitat in publications, presentations, participation in congresses and other scientific dissemination activities during the period it is benefitting from the grant.

3. Within one month of their formalisation, the beneficiary centres will submit a copy of the contracts for the staff hired under this aid, which, for the contractual modes that so require, must expressly state their link with the project.



Eight. Scientific and financial reporting

1. Scientific and financial reporting will be made in accordance with the provisions set down in articles 22 and 36 of the regulatory rules.
2. The total approved budget for the grant and its yearly payments will coincide with the payment plan laid down in the award resolution. The investments and costs for each project may be made over the implementation period without necessarily coinciding with said payment plan, in the event that advance payment is made to the beneficiary organisation.
3. For these purposes, the beneficiary organisations that, in accordance with the provisions of Article 23, paragraphs 2 and 3 of the regulatory rules, have advance payment, may execute project actions and pay expenses that they are not able to make in one year, in the immediate following year. Under all circumstances, they must present annual financial reporting of the expenses incurred in each year, in accordance with the provisions established in Article 22 of the regulatory rules, with the payment relating to the second and subsequent annual payments being conditioned on the fact that the financial reporting for the previous annual payment has been previously presented.
4. The other beneficiary organisations must undertake the project activities, pay the expenses and justify the grant in accordance with the annual payments granted in the award resolution.
5. The use of the grant awarded will also be justified by compliance with the scientific-technical reporting rules as provided for in Article 35 of the regulatory rules.

APPENDIX III

Grants for scientific excellence of junior researchers (SEJIGENT)

One. Purpose and characteristics of the grant

1. The purpose of this call for applications is to award grants whose specific regulation is established in articles 37 to 42 of the regulatory rules.
2. A maximum of 9 grants are included in the call, which will be distributed proportionally by subject areas defined by the State Research Agency, in accordance with the applications submitted that have met the requirements and whose documentation is complete and correct. The resulting figures for grants that can be awarded by subject area will be rounded to the nearest minor integer. In order for an application to be proposed for funding, it must reach a score, after the evaluation of the criteria listed in Article 40 of the regulatory rules, equal to or greater than 85 points (hereinafter the threshold).
3. Once the number of grants in the call has been distributed proportionally by subject areas, those applications that reach this threshold in each subject area will be proposed for financing. Once this distribution has been carried out and if there are surplus grants, if there are subject areas which, due to rounding, have not been allocated any grant and have applications that reach the threshold, these grants will be distributed among them, so that a maximum of one grant is allocated to each of them. In the event that the number of surplus grants to be distributed is less than the number of areas that meet these conditions, the funding proposal will be made for these areas in order of the highest total score obtained, allocating a maximum of one grant to each area. Additionally, if, after the application of the above criteria, grants remain undistributed with respect to the maximum number in the call, they will be allocated among the applications from all subject areas that have reached said threshold, prioritised in order of highest total score obtained.
4. The duration of the grants will be four years (48 months).
5. The grants will have an amount of 80,000 euros per year and their amount will be determined for each project based on the requested budget and the outcome of the evaluation process.
6. The amount of the grant may be used to finance the following items:
 - a) Staff recruitment costs, which will be used for the salary and employer's social security contributions of the staff associated with the project. Staff may refer to the following categories:
 1. Researcher applying for the grant.



In the event that the employment relationship with the Comunitat Valenciana research centre or Valencian public university does not cover the full execution of the project, the costs arising from hiring the researcher for the remaining part of project may be financed by this grant. Under this circumstance, the maximum amount that can be financed may not exceed 55,000 euros per year, intended to finance the salary and employer's social security contributions; this figure will be prorated according to the number of monthly payments benefitting from the grant.

2. Pre-doctoral researchers.

The employment contract will be formalised in accordance with Article 21 of Law 14/2011, on science, technology and innovation.

The maximum duration of the contract with each pre-doctoral researcher will be four years.

The annual allocation for each of the predoctoral contracts will be 22,192.80 euros for the first three years and 27,300.00 euros for the fourth year, and this amount will necessarily be used to fund the salary and employer's social security contributions. The minimum salary that researchers in training must receive during this period, which must be indicated in each contract, will comply with the provisions of Article 7 of Royal Decree 103/2019, of 1 March, approving the Statute on Predoctoral Research Staff in Training.

The individuals selected must be admitted to a university doctoral programme within the Comunitat Valenciana at the time of hiring.

3. Technical support staff.

The annual allocation, in this case, will be 19,890.00 euros for full-time contracts, and this figure will necessarily be used to fund the salary and employer's social security contributions. The minimum salary that must be received by the personnel hired and that must be indicated in each contract will be 15,000 euros gross per year on a full-time basis. In the case of formalising a part-time contract, the annual allocation for each of the contracts will be proportional to the working day carried out.

b) Implementation and operating costs:

1. Consumables. Office supplies and computer accessories cannot be funded.

2. Travel, subsistence and accommodation for the researchers (PhD researchers and pre-doctoral researchers) and the research support staff hired for the project. This will comply with the limits established for these items in the appropriate Generalitat regulations. Research stays, understood as periods of more than one month in the same destination, cannot be financed, so that if a stay (more than one month) is carried out, no expenditure can be financed with funds from this grant.

