

Informative note: Call for grants and subsidies for research and innovation projects under the Barcelona Science Plan for 2019

Acting through its Institute of Culture and in collaboration with “la Caixa”, with which it has signed a collaboration agreement File No. 2018/699, Barcelona City Council opened its call for grant and subsidy applications for the Barcelona Science Plan's research and innovation, under which it undertakes to promote **quality research that tackles challenges found in the city's current reality**.

The aim is to promote research projects which focus on two thematic areas in this call: (1) **ageing and quality of life**, and (2) **mobility and environmental protection**. These projects have to be prepared through collaborative work between several entities in the field of research and thereby incorporating the voice of social players. The call, which has a budget of €900,000, is aimed at generating a **positive impact on the city in its entirety** given that it will provide scientific evidence and social comparisons for shaping future political decisions, strengthen the city's research network, through the establishment of synergies between research teams and with social players taking part, and encourage open access among all citizens to the results of the research.

This will therefore **revitalise the research and citizen ecosystem** so that understanding of the city's needs will be encouraged as well as cohesion with several players for tackling key issues for Barcelona's future. The purpose behind funding the research is for the projects to take account of extensive points of view and to be researched from diverse and complementary scientific fields, to foster interdisciplinarity and dialogue with citizens.

The call is enshrined in the **Barcelona Science Plan**, whose goal is to promote Barcelona as the European capital of research and innovation. Based on collaboration and consensus between research centres and companies, universities, authorities and the public, the plan rests on three key pillars: municipal support for research and innovation, the consolidation of Barcelona's scientific capital and the launch of an urban innovation laboratory.

It is therefore committed to **science as a source of knowledge** and rigour for taking on the great challenges of the social and environmental sustainability of the future.

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What are the call's subjects ?	The call has two thematic cornerstones: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ageing and quality of life. - Mobility and environmental respect and protection.
What are the goals the projects have to aim for?	To generate scientific evidence for inspiring Barcelona's future political decisions To foster collaboration between research entities and, between those and social entities, in tackling the issues and interdisciplinarity
What is the	Each project can be funded with up to a maximum of €150,000

<p>fundable value for each project?</p>	
<p>Who is eligible to benefit from this financial aid?</p>	<p>Groups of at least three application institutions, two of which have to be in the field of research. Third-sector entities and companies will be deemed an additional asset.</p> <p>Applicant entities must present a new project that falls within the framework of the subjects described above and, where successful in their application, implement their project through cooperation.</p> <p>At least one of the entities must have its tax or business address within the Barcelona municipality.</p>
<p>What is the projects' period of implementation, once they have been awarded the grants or subsidies?</p>	<p>18 months, as from the date of the awarding of grant or subsidy to the project (50% of the amount of the financial aid is handed over at the start of the project's implementation and the remaining 50% at the halfway point of its implementation)</p>
<p>What basic documents have to be presented for entering the call?</p>	<p>Basic mandatory documents:</p> <p>a. Application for entering the call (Application form – Appendix 1*) b. Project's Scientific-Technical Report, which will have to be in English and extend to a maximum of 15 pages, in single-spaced 11-point <i>Times Roman</i> font. For the purposes of presenting the project's Scientific-Technical Report, applicants must follow the Guide set out in: (Project description- Appendix 2*)</p> <p>This document must contain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A summary of the project, in a maximum of 300 words (in Catalan or Spanish). - Project goals (general and specific) and the research questions. - Methodology planned. - Results expected from the research and details of what they can contribute to Barcelona, not just for political decision-making but also for citizens and knowledge. - Project-implementation timetable regarding the work plan and the tasks assigned to each entity. - Justification of the advantages to the applicants' cooperation for implementing the project as well as creating synergies with citizens in general.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - . - Dissemination initiatives planned. <p>c. Agreement form between the various entities, specifying the terms and conditions of the agreement between the grouped entities promoting the project in the framework of financial aid for research and innovation projects under the Barcelona Science Plan for 2019-2020 (Agreement between the entities – Appendix 3*)</p> <p>d. Project financial feasibility plan, stating the general budget for its implementation and including a budget for each applicant entity and summary common budget for the entire project (Feasibility Plan – Appendix 4*)</p> <p>e. Curriculum vitae of the project coordinator (Annexe 5*)</p> <p>f. National ID of the legal representatives and supporting documents for their representation.</p> <p>g. Documents confirming the legal personality of all the entities as well as their registration with the corresponding register.</p> <p>h. Applicants’ Tax ID details.</p> <p>Where they are beneficiaries of the grants or subsidies, each of the entities shall also have to present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Declaration of Transparency following the model provided for, under Article 15(2) of Act 19/2014, of 29 December, on transparency, access to public information and good governance, for grants and subsidies amounting to €10,000 (Declaration of Transparency – Appendix 6*) j. Creditor’s datasheet: (Creditor's data - Appendix 7*) Each applicant shall have to certify their bank details. <p><i>There shall be no need to present documents stated in letters f., g. and h. where the Institute of Culture has them in its possession, provided that no more than five years have passed since they were presented and they have not been amended. In that case, the applicant must state the means by which these documents were appended.</i></p> <p><i>*Documents with an asterisk shall be made available to applicants once the call is open</i></p>
<p>How will the projects be chosen?</p>	<p>There will be an assessment of the scientific-technical quality, the implementation capacity, the suitability of the applicant team and the social impact of the projects.</p> <p>The selection process will be carried out by an Assessment Committee based on reports from external, national and international experts, in the subject areas provided for in this call which will assess the projects remotely</p>

	<p>in accordance with the assessment criteria and scoring protocol set out in the call. Each project will be assessed by three randomly assigned experts according to subject area.</p>
<p>What documents will have to be handed over once the financial aid is awarded?</p>	<p>A monitoring report and an interim financial audit, which will have to be handed over nine months after the award of the financial aid.</p> <p>A final scientific-technical report and a final financial audit, which will have to be presented within a period of three months as from the date of the project completion.</p> <p>A popular-science article and a summary of the project's outreach initiatives, which will have to be handed over within a period of four months as from the date of the project completion.</p>
<p>What will be the data policy for the projects awarded grants or subsidies?</p>	<p>The data resulting from the research will be published using open-science channels and/or through the City Council's website.</p>