

Terms and conditions of the call for applications for the Universitat Oberta de Catalunya's Research Connections grants

The Universitat Oberta de Catalunya (UOC) seeks to strengthen its links with other research undertakings and foster the participation of its teaching and research staff (TRS) in collaborative projects.

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this call for applications is the awarding of grants to fund research stays, as well as the formulation of collaborative research projects, under the provisions of these terms and conditions.

More specifically, the main objectives of this call for applications are:

- To incentivize TRS from other universities or research centres outside of Catalonia to carry out research stays at the UOC.
- To encourage UOC TRS to carry out research stays in universities or research centres outside of Catalonia.
- To encourage TRS from other universities and research centres outside of Catalonia to carry out research placements at the UOC, or to attend, in person or online, seminars or work meetings with UOC TRS, for the sole purpose of jointly formulating a proposal for a collaborative project between the two organizations.

For the purposes of the present call, a collaborative project is defined as that requiring synergy between different researchers or research groups from different fields and disciplines that, by means of a proper dynamic of shared work, can better achieve specific goals that they would possibly not have achieved on their own, or do so by improved optimization of in-house resources.

2. GRANT TYPES

This call for applications offers two (2) grant types:

a) Outgoing UOC teaching and research staff

- i. Attendance at infodays and training, lobbying and networking courses, amongst other events, to help formulate a proposal for submitting a collaborative project.
- ii. Travel for attending meetings formulating a proposal for a collaborative research project, for a short-term period.
- iii. Placement for carrying out research activities with the goal of preparing a joint project, for a medium-term period.

b) Incoming teaching and research staff

The aim of this grant is to foster collaboration between UOC TRS with staff from other universities and research centres via, either in person or online, seminars or work meetings with the UOC's research groups or TRS, for the sole purpose of jointly formulating a proposal for a collaborative project between the two organizations.

3. GRANT BENEFICIARIES

The grants in this call for applications are aimed at all UOC teaching and research staff. Excluded from this call are all staff assigned to an IN3 research group or the eHealth Center, and Doctoral School pre-doc researchers.

Additionally, for the incoming type, the beneficiaries of this call are TRS from other universities and research centres wishing to come to carry out a research stay at the UOC.

4. REQUIREMENTS AND CONDITIONS FOR SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION

A. **Outgoing** UOC TRS wishing to apply for one of the aforementioned grants must compulsorily fulfil all the following requirements:

- Possess an Open Researcher and Contributor ID (ORCID).
- Have up-to-date academic output in the Integral Research Manager (Gestor Integral de Recerca, "GIR").

B. **Incoming** TRS from other universities and research centres wishing to receive these grants must, after approval of their grant applications, compulsorily fulfil the following requirements:

- Possess, in due order, if required, all permits for entry and residence in Spain.
- Demonstrate an undertaking to have public or private medical insurance cover for the entire period of the stay.

Furthermore, to be entitled to the grants, the following conditions must also be borne in mind:

Outgoing-type grants:

- For research placements: This grant may only be applied for a maximum of once every three (3) years, so as to encourage the greatest number of potential beneficiaries.
- For attendance at courses, training events, infodays, etc., grants may only be applied for if no similar grant has been obtained in the previous twelve (12) months.

Incoming-type grants:

- For research placements, this grant may only be applied for a maximum of once every three (3) years, so as to encourage the greatest number of potential beneficiaries.
- For attending seminars and work meetings, this grant may only be enjoyed if no similar grant has been obtained in the previous two (2) years.

5. DOCUMENTATION THAT MUST BE SUBMITTED

Outgoing-type grants:

The documentation that must be submitted for applications from UOC TRS shall be the following:

- **A brief report or work plan** for the proposal for the intended **collaborative project**. The report – or draft – must contain the collaborative project's fit with one or more of the **UOC's strategic lines**. Additionally, it must include the actions for disseminating the possible outcomes arising from within the framework of the intended project, as well as the presence on social media and traditional media, and in communication products and other dissemination actions, if applicable.
- If applicable, **the timetable** of the relevant event, infoday, training course, etc.
- **A formal declaration by the applicant** stating that they are not being double funded due to the concurrence of other grants or aid for the same purpose awarded by other public or private entities, and that they are not affected by the disqualification period for this grant contemplated in Point 4.
- **A detailed budget** following the template provided in this call. This document need not be submitted in the case of applying for research stay grants.