3. Travel, subsistence and accommodation for the post-doctoral researchers invited to participate in the project in activities undertaken within the Comunitat Valenciana, provided that this participation is justified and it must be described and specified in the scientific-technical reports. This will comply with the limits established for these items in the appropriate Generalitat regulations.

4. Dissemination of the group's activities. The following will be eligible under this item: registration for congresses and conferences for the staff hired for the project, project website, publications relating to the research project in scientific journals, as well as their translation, and membership fees to specialised associations.

5. Holding scientific conferences directly related to the project presented, provided that other grants have not been granted for this same item by the Conselleria. Under all circumstances, all the official documentation relating to the conference must reference its funding for this project. The expenses eligible under this section may be allocated to the following cost categories:

a) Travel, subsistence and accommodation expenses for the members of the scientific committee, the organising committee and speakers and lecturers within the limits established for these items in the Generalitat regulations on compensation for service.

b) The dissemination of meeting programmes, such as: poster design and printing expenses, leaflets and programmes, website and advertising that must always refer to the sponsorship by the Generalitat Conselleria for Innovation, Universities, Science and Digital Society.

c) Costs relating to presentations, conferences and other participations within the limits established for these items in the Generalitat regulations on compensation for service.

d) Translation and technical equipment rental costs.

e) Publishing the resulting papers or summary documents.

6. Costs for purchasing scientific and technical equipment, including software of a specialised nature and intended exclusively for the research and that allows the effective use of the equipment purchased.



Only one personal computer may be financed for each person hired with this aid and another for the research person applying for the grant. Computer equipment such as tablets will not be financed.

7. Other expenses strictly necessary for carrying out the project, such as field work, sequencing, microscopy, consultancy and equivalent services for submitting proposals in international calls for proposals.

8. Indirect costs. Operating costs of the beneficiary organisations necessary for carrying out the project up to a maximum of 21 % of the amount of the grant awarded for each year.

9. The applicant researcher and the staff hired under the grant may not receive additional remuneration for their participation in the project funded by the grant. All the costs must be directly related to the implementation of the project in order to be funded by this grant.

Two. Requirements on the applicants

1. Applications for these grants may be made by post-doctoral researchers who have, during the period for submitting applications, between five- and twelve-years' experience since obtaining their doctorate and have a contractual or employment relationship with a research centre in the Comunitat Valenciana or a Valencian public university.

In the case of people who have taken leave relating to maternity or paternity in accordance with the protected situations that are included in the Social Security General Regime; or due to caring for dependent persons -in accordance with the provisions of Law 39/2006, of 14 December-; or due to a situation related to temporary incapacity derived from a serious illness; or a situation derived from gender violence, the experience requirement since obtaining their doctorate cited in the preceding paragraph will be extended by one year for each leave period relating to maternity or paternity or other aforementioned situation.

2. An applicant researcher whose employment relationship with the research centre in the Comunitat Valenciana or Valencian public university does not include the full duration of the project must submit with the application a letter of commitment signed by the legal representative for these parties committing to formalising an employment contract with the researcher that covers the entire duration of the project and authorising the project be undertaken in the centre in the event the grant is awarded. The costs for this contract (salary and employer's social security contributions) may be financed as an expenditure item under the awarded grant.

3. The hired research staff may not form part of other research groups with current funding from this conselleria aimed at promoting emerging, consolidating or consolidated research groups or those from the Prometeo Programme. Nor may they be in receipt of a grant for the recruitment of post-doctoral research staff under the Programme to Promote Scientific Research, Technological Development and Innovation in the Comunitat Valenciana.

4. The staff hired under the grants for hiring excellent researchers to undertake an R&D&i project in the Comunitat Valenciana and for the recruitment of post-doctoral researchers with international experience, may not apply for these grants unless, as a beneficiary of these grants, they have a maximum of twelve months remaining in the period for submission of applications to complete their contract under these grants.

Three. Applications and documentation

1. The applications will be submitted within the deadline and in the manner provided for in Section 5 of this resolution.

2. Online applications, which will include the project's research budget with forecasts covering each year of the project's duration, will be accompanied, in addition to the form signed by the organisation's legal representative in the field of research, by the following documents:

- a) A copy of the doctorate certificate or of the document certifying payment of the fees for the issue of the doctorate. In the case of foreign qualifications, in languages other than the official ones in the Comunitat Valenciana or English, legal translation of the same.
- b) Certificate from the Valencian research centre or public university that proves the contractual or employment link with the applicant.
- c) *Curriculum vitae* of the applicant researcher.
- d) Research project, preferably in English.



e) Work plan in order to be awarded an ERC Grant or a higher level grant of which it is a beneficiary, preferably in English.

f) If applicable, letter of commitment signed by the legal representative of the Valencian research centre or public university, if the circumstances provided for in Article 38 *in fine* of the regulatory rules occur.

g) Where appropriate, copy of the permit granted in accordance with the circumstances provided for in Article 15.4 of the regulatory rules.

