

**CALL FOR FUTURE RESEARCHERS GRANTS AT THE
URV FOR THE 2026-2027 ACADEMIC YEAR (AFI2026)**
Scientific Policy and Transfer Committee of the Universitat Rovira i Virgili, 30 September
2026

1. Object

The Universitat Rovira i Virgili (URV), in partnership with the Social Council, is offering these grants to encourage students who are motivated by research and have a strong academic record to pursue a doctoral degree.

2. Beneficiaries

These grants are for students registered for a university master's programme at the URV or any other university during the 2024-2025 or 2025-2026 academic years who wish to continue their training by registering for the first time in the 2026-2027 academic year for one of the full-time URV doctoral programmes listed in Annex 1.

These grants are also aimed at university graduates who, after successfully completing the entrance exam for a training position in a health specialty, have successfully completed at least two years of training to earn an official degree in one of the health sciences specialties.

Similarly, the grants are aimed at individuals who hold an official Spanish bachelor's degree, the duration of which, in accordance with EU law, is at least 300 ECTS credits.

3. Requirements

Candidates must:

- Be registered during the 2024-2025 or 2025-2026 academic year for a university master's programme or a bachelor's degree programme of at least 300 ECTS credits, or have completed the training required to obtain an official degree in any of the health sciences specialties during the 2024-2025 or 2025-2026 academic year.
- Not have begun doctoral studies at the URV in previous academic years and be in a position to meet the admission requirements for a doctoral degree in the 2026–2027 academic year.
- Have a minimum grade average of 7 on the academic transcript of their master's degree (or on the transcript for a bachelor's degree worth at least 300 ECTS), or the average grade equivalent on the Spanish university grading scale if their master's degree was completed abroad, or provide evidence of a final grade of "distinction" if they are a graduate in any of the health science specializations.

4. Grant conditions

The grant covers the fee for the first-year academic supervision on a doctoral degree at the URV and is renewable for up to three additional consecutive years provided that the student passes the annual evaluation in their chosen URV doctoral programme, which must begin in the 2026–2027 academic year. If the student, for personal reasons, requests temporary leave from the programme during the grant period, the academic year or years affected will not be covered by the grant and the student will be responsible for paying the corresponding academic supervision fee. However, the academic year or years that the student is on temporary leave will be counted in the grant's total of four consecutive academic years.

The grant does not cover any additional fees, mandatory insurance, or bridging courses that the beneficiary may be required to pay for if these are stipulated by the doctoral programme coordinator. The beneficiary will be responsible for the cost of these items.

The grant also does not include the deposit (doctoral examination) fee or the fee for issuing the doctoral degree, which must also be paid by the student.

The number of grants is determined by the funds assigned by the University for this purpose. This will be specified in budget item 87.SB.00.12.00.

The maximum amount allocated to fund this call is €25,000.00, of which €20,000.00 is contributed by the URV and €5,000.00 by the URV Social Council.

The number of grants on offer may be increased through other funds proposed by the academic committee of the doctoral programme provided that this is done in accordance with the procedure established for this purpose. This means that any doctoral programme can participate in this grants programme and can provide its own additional funds to increase the number of grants available, provided that these funds correspond to the amount specified in point 4 of the present conditions.

5. Submission of applications

Students who wish to apply for a grant must present their application using the official template (see Annex 2). The application must be addressed to the Doctoral School.

The completed and signed application must be accompanied by the following documentation:

- a) People who have completed a master's degree at the URV must provide:
 - 1. Curriculum vitae and documentation accrediting the qualifications and achievements specified therein.

- b) People who have completed an interuniversity master's degree at the URV but who have registered at one of the other universities participating in the programme must provide:
1. Curriculum vitae and documentation accrediting the qualifications and achievements specified therein.
 2. Copy of their master's degree registration(s) for the 2024-2025 or 2025-2026 academic year.
 3. Academic transcript showing the subjects that they studied, the grades awarded, the number of hours/credits for each subject and the final average grade.
- c) Applicants who have completed a master's degree at a Spanish university other than URV must provide:
1. Curriculum vitae and documentation accrediting the qualifications and achievements specified therein.
 2. Copy of their master's degree registration(s) for the 2024-2025 or 2025-2026 academic year.
 3. Academic transcript showing the subjects that they studied, the grades awarded, the number of hours/credits for each subject and the final average grade.
- d) Students who have completed a master's degree at a foreign university must present:
1. Curriculum vitae and documentation accrediting the qualifications and achievements specified therein.
 2. Copy of their master's degree registration(s) for the 2024-2025 or 2025-2026 academic year.
 3. "Grade Point Average Equivalency Statement" from ANECA. This document may be requested by following the procedure at: <https://www.universidades.gob.es/equivalencia-de-notas-medias-de-estudios-universitarios-realizados-en-centros-extranjeros/>. The declaration must be accompanied by a copy of their personal academic transcript and the corresponding translation, if necessary.
- e) Persons who apply with an official Spanish bachelor's degree worth at least 300 ECTS or who have completed a training programme leading to the award of an official degree in any of the health sciences specializations must submit:
1. Curriculum vitae and documentation accrediting the qualifications and achievements specified therein.
 2. Copy of their registration for the 2024-2025 or 2025-2026 school year.