In addition to the aforementioned documentation, applications for outgoing research stays must submit the following information:

- A brief, qualitative description of **four academic milestones or achievements attained**, highlighting their importance in their professional research career, their academic and social impact, as well as their fit with the project being submitted. They will need to describe the accomplishments in a brief, qualitative manner, emphasizing the significance for their career and their **scientific and/or social impact and in terms of open science (if this criterion applies)**, in addition to how they fit with the project being presented to the UOC. The accomplishments may include, but are not limited to, preprints, publications, training given, contribution to consortia, scientific dissemination, patents, key databases, software, standardization tasks, white papers, work in industry or other sectors, etc. The journal impact factor should not be included when listing articles or publications. Publications that the candidate has already mentioned in the previous section (scientific output) can also be included. Paper citations or other metrics can be given, but they are not indispensable.

We take a broad view of the social impact of research that includes any contribution by research to society, including relationships with the economic and industrial sector, knowledge transfer and co-creation with civil society organizations and other actors in society or collaboration with the public sector and other stakeholders. Any positive feedback from different stakeholders on the research carried out, its influence on public policies, the participation of patients or other groups affected by the research in the knowledge creation processes as well as the dissemination and communication of research results will be valued positively.

These scientific accomplishments will be assessed according to the criteria in the assessment rubric for research stays (see Appendix II).

- A copy of the **letter of acceptance** from the organization hosting the placement, or the relevant registration receipt in the case of attendance at courses, networking events, etc.
- **Authorization** from the UOC faculty dean or department director to which the applicant belongs accepting the research stay or travel proposed by the applicant.

Incoming-type grants:

Incoming university and research centre TRS applying for a stay at the UOC must submit the following documentation:

- **Current identity document.** Non-EU citizens must submit a photocopy of their current valid passport with an expiration date at least six months after the end date of the research stay.

- An up-to-date **curriculum vitae**.
- Two [2] **reference letters**.
- **A letter of authorization** from their **originating university or research centre** granting them permission to carry out the research stay at the UOC.
- **A letter of authorization/validation** from the UOC faculty dean or director of the UOC research centre at which the desired stay is planned, which must identify the UOC researcher who shall supervise and assist with the applicant's research placement.
- **A formal declaration** by the applicant stating that they have at least two [2] years' experience as a TRS member at their university or research centre and that they are not affected by the disqualification period contemplated in Point 4.
- **A brief report or work plan and execution period** for the placement, with detailed information on the goal and the proposed actions, which must include the actions for disseminating the possible outcomes arising from within the framework of the intended project, as well as the presence on social media and traditional media, and in communication products and other dissemination actions, if applicable.
- A brief, qualitative description of **four academic milestones or achievements** attained, highlighting their importance in their professional research career, their academic and social impact, as well as their fit with the project being submitted. They will need to describe the accomplishments in a brief, qualitative manner, emphasizing the significance for their career and their **scientific and/or social impact and in terms of open science (if this criterion applies)**, in addition to how they fit with the project being presented to the UOC. The accomplishments may include, but are not limited to, preprints, publications, training given, contribution to consortia, scientific dissemination, patents, key databases, software, standardization tasks, white papers, work in industry or other sectors, etc. The journal impact factor should not be included when listing articles or publications. Publications that the candidate has already mentioned in the previous section (scientific output) can also be included. Paper citations or other metrics can be given, but they are not indispensable.

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These scientific accomplishments will be assessed according to the criteria in the assessment rubric for research stays (see Appendix II).

Should the planned application be for a grant for attending a seminar or work meeting with UOC TRS to jointly formulate a collaborative project proposal, the following documentation must be submitted:

- **A brief report or work plan** with detailed information about its goal and the planned actions.
- **A motivational cover letter on the placement.**
- **A formal declaration** by the applicant stating that they have at least two [2] years' experience as a TRS member at their university or research centre.
- Should the grant be awarded, a document must be submitted proving the holding of **valid health insurance**, public or private, covering the entire period of the placement. This document must be furnished at least fifteen [15] days prior to commencing the stay. Otherwise, the grant awarded shall be revoked.

6. ACCEPTANCE OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Submission of an application implies acceptance of the terms and conditions of this call for applications.

The UOC reserves the right to extend the deadlines established in this call for applications if it so deems fit, or to cancel or suspend the grants provided that there is due cause by reason of force majeure, legal imperative or other grounds. In such a case, the UOC shall be exempt from any liability or compensation with regard to participants.

7. APPLICATION PERIOD AND PROCESSING

The **period** for submitting applications shall run from the publication of this call until **11 February 2023**.

Applications from UOC TRS can only be **made via the internet**, using the GIR Researcher's Website, accessing the **Submit application** link within the call file and attaching the documentation specified in the "Documentation that must be submitted" section.

