



Deadline	<b>Thu 05 Oct 2023 14:00 CEST (Spanish time)</b>
Call name	<b>CAIXAFELLOWSHIPS –Postdoctoral incoming 2024</b>
www	<a href="https://lacaixafoundation.org/en/postdoctoral-junior-leader-fellowships-incoming-call">https://lacaixafoundation.org/en/postdoctoral-junior-leader-fellowships-incoming-call</a>
Focused on	basic research in specified research areas
PI	<b>Postdoc or junior researcher</b> - of any nationality with PhD awarded between 05 Oct 2016 and 05 Oct 2021 (2-7 years before the call deadline) negotiating a full-time position at a research centre or university in Spanish or Portuguese territory. Extension of 1 year can be applied for every parental leave.
Eligible organisation	One center accredited with the Severo Ochoa or Maria de Maeztu distinction of excellence, Institutos de Salud Carlos III and units evaluated as excellent and exceptional by the Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia of Portugal.
Target group	Postdocs and junior researcher
Expected outputs	(J) reviewed article; (B) book; (C) chapter in a book
Call opens	Jul 2023
Final deadline	<b>Thu 05 Oct 2023 14:00 CET (Spanish time)</b>
Evaluation results	Preselection: 25 Jan 2024 Interviews: 05 - 06 Mar 2024 Barcelona Final: 19 Mar 2024
Signature of agreement	Not specified
Earliest date of implementation	02 May – 31 Dec 2024
Latest date of implementation	31 Dec 2026
Sustainability	None
Reporting	Annual
Project duration (min-max)	<b>3 years</b>
Allocation for the call	25 fellowships (up to 7,627,500 EUR)
Project budget (min-max)	<b>up to 305,100 EUR</b> (up to 97,500 EUR per year)
Success rate	11,5 % (2022)
Eligible costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Salary: € 59,000 per year to cover the total labor costs (includes Social Security contributions and any other payments made by the employer, as well as the annual gross salary of the fellow – min. annual gross salary € 44,300)</li> <li>Annual research project costs of € 38,500 (e.g. consumables, equipment, travel expenses, personnel costs, conference fees, expenses related to the mandatory secondments, overheads, etc.)</li> </ul> <p>Plus gross annual family assistance of € 1,200 per child and mobility assistance (moving and housing) and € 5,400 to be paid at the start of the fellowship.</p>
Reimbursement	<b>100 %</b>
Mode of funding	Ex-ante
Language of application	English
Provider	<b>"la Caixa" Foundation</b> - Research and Strategy Area Av. Diagonal 621, torre 2, planta 4, 08028, Barcelona, Spain; <a href="https://obrasociallacaixa.org/en/">https://obrasociallacaixa.org/en/</a> email: <a href="mailto:fellowships@fundacionlacaixa.org">fellowships@fundacionlacaixa.org</a>
Call identifier	CAIXA-JL2024
Call info	The postdoctoral fellowships programme, Junior Leader "la Caixa" is aimed at hiring excellent researchers (of any nationality) who wish to continue their research career in Spanish or Portuguese territory. The objectives of this programme are to foster high quality, innovative research and to support the best scientific talents by providing them with an attractive, competitive environment in which to conduct excellent research.
Conditions / Restrictions	The date of obtaining the PhD will be understood as the date the doctoral thesis is defended. Special deadlines apply for candidates with interrupted research careers. Should an applicant hold more than one doctorate (PhD), the above-mentioned period will