3. Copy of their academic transcript showing the courses taken, with grades and the number of hours/credits for each and their final grade point average, or a certificate demonstrating that they have been evaluated for studies in health science specialties.

The deadline to submit the application is from 1 to 27 October 2026.

In the event that any grants are left unawarded, a second application period will be opened from 14 December 2026 to 22 January 2027.

The application form and the documentation must be presented to the General Registry of the Universitat Rovira i Virgili (c/ de l'Escorxador, s/n, post code 43003, Tarragona) or at any of the auxiliary registries of the URV. The location and hours of the URV General Registry and its auxiliary registries can be found at the web address <https://seuelectronica.urv.cat/registre.html>.

The application form and the documentation may also be presented via the URV's Online Registry provided the student has the necessary valid certificates. For more information on these certificates, go directly to the URV's Online Office at <https://seuelectronica.urv.cat/certificats.html>. Online submission may be carried out at the URV's Online Registry or directly at <https://seu-e.cat/ca/web/urv/tramits-i-gestions>.

Finally, the documentation may be presented in accordance with article 16 of Law 39/2015, of 1 October, regarding Public Administrations and the Common Administrative Procedure. In this case, the applicant should send notification of [their](#) decision to use this shipping procedure by email to futurs.investigadors@urv.cat. If the interested party does not submit the documentation within the established deadline, it will not be taken into account for the purposes of the grant.

6. Selection procedure

The Doctoral School must publish the provisional list of admitted and excluded candidates no later than 29 October 2026. Once the provisional list has been published, candidates will have 10 working days to make any necessary amendments to their applications. After the ten days have expired and by 16 November 2026 at the latest, the definitive list of admitted and excluded candidates will be published.

The Doctoral School will provide the academic committees of the doctoral programmes (CAD) with the documentation of the candidates who have been admitted.

Each CAD will establish the criteria and scales that it will use to prioritise the candidates. The CADs will evaluate the documentation and will present a list, in order of priority and using the template for this purpose, of the candidates who they propose as beneficiaries. The CADs will evaluate the candidates on the basis of the following criteria:

- An academic transcript showing a minimum grade point average of 7 for their master's transcript (or bachelor's transcript if no master's degree was completed), or the average grade equivalent on the Spanish university grading scale if their master's degree was completed abroad, or provide evidence of a final grade of "distinction" if they are a graduate in any of the health science specializations.
- Specific merits of the student.
- The relevance of the thesis project to the doctoral programme's research lines.

At the same time, the candidates must preregister for the URV doctoral programme they wish to pursue and meet with the coordinator, if applicable, who will assess each candidate's suitability and the possibility of assigning them a thesis advisor on the basis of their research interests.

Once the candidates have been interviewed, each CAD must submit to the Doctoral School by 20 November 2026 its prioritized list of grant applications along with the selection criteria and the scoring methods used. These proposals will be evaluated by the Management Committee of the Doctoral School (CDE).

7. Resolution of the selection process

The CDE will analyse the proposals presented by each of the CAD and will assign the Future Researcher Grants on the basis of this analysis and in accordance with the number of awards available and the numbers of candidates proposed for each doctoral programme.

The CDE may propose that one or more of the proposals are rejected and that the grants are not awarded.

The final assignation of the grants will be published on 26 November 2026 on the website of the Doctoral School:

<http://www.doctor.urv.cat/doctorands/matricula-ayudas-y-becas/ajudes-i-premis/>
(doctoral grants website)

Once the final assignation of the awards has been published, the successful candidates will have ten working days to confirm whether they wish to accept the award or not. To do this, they must use the template in Annex 3. If confirmation from the successful candidate is not received within this period, it will be understood that they do not wish to receive the award.

Should candidates wish to do so, they can appeal against this resolution to the rector of the URV within one month of the day after the resolution is published on the website of the Doctoral School. This does not affect their right to lodge any other appeal if they so wish.