Once applicants have submitted their application, they must send a notification email to internal_grants_ri@uoc.edu. Within three (3) days of making the application, they shall receive a message from the Research and Innovation Department (ARI) confirming receipt of the application and, if applicable, suggestions for expanding upon and/or amending the application submitted.

In the case of **applications from staff from other universities and research centres**, an

email must be sent to internal_grants_ri@uoc.edu with the documentation detailed in Section 5 hereto, "Documentation that must be submitted". The message's subject must read as follows: "AUOC – RSCONNECTIONS - Candidate name". Within three [3] days of making the application, applicants shall receive a message confirming receipt and, if applicable, suggestions for expanding upon and/or amending the application submitted.

For additional information or in case of any doubts regarding this call for applications, please send an email to internal_grants_ri@uoc.edu.

8. SELECTION BODY AND CRITERIA

1. The UOC Research and Innovation Committee (RIC) shall be the body responsible for evaluating the applications submitted for the **outgoing and incoming placement types** fulfilling the requirements established in Sections 4 and 5 hereto, taking into account solely and exclusively the evaluation criteria set forth herein and detailed below.

1.1. Outgoing placements

- Up to twenty-five (25) points for the four (4) **academic achievements submitted by the candidates**. They will need to describe the accomplishments in a brief, qualitative manner, emphasizing the significance for their career and their **scientific and/or social impact and in terms of open science (if this criterion applies)**, in addition to how they fit with the project being presented to the UOC. The accomplishments may include, but are not limited to, preprints, publications, training given, contribution to consortia, scientific dissemination, patents, key databases, software, standardization tasks, white papers, work in industry or other sectors, etc. The journal impact factor should not be included when listing articles or publications. Publications that the candidate has already mentioned in the previous section (scientific output) can also be included. Paper citations or other metrics can be given, but they are not indispensable.

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These scientific accomplishments will be assessed according to the criteria in the assessment rubric for research stays (see Appendix II).

- Up to twenty-five (25) points for **the report or work plan on the planned collaborative project**. The report or work plan must include the actions for disseminating the possible results achieved within the framework of the intended project-

To evaluate the academic/technical quality of the proposal, the criteria and yardsticks established in the evaluation rubric for placements shall be taken into account ([see Appendix II](#)).

1.2. Incoming placements

- Up to twenty-five [25] points for the four [4] **academic achievements submitted by the candidates**. They will need to describe the accomplishments in a brief, qualitative manner, emphasizing the significance for their career and their **scientific and/or social impact and in terms of open science (if this criterion applies)**, in addition to how they fit with the project being presented to the UOC. The accomplishments may include, but are not limited to, preprints, publications, training given, contribution to consortia, scientific dissemination, patents, key databases, software, standardization tasks, white papers, work in industry or other sectors, etc. The journal impact factor should not be included when listing articles or publications. Publications that the candidate has already mentioned in the previous section (scientific output) can also be included. Paper citations or other metrics can be given, but they are not indispensable.

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These scientific accomplishments will be assessed according to the criteria in the assessment rubric for research stays (see Appendix II).

- Up to twenty-five [25] points for the **report or work plan on the planned collaborative project**. The report or work plan must also include actions for disseminating the possible outcomes arising from within the framework of the intended project, as well as the presence on social media and traditional media, and in communication products and other dissemination actions, if applicable.

To evaluate the academic/technical quality of the proposal, the criteria and yardsticks established in the evaluation rubric for placements shall be taken into account (see Appendix II).

2. UOC faculty deans shall be responsible for evaluating the applications submitted for **seminars, training and work meetings**, both **outgoing** and **incoming**, fulfilling the requirements established in Sections 4 and 5 hereto, taking into account solely and exclusively the evaluation criteria set forth herein and detailed below.

- Up to a maximum of twenty-five [25] points for the **report or work plan**, with detailed information about its goal and the planned actions.

To evaluate the academic/technical quality of the proposal, the criteria and yardsticks established in the evaluation rubric for seminars and training shall be taken into account ([see Appendix III](#)).

- Once all the applications received by each faculty have been evaluated, the relevant dean shall issue their approval and award the grants **strictly in the order of the score obtained** in the evaluation, on the basis of the **budget available** to each faculty, and until the budget allocated to the relevant faculty is exhausted.

9. PROVISIONAL AWARD AND REPRESENTATIONS

A. Outgoing and incoming placements

1. Applications submitted shall be evaluated in accordance with the criteria established in the preceding section during the RIC meeting to be held on **14 March 2023**.

