



PREDOCS-UB GRANT CALL

APPENDIX II. CRITERIA FOR ASSESSING AND RANKING APPLICATIONS FOR THE PREDOCS-UB PROGRAMME (2023)

In accordance with the terms of Condition 4.4 of the call for applications for the PREDOCS-UB programme, approved by the Research Committee on 16 November 2023, the following criteria are approved to rank the applications received:

1. Merits described in the candidate's curriculum vitae, maximum 1 point, which can be obtained in the following ways:

- **Publications, maximum 0.35 points.**
 - Paper in a JCR/SJR journal: maximum 0.25 points.
 - Other non-indexed publications: maximum 0.1 points.
- Conference presentations, accepted and duly accredited, maximum 0.15 points
 - Spoken communication: maximum 0.1 points.
 - Poster: maximum 0.05 points.
- **Participation in scientific outreach and knowledge dissemination activities: maximum 0.1 points.**
- **Periods spent at faculties and university schools other than the university that issued the candidate's degree (Erasmus, Seneca or similar): maximum 0.15 points.**
 - More than three months: maximum 0.15 points.
 - Between one week and three months: maximum 0.05 points.
- **Departmental collaboration, Màster+UB and other research initiation grants and competitive academic awards (bachelor's or master's degree): maximum 0.15 points.**
- Other merits associated with the candidate's curriculum vitae: maximum 0.1 points.

2. Merits associated with the submitted project: maximum 1 point, which can be obtained in the following ways:

- When the supervisor supporting the application is a junior member of the teaching and research staff (junior is understood to include all contracts for assistant professor, Ramon y Cajal and Beatriu Galindo positions, as well as for associate or lecturer positions when the staff member in question has held the position for less than two years at the time the application is submitted): 0.5 points.



- When there is co-supervision and it is interdisciplinary (co-supervision is considered interdisciplinary when the supervisors come from different areas or knowledge areas): 0.5 points.
- When the candidate's project is related or contributes to at least one of the 2030 Agenda Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and is implemented from the perspective, approach or knowledge area considered: maximum 0.25 points.
- When the project as a whole is associated with the gender dimension (reflection on the impact of the gender perspective on the research to be conducted and how to integrate this perspective in the project): maximum 0.25 points.

To enable assessment of the merits in this section, the applicant must clearly indicate/justify each of the items on the annexed document to be submitted with the application.

3. Assessment of the applicant's host group: maximum of 3 points, corresponding to the score given to the thesis supervisor indicated on the application, obtained based on their curriculum vitae and according to the research output criteria of the academic commitment plan (PDA) in force at the application deadline. As the information from the curriculum vitae would be obtained from GREC prior to the application deadline, any subsequent updates will not be considered. The scoring system gives 3 points to all supervisors who reach or exceed the upper threshold of their PDA area. For supervisors who have not reached the upper threshold, the following formula is applied:

$$\text{Supervisor assessment} = 3 * \sqrt{\text{output score} / \text{PDA area threshold}}$$

4. The general criteria for ranking the submitted applications will be: sorting of applications by doctoral programme group and ranking by total score obtained. The grants will be awarded in descending order to the candidates with the highest scores in the corresponding programmes, bearing in mind that no programme may receive more than one grant, except in the cases of the reserves established in Appendix III.

When a grant is declined, the substitution procedure indicated in the previous section will apply.

5. The procedure for the award of these grants will be considered to start automatically on the date that the call for applications for grants for trainee research staff is published.

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