

**ANNOUNCEMENT REF: Pre-doctoral grant (FI2025) for research staff in training –
The Translational Research Group on Cardiovascular Respiratory Diseases (CAREs)**

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

The Biomedical Research Institute in Girona (IDIBGI) is looking for highly-motivated and ambitious researcher of any nationality to apply for AGAUR's (Agència de Gestió d'Ajuts Universitaris i de Recerca) pre-doctoral grant (FI2025) for research staff in training. This Fellowship provide researchers from all over the world with the opportunity to acquire and transfer new knowledge by carrying out a research project in the Catalan university system. The aim is to support the career development of researchers for enhancing their individual competence diversification in terms of skills at multidisciplinary level and intersectoral experience.

Brief description of the Research Group (including URL if applicable)

The Translational Research Group on Cardiovascular Respiratory Diseases (CAREs) led by Dr. Olga Tura-Ceide at Institut d'Investigació Biomèdica de Girona Dr. Josep Trueta (IDIBGI) (Girona, Spain) focuses on investigating cellular and molecular alterations in respiratory and cardiovascular disorders. These include sleep apnea, pulmonary hypertension, pulmonary embolism, and the underlying mechanisms of long COVID.

As a pre-doctoral researcher selected for this fellowship, you will benefit from access to state-of-the-art facilities and resources at the Girona Biomedical Research Institute. This opportunity offers an outstanding research environment for individuals passionate about pulmonary medicine, providing a platform to advance their careers. Successful candidates will collaborate with a multidisciplinary team of researchers and clinicians, engaging in both experimental and computational approaches.

Candidates with a PhD in medical or biological sciences or related fields are encouraged to apply. To be considered, please submit your CV and a letter of interest showcasing your skills and research experience otura@idibgi.org. The selected candidate will then submit a joint application with their supervisor and the host institution. Successful applicants will conduct their research at the Girona Biomedical Research Institute.

More information about the group: <https://idibgi.org/grups/grup-respiratori/>

Brief description of the Host Institution

The Institute of Biomedical Research of Girona Dr. Josep Trueta (IDIBGI) carries out translational research to improve people's health and cure. IDIBGI is organised into 24 research groups distributed in five scientific areas (Cardiovascular and Respiratory, Metabolism and Inflammation, Neurosciences, Oncohematology and Mental Health) that bring together more than 400 people, including health professionals and basic researchers, in the counties of Girona.

The IDIBGI is a private foundation of the public sector of the Generalitat de Catalunya, and its board of trustees is made up of the Departments of Health and Research, the Catalan Health Institute (ICS) Girona, the Institute of Health Care (IAS), the Catalan Institute of Oncology (ICO) Girona, and the University of Girona. The IDIBGI is a SEARCH centre (Research Centres of Catalonia).

The IDIBGI also has collaboration agreements with the Institut de Diagnòstic per la Imatge (IDI), the Banc de Sang i Teixits (BST), l'Escola Universitària de la Salut i l'Esport a Catalunya a Girona (EUSES), and with the regional health institutions Fundació Salut Empordà (FSE), Serveis de Salut Integrats Baix Empordà (SSIBE), Corporació de Salut del Maresme i la Selva (CSMS) and Fundació Hospital d'Olot i Comarcal de la Garrotxa (FHOG).

Requirements of the candidates:

- Applicants may be of any nationality but **must meet one of the following three academic requirements** at the time of application:
 - Have completed bachelor's degree studies within the European Higher Education Area.
 - Have completed or are currently completing a master's degree within the European Higher Education Area.
 - To be admitted to or enrolled in a doctoral programme within the Catalan university system.
- Have completed the studies for admission to a Ph.D. program between 1 January 2022 and the start date of the contract.
Exceptionally, you could apply if you finished your studies between 1 January 2019 and the start date of your contract. However, you can only do it if, after completing your studies, you experienced any of these exceptional situations:
 - You have been on maternity leave.
 - You have been the guardian of children under six years of age.
 - You have been the guardian of someone disabled or with a physical, mental, or sensory disability.
 - You have suffered from a serious illness or an accident requiring medical leave for 6 months or more.
 - You have suffered any of the situations provided for in article 1 of Organic Law 1/2004, of 28 December, on comprehensive protection measures against gender violence.
 - You have been granted refugee status under the terms of the 1951 UN Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees.
- At the time of starting your contract, you must have a bachelor's degree, engineering, architecture, or university degree with a degree of at least 300 ECTS credits (European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System), university master's degree or an equivalent degree.
- You must not have benefited from any previous FI o FI SDUR scholarship. Also, you mustn't have benefited from more than 6 months of any other contract for pre-doctoral research staff in training.

- When you start your contract, you must be enrolled in a PhD program. The academic year you must be admitted to is established in the call.
- Do not have a PhD.
- Have a minimum average grade in your undergraduate studies (or an equivalent degree) equal to or greater than 8.0 (scale from 0 to 10).

If your qualifications have been completed abroad, the average grade on the academic record must be calculated according to the equivalent average grades set forth in the current resolutions of the [Ministry of Universities](#).

You are responsible for calculating your average grades and the statements of equivalence. You do not need further validation from any public institution.

- You can only submit ONE application, which means that you cannot apply for more than one university, project, etc.

Contact Person/Scientist in charge/Supervisor

- Name and Surname: Dra. Olga Tura Ceide
- Email: otura@idibgi.org

Applications: documents to be submitted and deadlines

- CV of the applicant (including the publications)
- Motivation letter
- Deadline: September 15, 2024

Send documentation via e-mail to: otura@idibgi.org

Candidates will receive the support of the supervisors, as well as the project management department, to prepare and submit their application with the IDIBGI as a host institution.

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Note: Call is subject to the award and conditions of the grant