If any grants remain unawarded and a second application period is opened, the selection and decision-making procedure will be the same, and the schedule set out in point 13 of this call will be followed.

8. Payment of the award

When registering for the doctoral degree, the beneficiaries will be exempt from paying the academic tuition fees. This exemption will be applied annually for each registration.

Starting in the 2026–2027 academic year, each academic year the Doctoral School will directly transfer the amount corresponding to the registration fees to the Academic Management Service. The student will only have to pay the corresponding administrative fees and compulsory insurance and for any bridging courses, if the latter have been stipulated by the doctoral coordinator. If the student has paid the thesis registration fees for the 2026–2027 academic year before the grant assignation process is completed, the part of the registration fee that covers academic supervision will be refunded to them and will be paid on their behalf by the Future Researchers Grants programme.

9. Obligations of the beneficiaries

The beneficiaries of the grants must register for their doctoral programme during the 2026-27 academic year and within the ordinary registration period (see the schedule indicated in point 13 of these conditions).

As doctoral students they must meet the academic requirements stipulated by the Academic and Registration Regulations governing Doctoral Degrees.

At the end of each academic year students must receive a positive evaluation for their Doctoral Activities Document, Research Plan and Personal Training Plan in order to receive the grant for the subsequent academic year.

The beneficiaries must state their affiliation with the URV on any publications derived from the doctoral thesis. The beneficiaries must acknowledge the support that they have received in their doctoral theses in any publications derived from the doctoral thesis.

10. Revocation

The student's failure to comply with any of their obligations and the submission of false information are grounds for the total or partial revocation of the grant, depending on whether the infringement affects one or more of the academic years covered by the grant.

If the grant is revoked, the student must pay some or all of the fees from which they have been exempted. The total amount that they will be required to pay will depend on whether the revocation is total or partial.

11. Incompatibilities

This grant is incompatible with any other grant or award that has similar characteristics or that is intended for the same purpose. It is also incompatible with any other grant or award to undertake activities that, in the opinion of the Office of the Vice-Rector responsible for doctoral studies, would prevent the student concerned from dedicating himself/herself exclusively to the doctoral degree. This provision does not include mobility grants to enable the student to travel to seminars and conferences or to undertake research visits at other institutions because such grants are considered complementary to the student's doctoral studies and are intended solely for the purposes of student mobility. These grants are incompatible with any other grant for trainee predoctoral researchers, or any other grants or awards aimed at doctoral training that include academic supervision.

Students must submit a renunciation in writing if they receive another grant or award with the same characteristics, a grant or award that prevents them from dedicating themselves exclusively to their doctoral studies, or a Trainee Predoctoral Research Contract. If it comes to the URV's attention that a beneficiary has failed to renounce an award to which they are not entitled, the URV will take all necessary measures to recover all money paid to the beneficiary.

Any other potential case of incompatibility that is not covered by the present conditions will be reviewed and resolved by the Vice-Rector responsible for doctoral studies.

12. First Additional Provision

The CDE will interpret the regulations governing these awards.

This grant is conditional on the approval of the corresponding financial contribution by the Social Council.

13. Calendar

The schedule for the Future Researchers Grants is as follows:

		Schedule of second resolution (if applicable)
Approval of the call for applications for the Future Researchers Grants (CPCT)	30 September 2026	
Dissemination of the call for applications via the internet, information sent to the coordinators	From 1 October 2026	
Submission of applications	1 to 27 October 2026	14 December 2026 to 22 January 2027
Publication of the provisional list of successful applications	29 October 2026	26 January 2027
Period for making amendments to applications (10 working days)	Until 12 November 2026	Until 9 February 2027
Publication of the definitive list of applications	16 November 2026	12 February 2027
Pre-registration and interview with the coordinator of the doctoral programme at the URV	Until 20 November 2026	Until 22 February 2027
CAD presents the prioritised lists of candidates to the Doctoral School	Until 20 November 2026	Until 22 February 2027
Evaluation of the CAD reports by the CDE	25 November 2026	26 February 2027
Publication of the list of successful candidates	26 November 2026	1 March 2027
Period for beneficiaries to accept or withdraw from the grant	Until 11 December 2026	Until 15 March 2027
Deadline for registration on the doctoral programme	Until 17 December 2026, and until 5 April 2027 for late registration (fee applies).	Until 5 April 2027 – and until 14 June 2027 for late registration (fee applies).