2. Once the Research and Innovation Committee has evaluated and sorted the proposals in descending order, the UOC's Vice President for Strategic Planning and Research, or the person replacing them, shall formulate a provisional decision on the award, which shall include the successful candidates as well as the list of replacement candidates, in strict order, if, for any reason, the former do not accept or renounce the awarded grant.

B. Outgoing and incoming seminars, training and work meetings

1. Applications submitted shall be evaluated, in accordance with the criteria established in Section 9, by each of the faculties.

2. Once the faculties have evaluated and sorted the proposals in descending order, the UOC's Vice President for Strategic Planning and Research, or the person replacing them, shall formulate a provisional decision on the award, including the successful candidates, on the basis of the budgetary availability for each faculty, and until the budget allocated to the relevant faculty is exhausted, and as well as the list of replacement candidates, in strict



order, if, for any reason, the former do not accept or renounce the awarded grant.

C. Common to all grant types

1. The **provisional resolution** on candidate selection shall be published on the e-Noticeboard of the UOC's E-Services Portal and on the UOC's Research website **from 21 March 2023**.

2. Candidates provisionally awarded grants, as well as other interested parties, shall have **until 29 March 2023** (inclusive) to renounce the awarded grant, or to submit any representations they deem fit to the email address internal_grants_ri@uoc.edu.

10. DEFINITIVE AWARD

1. The UOC's Vice President for Strategic Planning and Research, or the person replacing them, shall issue the final award, which shall include the definitively successful candidates, once the UOC's Research and Innovation Committee has resolved any representations that have, if applicable, been submitted against the provisional award.

2. The definitive **award** of the grants shall be published on the e-Noticeboard of the UOC's E-Services Portal and on the UOC's Research website from **11 April 2023**.

3. Definitively successful candidates shall have a period of ten (10) business days from the date of publication of the definitive award to receive and execute the grant awarded. If, during the execution period for the grant awarded, the beneficiary decides to renounce it, he or she shall provide notice of the fact to the email address postaward_ari@uoc.edu.

11. BUDGET

The **overall budget** available to the present call, which comes from the UOC's internal funds, is **€78,000**.

Of this, the amount allocated to outgoing-type grants is €54,600, whilst that for incoming-type grants is €23,400.

Detailed below is the budget available for incoming-type grants, allocated between the UOC's different faculties:

	Incoming-type grants:
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Faculty of Economics and Business	€5,225.44
Faculty of Law and Political Science	€3,169.05
Faculty of Computer Science	€3,978.81
Faculty of Information and Communication Sciences	€1,929.42
Faculty of Psychology and Education	€3,948.82
Faculty of Arts and Humanities	€3,438.97
Faculty of Health Sciences	€1,709.48
Total:	€23,400.00

The **funding** granted for both kinds of research stay grants shall be calculated pursuant to Annex I hereto.

For outgoing-type grants, this funding is awarded for a minimum period of **one week** and a maximum period of **8 weeks**. For incoming-type grants, funding is awarded for a minimum period of **one week** and a maximum period of **4 weeks**.

Under no circumstances does the **maximum funding** determine the length of the stay. Should the length of the stay exceed the maximum weeks funded, any expenses incurred shall be borne by the beneficiary.

Grants received for research stays **shall be allocated exclusively to covering travel, accommodation, subsistence and other stay-related expenses**.

12. EXECUTION OF THE GRANT AWARDED

Grants received within the framework of this call shall be used exclusively for the purpose for which they have been awarded and must be duly supported as stipulated in the "Documentary support" section of this call.

In the case of UOC TRS, the **implementation period** for the grant awarded shall be 13 January 2023 to 31 December 2023.

In the case of TRS from other universities and research centres, the implementation period shall be from the date of the final decision on awarding the grant until 31 December 2023.

Budgetary management of the grants received, in their two forms, shall be carried out as

follows:

a) Grants for outgoing UOC TRS; specifically, by sub-type:

- i. Attendance at infodays and training, lobbying and networking courses, amongst other events, to help formulate a proposal for submitting a collaborative project.
- ii. Short-term travel for holding meetings to prepare a collaborative project proposal.

These shall be managed by the UOC Research and Innovation Area (ARI) in accordance with all applicable regulations. For more information, please send an email to postaward_ari@uoc.edu.

- iii. Medium-term placement for carrying out research activities with the goal of preparing a joint project.

The amount of the grant shall be received in the form of a single payment into the FUOC payroll and shall be subject to the withholdings established in applicable regulations. Travel expenses for the placement and any other associated payment (for booking accommodation, etc.) shall be the responsibility of each individual beneficiary.

b) Grants for researchers from other universities and research centres (incoming-type) in the following sub-types:

- i. Medium-term placements for performing research activities helping to prepare a proposal for submitting a collaborative project.