3. For the purposes of the provisions established in Article 14.3 of the Rules of the Order, the *curriculum vitae* of the applicant, the research project and the work plan for the award of an ERC Grant or a higher level grant of which the applicant is a beneficiary are considered an integral part and minimum content of the application, so that the absence or inadequate level of content of these documents will be deemed grounds for rejecting the application, following a decision to be issued in accordance with the terms established in Article 21 of the Common Public Administration Administrative Procedures Act.

4. The beneficiary organisation will verify that the applicant and the documentation submitted complies with the requirements established in this call for applications. The applications must necessarily be signed by the applicant and be approved by the research centre, which will be accredited by means of a form signed by the organisation's legal representative in the field of research. This approval will, among other things, undertake to employ the applicant in accordance with the conditions laid down in the regulatory rules and in the award resolution, if the grant is awarded. Likewise, the beneficiary organisation will ensure that the researcher hired under this grant will have the space and conditions required to undertake their activity and that these will be comparable to the other staff within the organisation who may be beneficiaries of similar projects or programmes.

Four. Evaluation criteria

The applications will be evaluated in accordance with the following criteria and scale:

a) Scientific excellence of the candidate (50 %)

- Up to 25 points: scientific publications and participation in dissemination activities.

- Up to 15 points: participation in national or international research projects, groups, contracts and patents or those equivalent merits in their respective areas of knowledge.

- Up to 10 points: international stays, prizes and other relevant actions.

b) Quality and impact of the proposed research project and work plan (35 %).

- Up to 15 points: quality of the research project (objectives, expected impacts, project methodology and work plan).

- Up to 10 points: that the project is at the frontier of knowledge and has a high international profile.

- Up to 10 points: work plan to apply for future calls for ERC grants or a higher level ERC grant of which the applicant is a beneficiary.

c) International track record of the candidate (15 %). It will be an advantage if the applicant has passed Phase 1 of the evaluation process for ERC grants (Starting/Consolidator) or if they have received a seal of excellence in the MSCA-IF grants or if they have been selected or been on the reserve list for other high-quality national or international calls that may be included in the respective call (programmes such as Juan de la Cierva, Ramón y Cajal, etc.).

Five. Obligations

1. Within one month of their formalisation, the beneficiary centres will submit a copy of the contracts for the staff hired under this aid.

Six. Scientific and financial reporting

1. Scientific and financial reporting will be made in accordance with the provisions set down in articles 22 and 42 of the regulatory rules.

2. The total approved budget for the grant and its yearly payments will coincide with the payment plan laid down in the award resolution. The investments and costs for each project may be made over the



implementation period without necessarily coinciding with said payment plan, in the event that advance payment is made to the beneficiary organisation.

3. For these purposes, the beneficiary organisations that, in accordance with the provisions of Article 23, paragraphs 2 and 3 of the regulatory rules, have advance payment, may execute project actions and pay expenses that they are not able to make in one year, in the immediate following year.

Under all circumstances, they must present annual financial reporting of the expenses incurred in each year, in accordance with the provisions established in Article 22 of the regulatory rules, with the payment relating to the second and subsequent annual payments being conditioned on the fact that the financial reporting for the previous annual payment has been previously presented.

4. The other beneficiary organisations must undertake the project activities, pay the expenses and justify the grant in accordance with the annual payments granted in the award resolution.

5. The use of the grant awarded will also be justified by compliance with the scientific-technical reporting rules as provided for in Article 41 of the regulatory rules.

APPENDIX IV

TABLE I
Gender imbalance by State Research Agency subject area

AREA OF KNOWLEDGE	% WOMEN	% MEN	gender bias
EYT / Energy and transport	15 %	85 %	35
TIC / Information and communication technologies	17.36 %	82.63 %	32.64
MAT/ Materials sciences and technologies	19.56 %	80.43 %	30.44
PIN / Industrial production, civil engineering and engineering for society	21.94 %	78.14 %	28.06
CTM / Environmental sciences and technologies	26.60 %	73.39 %	23.40
FIS / Physical sciences	25.37 %	74.62 %	24.63
PHA / Study of the past: history and archaeology	29.67 %	70.32 %	20.33
MLP / Mind, language and thought	36.21 %	63.78 %	13.79
PSI / Psychology	69.55 %	30.44 %	19.55
MTM / Mathematical sciences	36.42 %	63.57 %	13.58
ECO / Economics	39.87 %	60.12 %	10.13
DER / Law	41.24 %	58.75 %	8.76
CSO / Social sciences	43.87 %	56.12 %	6.13
CTQ / Chemical sciences and technologies	44.44 %	55.55 %	5.56
FLA / Culture: Philology, literature and art	54.89 %	45.10 %	4.89
EDU / Educational sciences	45.89 %	54.10 %	4.11
BIO / Biosciences and biotechnology	48.82 %	51.17 %	1.18
CAA / Agricultural and agri-food sciences	48.55 %	51.44 %	1.45
BME / Biomedicine	50.53 %	49.46 %	0.53

Source: Own production based on the latest available data from the *Integrated University Information System*