ANNEX 1

DOCTORAL PROGRAMMES PARTICIPATING IN THE CALL FOR THE FUTURE RESEARCHERS GRANTS OF THE URV 2026-2027

	Doctoral programme	Grants
7701	Anthropology and Communication	2
7702	Biomedicine	2
7706	Business and Economics	1
7708	Humanistic Studies	3
7709	Computer Science and Security Mathematics	2
7710	Nanoscience, Materials and Chemical Engineering	1
7712	Health, Psychology and Psychiatry	3
7714	Tourism and Leisure	1
7715	Classical Archaeology	1
7717	Neuroscience	2
7718	Educational Technology	1
7721	Cognitive Science and Language	1
7722	Nursing and Health	1
7723	Gender Studies: Culture, Societies and Policies	1
7724	City, Territory and Sustainable Planning	2
7725	Social Work	1
7726	Quaternary and Prehistory	1
	TOTAL	26

ANNEX 2

APPLICATION FOR FUTURE RESEARCHERS GRANTS OF THE URV. 2026-2027 ACADEMIC YEAR

PERSONAL INFORMATION			
Name:	First surname:	Second surname:	
Identity card/Passport number:	Address for written correspondence:		
Post code:	Town/City of residence:	Country:	Telephone:
Email:			

I STATE
That during the 2024–2025 or 2025–2026 academic year I have completed the studies leading to the award of a university master's degree (or another degree specified in this call) at: That during the 2026-27 academic year I meet the requirements to be admitted onto the doctoral programme: Brief summary of the candidate's doctoral thesis proposal: Full name of the supervisor of the proposed doctoral thesis (optional): Reasons for pursuing a doctoral programme at the URV:

I REQUEST
A Future Researchers Grant for the doctoral programme in:

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[Signature of the interested party]

Basic information about data protection	
Data controller	Universitat Rovira i Virgili
Purpose	To manage the call for grant applications by the URV and the URV Social Council to encourage students motivated by research and with a strong academic record to pursue a doctoral thesis.
Legal basis	Consent of the interested party.
Recipients	Personal data will not be ceded to third parties unless there is a legal obligation to do so.
Rights	You have the right to access your data, rectify it, remove it, request that it be transferred, and oppose or restrict its processing.
Additional Information	Additional and detailed information about protection of personal data can be found via this link .

ANNEX 3
ACCEPTANCE OF FUTURE RESEARCHERS GRANTS
2026-2027 ACADEMIC YEAR

I, [*Full name*], with identity card/passport number [...], accept the 2026-27 Future Researcher Grant for the Doctoral Programme in [...] at the Universitat Rovira i Virgili.

I understand the conditions of the 2026-27 Future Researcher Grant and I agree to:

- Present all the access and admissions documentation within the period specified by the 2026-27 Academic and Registration Regulations governing Doctoral Studies (NAM).
- Register full-time for each academic year within the period specified by the 2026-27 NAM until I have defended my thesis.
- Register for the doctoral programme before the corresponding deadline.
- Complete the training activities offered by the doctoral programme.
- Inform the Doctoral School if I am awarded any other grant or award.
- Sign any publications that may derived from de Doctoral Thesis as a doctoral student of the URV and mention the assistance given to me by the Future Researchers Grant in my acknowledgements.

I also undertake to pay URV the doctoral registration fees for all the academic years that have been covered by the grant in the event that the grant is totally or partially revoked or if I fail to comply with any of the conditions of the call.

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[*Signature of the interested party*]

Send a scanned copy to futurs.investigadors@urv.cat no later than 11 December 2026 (for grants awarded in the first period), or 15 March 2027 (for grants awarded in the second period). If you have a digital signature, you only need to send the digitally signed PDF.

ANNEX 4**WITHDRAWAL FROM THE FUTURE RESEARCHERS GRANT – 2026–2027 ACADEMIC YEAR**

I, [Full name], with identity card/passport number [...], withdraw from the Future Researchers Grant awarded to me in the 2026-27 academic year for the Doctoral Programme in [...] at the Universitat Rovira i Virgili.

The reasons for my withdrawal are:

I undertake to pay URV the tuition fees for all the academic years that have been covered by the grant, if so required by the Doctoral School once it has evaluated my request to withdraw.

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[Signature of the interested party]

Send a scanned copy to futurs.investigadors@urv.cat in order to withdraw from the grant. If you have a digital signature, you only need to send the digitally signed PDF. The Doctoral School will evaluate the student's reasons for the withdrawal and, if it deems it appropriate, will direct the student to pay the fee amounts that have been covered by the grant.