Researchers from other universities and research centres must provide details of the bank account into which they wish to receive payment of the grant awarded.

This grant shall be deposited into it on the following basis:

- Reimbursement of the average transport price for travelling to Barcelona from their place of origin shall be paid over upon commencement of the stay and after submission of the tickets, invoice or other documentation demonstrating purchase and use by the beneficiary.



The maximum price paid to the beneficiary is that stipulated in Annex I hereto.

- 50% of the monthly grant shall be issued upon commencement of the research stay.
- The remaining 50% of the grant shall be provided upon conclusion of the stay and

after submission of the supporting documentation detailed in the next section.



The RIC reserves the right to modify the payment form and period in necessary cases, provided that the beneficiary so requests, with due justification and support.

- ii. Travel for attendance at seminars or meetings to prepare for a collaborative project proposal.

These shall be managed by the UOC Research and Innovation Department (ARI) in accordance with all applicable regulations. For more information, you may contact it at the email address postaward_ari@uoc.edu.

13. BENEFICIARY OBLIGATIONS

Beneficiaries of this call's grants have an obligation to:

- Demonstrate to the UOC their fulfilment of the requirements and conditions establishing the awarding and/or enjoyment of the grant.
- Submit themselves to any testing required to verify, if applicable, fulfilment and enforcement of the established conditions.
- Carry on the activity for which the grant has been awarded under the terms, conditions and time frames established herein.
- place on record in any research outcome arising from the activity for which the grant has been awarded the phrase "In collaboration with the UOC".
- Comply with the UOC's Rules on Rights and Duties, the policy regarding email use, the Code of Ethics, the Organizational and Operational Regulations, and all other regulations that may be approved and become applicable during the stay at the UOC.
- Show attitudes and conducts that are consistent with the values of a culture that fosters peace and democratic values.

Breach of any of the aforementioned terms and conditions shall entail the revocation of the grant and the obligation to repay the total amount thereof.

14. DOCUMENTARY SUPPORT

Within **three months** of the conclusion of the activity for which the grant has been awarded, UOC TRS must submit the following documentation:

- **A report** including a description of the activity carried on and the milestones achieved with regard to the work plan or report submitted, and also a brief account

of the opportunities detected (contacts, themes, funding options, etc.) that may be associated with the UOC's research interests.

- Updating of the information on the GIR system with details of the activity carried on during the stay in question and, insofar as it does not affect the protection of an intellectual property right, deposited in the O2 repository.

TRS from other universities and research centres who have carried out a stay at the UOC must submit, within **fifteen business days** of the end date of their stay at the UOC, the following documentation:

- **A report** including a **description of the activity carried on** and its achievements, with regard to the work plan or report submitted with the application.
- **An assessment report** by the **member of UOC staff responsible** for the stay.
- Any **supporting documentation** for the **achievements made** during the stay at the UOC: records of dissemination, academic output, research projects, etc.

15. DATA PROTECTION

This call for applications is subject to the following data protection regulations.

Pursuant to Law 3/2018, of 5 December, on personal data protection and guaranteeing digital rights, and Article 13 of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data (GDPR), candidates are hereby informed of the following:

Data controller

Fundació per a la Universitat Oberta de Catalunya
Avinguda del Tibidabo, 39-43, Barcelona

If you have any questions about the processing of personal data, you can contact the data protection officer at the following email address: dpd@uoc.edu

Purpose of the processing

- To organize, manage and resolve upon this call for applications (the "Activity").
- To publish the given name and surname(s) of the beneficiaries of the grants on the e-Noticeboard of the UOC's E-Services Portal.
- To evaluate and monitor the Activity by means of statistics and satisfaction surveys related with said Activity.

Legal basis:

- The management of the grants and the publication of the beneficiaries of the Activity are based on the performance of a contract (the terms and conditions of the call for the Activity).
- The legitimate interest in evaluating and monitoring the Activity through related statistics and satisfaction surveys.

Storage period

Personal data shall be stored for the duration of this call and while the award of grants to the selected beneficiaries is definitive. At the end of the indicated period, the UOC shall store the personal data in a blocked format for the period necessary to comply with the legal obligations resulting from any liability that may arise in relation to the indicated purposes. When these liabilities expire, the personal data shall be permanently erased.

Recipients

Your personal data may be disclosed to third parties in order to comply with any applicable legal obligations.

In addition, the UOC works with a number of service providers that assist it in performing different tasks related with the processing of personal data.