	<p>be calculated for the first degree earned.</p> <p>Candidates must not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in Spain (for applications to Spain) or Portugal (for applications to Portugal) for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately prior to the call deadline.</p> <p>Candidates should state the preferred research centre and attach a <b>declaration of interest letter</b> signed by a researcher of the research center.</p> <p>The fellowship holder may change the centre chosen before the start of the fellowship.</p> <p>The fellowship will start when the chosen candidate and the research centre reach an agreement regarding their admission.</p> <p>A mandatory international and/or intersectoral secondment of 3 to 6 months must take place within the research project, can be performed in a single period or can be divided into shorter periods with a maximum of 6 months. (A declaration of interest letter from the secondment supervisor will be requested from the fellow before the start of the fellowship at the host institution)</p> <p>The fellowship also includes a mixed training programme (face-to-face and online) on transversal skills, innovation and leadership.</p> <p>Three sessions will be held: at the start of the fellowship, during the second year, and during the third year. Each session will last between 2 and 5 days, and attendance is required for all fellows from the same call, regardless of their discipline. "la Caixa" Foundation will cover all costs for these sessions, as well as the fellows' accommodation and travel costs.</p> <p>Early after recruitment, fellows will be required to establish a personal Career Development Plan (CDP).</p> <p>Fellowships are granted exclusively for on-site projects to carry out full-time research activity in the research centre's facilities. These fellowships are incompatible with any other paid work, grant or fellowship that covers more than 10% of the annual amount given for salary costs, unless authorized by the "la Caixa" Foundation. Fellowships are compatible with other competitive funds that complement this fellowships, upon the authorization of the "la Caixa" Foundation. The fellowship will not be compatible with a permanent employment contract from an institution other than the host institution.</p>
Proposal consists of	<p><b>Online Application Platform</b> <a href="https://candidate-fellowships.lacaixafoundation.org/login">https://candidate-fellowships.lacaixafoundation.org/login</a></p> <p>List of eligible institutions will be available at the Application platform in section "Prospective research centre"</p> <p>A project proposal – a personal statement consists of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summary of the proposed research project, timeline and contingency plan (max. 5 pages).</li> <li>• Description of research career related to the proposal, stating the main research line and achievements (max. 3 pages)</li> <li>• A copy of doctoral diploma (in English or in original language plus English translation – translation can be by candidate).</li> <li>• Contact details for 2 – 5 referees as <b>at least two reference letters</b> are required. The reference letters must be written in English.</li> <li>• A <b>declaration of interest letter</b> signed by a researcher of the research center (a template available in an Application Platform).</li> <li>• If relevant: An ethic table pointing out the ethical aspects of the project proposal.</li> <li>• If a candidate claims an exception due to a career break, the relevant supporting documents must be provided.</li> </ul>
Evaluation criteria	<p>The process is comprised of three parts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eligibility screening</li> <li>• Remote evaluation (preselection; evaluation panel made up of 2-4 experts)</li> <li>• Face-to-face evaluation (Final selection)</li> </ul> <p>The redress procedure possible submit by an email within 7 calendar days from the date the results notification is sent.</p> <p>Scoring criteria –remote preselection:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Excellence of Curriculum Vitae (50%)</li> <li>• Motivation and research project (35%)</li> <li>• Letters of reference (15%)</li> </ul> <p>Scoring criteria –face-to-face selection:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic and professional career (50%)</li> <li>• Candidate's potential (30%)</li> <li>• Motivation and impact of the project (20%)</li> </ul>
Research areas	Life sciences, Health, Technology, Physics, Engineering and Mathematics
Call workshop	FAQ: <a href="https://lacaixafoundation.org/en/postdoctoral-junior-leader-fellowships-faqs">https://lacaixafoundation.org/en/postdoctoral-junior-leader-fellowships-faqs</a>
IOCB contact	Please inform the IOCB Project Office about your intention to apply.

	<p>Do not hesitate to contact us anytime for consulting, discussion or help (<a href="mailto:projectoffice@uochb.cas.cz">projectoffice@uochb.cas.cz</a>).</p> <p>Veronika Palečková, <a href="mailto:veronika.paleckova@uochb.cas.cz">veronika.paleckova@uochb.cas.cz</a>, +420 220 183 266</p> <p>Blanka Collis, <a href="mailto:blanka.collis@uochb.cas.cz">blanka.collis@uochb.cas.cz</a>, +420 220 183 527</p>
Download documents	<p>CAIXA-JL2024_Summary</p> <p>CAIXA-JL2024_Guidelines</p> <p>CAIXA-JL2024_Eligible host institutions</p>