Rights of data subjects

Data subjects have the following personal data protection rights:

RIGHT	What does it consist of?
Right of access	Check what personal data we have.
Right to rectification	Modify the personal data we have when it is not accurate.
Right of objection	Request that we do not process personal data for some specific purposes, and not to be the object of automated individual decisions.
Right to erasure	Ask that we erase personal data.
Right to restriction of processing	Ask that we restrict processing of the personal data.

Right to data portability	Ask that we give you the information we have in digital format.
Right to lodge a complaint with the supervisory authority	Without prejudice to exercising your rights before the data controller, you can lodge a complaint with the supervisory authority in order to defend your rights, through the website https://apdcat.gencat.cat/ca/inici/

You may withdraw your consent at any time, as well as exercise the rights of access, rectification, erasure, objection, portability and restriction, by sending an email to the UOC at fuoc_pd@uoc.edu, with the subject "Data Protection". The request must include a copy of your ID card (DNI) or other equivalent identification document and the minimum content set forth in applicable legislation. If the request does not meet the specified requirements, we may ask you to make the necessary corrections. There is no charge for exercising these rights, although a fee may be charged in the case of requests that are groundless, excessive or repetitive.

16. ENQUIRIES

The UOC provides participants with an email address for enquiries regarding participation terms and conditions and, in general, all the aspects governed herein: internal_grants_ri@uoc.edu.

17. JURISDICTION

These terms and conditions are governed by Spanish laws.

Any disputes or litigation arising from these terms and conditions and the grants awarded will be resolved by the courts of the City of Barcelona. Applicants and beneficiaries hereby renounce any other jurisdiction that may be applicable to them.



Barcelona, 13 January 2023

Marta Aymerich Martínez
Vice Chancellor of Strategic Planning and Research

APPENDIX I

The following table shows the maximum amounts funded for travel between Barcelona and the destination centre, according to the distance shown by the [distance calculator](#) of the EU's Erasmus+ programme.

Distance between Barcelona and the destination centre	Amount
Between 100 and 499 km	€180
Between 500 and 1,999 km	€275
Between 2,000 and 2,999 km	€360
Between 3,000 and 3,999 km	€530
Between 4,000 and 7,999 km	€820
8,000 km or more	€1,500
European regions outside the continent	Amount
Iceland, outermost and overseas regions	€770
Malta and Cyprus	€720

For stays by other institutions' TRS, the above table shall also be taken into account for calculating the maximum fundable amount for travel between their place of origin and Barcelona.

The following table shows the maximum weekly allowance amounts funded, by destination country:

Country	Weekly amount
Denmark, Finland, Ireland, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Norway, the United Kingdom, Sweden, Canada, Japan, South Korea, Australia, New Zealand, the United States, Israel	€300
Germany, Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Spain, France, Greece, Italy, Malta, the Netherlands, Portugal	€250
North Macedonia, Bulgaria, Croatia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, the Czech Republic, Romania, Turkey	€200
Remaining countries	€700 per month

Other institutions' TRS travelling to Barcelona shall receive a **monthly payment of €1,200**, or the applicable proportional part.



APPENDIX II ASSESSMENT RUBRIC / STAYS – Collaborative projects

Collaborative project									
Criteria	Sub-criteria	Score	Score					Score 0 to 5	
			0	1	2	3	4	5	
Technical and scientific quality, relevance and viability of the proposal.	Scientific excellence (maturity of the presented project, taking into account the framework for each discipline involved)	25 points	The proposal does not meet the criteria or this cannot be assessed due to a lack of information. Or the proposal does not reach the minimum to achieve a score of 1.	The project does not provide scientific references or a methodological foundation. Or the proposal cannot be understood.	The project provides few scientific references and does not propose a methodology. The research stages are not clear.	The project provides scientific references for the subject and proposes methodologically well grounded research. The research stages are clear.	The project provides scientific references for the subject and proposes methodologically well grounded research. There is a clear time frame for the research stages.	The project provides scientific references for the subject and proposes methodologically and/or theoretically well grounded research. There is a clear time frame for the research stages. Information is provided on sources of funding for their proposal.	
	Transformative potential, added value and theoretical, technological or methodological advances. The creativity and transdisciplinarity of the proposal will also be assessed		The proposal does not meet the criteria or this cannot be assessed due to a lack of information. Or the proposal does not reach the minimum to achieve a score of 1.	The proposal does not represent any theoretical, technological or methodological advance.	The proposal presents some partial/moderate technological or methodological advances.	The proposal involves developing new theories, technologies or new methodologies but does not go into great depth with regard to these.	The proposal involves developing new theories, technologies or new methodologies.	The proposal involves exploring new theories, developing new technologies or new methodologies. It seeks transdisciplinarity.	
	Assessment of the theoretical framework		There is no information available to assess this.	There is no review of the relevant sources nor citations of the most pertinent works in the field. There is no synthesis or organization of the literature linked to the research question.	There is only a minimal review of the relevant sources, and citations of the most pertinent works in the field are lacking. There is only minimal synthesis and organization of the literature linked to the research question.	There is an adequate review of the relevant sources, and the majority of the most pertinent works in the field are cited. The literature linked to the research question is synthesized and organized appropriately.	There is a proper review of the relevant sources, and the most pertinent works in the field are cited. The literature, which is clearly linked to the research question, is well synthesized and organized.	There is an extensive review of the relevant sources, and the most pertinent works in the field are cited. The literature, which is clearly linked to the research question, is excellently synthesized and organized.	
	Fit with the University's strategic lines of research: the interaction between technology and the human and social sciences, network society, e-learning and e-health		There is no direct connection, or the person does not provide evidence to assess it.	Very little connection, and the person does not provide evidence to assess this.	There is some connection, but it is not clearly explained in the proposal.	Although it is not explicit in the proposal, there is some connection with some of the strategic lines of research.	The proposal matches with one of the strategic lines of research, and this is explicit in the proposal.	The proposal matches with more than one of the University's strategic research lines, and this is explicit in the proposal.	
Overall assessment			The proposal does not reach the minimum assessment threshold.	D: Poor. There are serious gaps and it is difficult to understand the proposal.	C-: Average. There are serious gaps.	C+: Good. The proposal explains the project well, but there are various weaknesses present.	B: Very good. The proposal is very clear, but there are small omissions which can be corrected.	A: Excellent. The proposal is very clear and meets all the relevant points. Any omission is small.	
								Total Proposal	0



ASSESSMENT RUBRIC / STAYS – Academic achievements

Academic Achievements						
<p>The candidate must set out the achievements in a brief, qualitative way, highlighting the importance in their career and in their scientific and/or social impact and in open formats (if this criterion is applicable), in addition to the consistency with the project presented at the UOC. Achievements may include, but are not limited to, preprints, publications, training given, contributions to consortia, scientific dissemination, patents, key databases, software, standardization tasks, white papers, work in industry and other sectors, etc. The impact factor of the journal need not be mentioned when listing articles or publications. Publications that the candidate has already mentioned in the previous section (contribution to science) may be included. Article citations and other metrics may be mentioned, but are not essential.</p> <p>We consider the social impact of research from a broad perspective, which includes any contribution of research to society, such as relations with the economic and industrial sector, knowledge transfer and co-creation with civil society organizations and other social stakeholders, or collaboration with the public sector and other stakeholders. Any positive outcome for different parties interested in the research carried out will be taken into consideration, as will its influence on public policy, participation by patients or other groups affected by the research in the knowledge creation processes, and the dissemination and presentation of the research results.</p>						
Criteria	Sub-criteria	Score	Score			
			0		5	Score 0 to 5
Scientific and technical quality and relevance of achievements in their academic career.	Scientific excellence of the achievements (the contributions are considered excellent from a qualitative and contextual point of view, i.e. taking into account the framework of each discipline involved. Questions to be taken into account include the soundness of the theoretical frameworks and methods used, and the innovative and ground breaking nature of the achievements).	25	The achievements do not cover the criteria or this factor cannot be assessed due to a lack of information.		The achievements presented are excellent.	
	Technological, theoretical and/or methodological progress (advances and cumulative strength of the contributions made).		The achievements do not cover the criteria or this factor cannot be assessed due to a lack of information, or they do not reach the minimum to achieve a score of 1.		The achievements are consolidated technological, theoretical and methodological advances.	
	Added and differential value (the following aspects will be assessed: creativity, interdisciplinarity, leadership and risktaking nature of the achievements)		The achievements do not allow this dimension to be assessed due to a lack of information.		The achievements provide strong evidence of added value.	
Social impact of their achievements	We consider the social impact of research from a broad perspective, which includes any contribution of research to society, such as relations with the economic and industrial sector, knowledge transfer and co-creation with civil society organizations and other social stakeholders, or collaboration with the public sector and other stakeholders. Any positive outcome for different parties interested in the research carried out will be taken into consideration, as will its influence on public policy, participation by patients or other groups affected by the research in the knowledge creation processes, and the dissemination and presentation of the research results.		There is no scientific or social impact, as the candidate merely lists or describes academic achievements without describing their scientific or social impact.		There is evidence that the achievements presented have had a substantial impact in the academic and social sphere, and have provided added value.	
The extent to which the achievements are consistent with the scientific proposal			This cannot be assessed.		The achievements presented justify the scientific proposal and provide added value.	
					Total Achievements	0



APPENDIX III

ASSESSMENT RUBRIC / SEMINARIS AND TRAINING

Justificació del seminari/formació								
Criteri	Sub-criteri	Puntuació	Puntuació					
			0	1	2	3	4	5
Qualitat científicotècnica, rellevància i viabilitat de la proposta que es vol impulsar i és resultat de la formació/seminari	Excel·lència científica (maduresa de la proposta tenint en compte també el marc de cada disciplina, o disciplines, involucrades)	25 punts	La proposta no tracta el criteri o aquest no es pot avaluar a causa de manca d'informació. O bé la proposta no arriba al mínim per tenir una qualificació de 1 en el criteri.	El projecte no aporta referències científiques ni una fonamentació metodològica. O bé, la proposta no s'entén.	El projecte aporta poques referències científiques i no proposa una metodologia. No es fan evidents les fases de la recerca.	El projecte aporta referències científiques en el tema i planteja una recerca metodològicament ben fonamentada. Es fan evidents les fases de la recerca.	El projecte aporta referències científiques en el tema i planteja una recerca metodològicament ben fonamentada. Fa un cronograma de les fases de la recerca.	El projecte aporta referències científiques en el tema i planteja una recerca teòrica i/o metodològicament ben fonamentada. Fa un cronograma de les fases de la recerca en sí. Aporta informació sobre fonts de finançament per la seva proposta
	Potencial transformador, valor afegit i avenços teòrics, tecnològics o metodològics. Es valorarà també la creativitat i la transdisciplinarietat		La proposta no tracta el criteri o aquest no es pot avaluar a causa de manca d'informació. O bé la proposta no arriba al mínim per tenir una qualificació de 1 en el criteri.	La proposta no representa cap avenç ni teòric, ni tecnològic ni metodològic.	La proposta presenta alguns avenços tecnològics o metodològics parcials/moderats	La proposta implica desenvolupar noves teories, tecnologies o noves metodologies.	La proposta implica desenvolupar noves teories, tecnologies o noves metodologies i busca la transdisciplinarietat.	La proposta implica aprofundir en noves teories, desenvolupar noves tecnologies o noves metodologies. Busca la transdisciplinarietat, la justifica adequadament i planteja accions concretes i factibles per aconseguir-la
	Avaluació del marc teòric		Sense informació per poder-ho avaluar	No hi ha una revisió de les fonts rellevants, ni citació de les obres més pertinents en el camp. No hi ha síntesi i organització de la literatura que està vinculada a el problema d'investigació	Hi ha una revisió mínima de les fonts rellevants, escassa citació de les obres més pertinents en el camp. Hi ha mínima síntesi i organització de la literatura que està vinculada a el problema d'investigació.	Hi ha una revisió adequada de les fonts rellevants, citació de la majoria de les obres més pertinents en el camp. Hi ha adequada síntesi i organització de la literatura que està vinculada a el problema d'investigació.	Hi ha una bona revisió de les fonts rellevants, citació de les obres més pertinents en el camp. Hi ha bona síntesi i organització de la literatura que està clarament vinculada	Hi ha una revisió extensa de les fonts rellevants, citació de les obres més pertinents en el camp. La síntesi i organització de la literatura és excel·lent i està clarament vinculada al problema d'investigació.
	Correspondència amb les línies estratègiques de recerca de la Universitat. La interacció entre la tecnologia i les ciències humanes i socials.		No hi ha relació directa , o la persona no aporta evidències per poder-ho valorar	Molt poca relació i la persona no aporta evidències per poder-ho valorar	Alguna relació però no s'explicita clarament en la seva proposta	Tot i que no queda explícit en la seva proposta, hi ha relació amb alguna de les línies estratègiques de recerca.	La proposta encaixa en una de les línies estratègiques de recerca i queda explícit en la seva proposta	La proposta encaixa en més d'una línia estratègica de recerca estratègica de la Universitat i s'ha fet explícit en la seva proposta.
Valoració General			La proposta no arriba al mínim se valorada	D: Pobra: Hi ha mancances serioses i costa d'entendre la proposta.	C-: Just: Hi ha mancances serioses	C+: Bé. La proposta explica bé el projecte, però hi ha diverses deficiències presents.	B: Molt Bé. La proposta s'entén molt bé, però hi ha petites deficiències presents, que es poden corregir.	A: Excel·lent. La proposta s'entén molt bé i tracta tots els punts rellevants. Qualsevol deficiència és menor.