

Resolution of the Pro Vice-Chancellor for Scientific Policy and Research that approves the instruction regulating the processing of calls for pre-doctoral contracts for PhD training included in the 2022 call for early processing of the procedure for grant awards to 'Knowledge Generation Projects' and the training activities for pre-doctoral research staff linked to said projects, within the framework of the 2021-2023 National Plan for Scientific and Technical Research, and Innovation for funded projects where the University of the Balearic Islands is the beneficiary

Article 1. Purpose of the Resolution.

1. The purpose of this resolution is to approve the instruction regulating the processing of calls for pre-doctoral contracts for PhD training included in the 2022 call for early processing of the procedure for grant awards to 'Knowledge Generation Projects', and the training activities for pre-doctoral research staff linked to said projects (Order of 30th December 2022, published in the Official State Gazette [BOE] on 3rd January 2023), within the framework of the 2021-2023 National Plan for Scientific and Technical Research, and Innovation for projects funded by the National Research Agency (AEI) and where the University of the Balearic Islands (UIB) is the beneficiary.

2. The purpose of National Research Agency grants for training activities of pre-doctoral research staff (hereinafter, pre-doctoral grants) linked to 'Knowledge Generation Projects' is to fund activities aimed at training future PhD holders through the production of a PhD thesis linked to funded research projects set out in Article 7.2, including funding for recruiting pre-doctoral research staff, stays at R&D centres and tuition fees for PhD programmes.

In turn, after the PhD degree has been awarded, a post-doctoral orientation period (hereinafter, POP) will be funded within the framework of the grants, which is aimed at the professional development and specialisation of research staff, provided that the degree is awarded during the performance period of pre-doctoral research staff training activities.

3. Appendix 1 to this Resolution lists the 'Knowledge Generation Research Projects' funded by the National Research Agency and awarded in pre-doctoral grants, where the UIB is the beneficiary, in accordance with the provisional resolution of July 18th 2023 of the National Research Agency. The Appendix lists the upcoming calls for pre-doctoral contracts, their lead researchers and the associated Department or University Research Institute.

Article 2. Applicant Requirements.

1. All individuals who are enrolled on or admitted to a PhD programme for the 2023/2024 academic year during the application period may apply. In turn, all individuals who, during the application period, are not enrolled on or admitted to a PhD programme but will be on the date the contract is formalised may also apply.

2. Those who find themselves in any of the following circumstances may not be applicants or access this funded recruitment:

- a) Having started their pre-doctoral training with funding from other pre-doctoral training grants for PhD theses that were awarded under the National Research, Development and Technological Innovation Plan or any of the previous National Plans
- b) Having a PhD degree from any Spanish or overseas university
- c) Having been awarded a predoctoral contract for over 12 months prior to submission of the application.

Article 3. Details of the Pre-doctoral Research Staff Training Activities Linked to Projects

1. The activities aimed at pre-doctoral research staff training included in the calls shall be unequivocally linked to a 'Knowledge Generation Research Project' funded by the National Research Agency where the University of the Balearic Islands is the beneficiary.

The activities shall last for four years at most and the implementation period shall begin on the date the recruited research staff take up their post at the UIB, notwithstanding what is set out in article 10 herein regarding suspensions and extensions for performance periods.

Within the framework of the activities and the maximum length set out above, a post-doctoral orientation period shall be funded once the PhD degree has been awarded, provided that this award takes place during the performance period for the activity, has a maximum length of twelve months, and is aimed at the professional development and specialisation of research staff, notwithstanding what is set out in article 10 herein regarding suspensions and extensions for performance periods.

The awardees shall take up their posts at the University of the Balearic Islands within a maximum term of three months, starting on the date following publication of the research project award resolution on the National Research Agency website, where the University of the Balearic Islands is the beneficiary. Pre-doctoral research staff must take up their posts on the first day of the corresponding month. Where the contract ends or the recruited individual resigns during the performance period of the grant, the UIB may assess, select and recruit another individual, in accordance with the requirements set out in applicable labour law, as well as Royal Decree 103/2019 of 1st March. Regardless of whether different individuals may be contracted within the activity framework, the maximum length for the activity shall be four years in all instances.

2. The assessment process shall adhere to the following criteria and sub-criteria:

Criterion 1. Candidates' academic and/or scientific and technical background (up to 50 points).

Sub-criterion 1.a): scientific and technical accomplishments (up to 45 points). Candidates' academic records and other curricular merits shall be assessed, as well as their alignment with the relevant tasks based on training and professional experience.

- Academic record. Maximum 30 points.

Average weighted mark in the undergraduate degree academic record (four-/five-year degree programme, or engineering or architecture): numerical mark out of 10 to two decimal places (maximum 25 points).

Master's degree academic record: numerical mark out of 10 to two decimal places (maximum 5 points).

In order to comply with the principle of objectivity in competitive grant calls for each of the ISCED codes for the university qualifications submitted by candidates, the average mark in the academic record shall be weighted to obtain the average mark for selection.

The average mark for selection shall be calculated and given to two decimal places, rounded up or down to the nearest hundredth; where the values are equidistant, the decimal shall be rounded up.

The general weighting by qualification and university will aim to standardise average marks for qualifications within the common framework established by UNESCO (International Standard Classification of Education, ISCED). Qualifications shall be classified by the ISCED code, which will be assigned to each qualification when filling in the application. The average marks, as well as the ISCED classification, are taken from the SIU and will be available at the relevant time on the University of the Balearic Islands website.

In the case of qualifications awarded overseas, the average mark scales and equivalence tables for overseas university programmes and qualifications shall be used, in accordance with Appendix 1 to the Resolution of the General Secretariat for Universities of 18th September 2017, which updates the list of marking scales for overseas university programmes or qualifications and equivalences within the Spanish university grading system, published in the resolutions of 21st March 2016 and 20th June 2016.

The average weighted mark shall be obtained by considering the average mark submitted by candidates, the average mark for the qualifications as per ISCED for each university where the qualification was awarded and the average mark for qualifications as per ISCED for all universities, using the following formula:

Application weighted AM = [(General ISCED AM – University ISCED AM)/2] + applicant AM.

Applicant AM = Average mark submitted in the application.

General ISCED AM = Average mark for graduates from qualifications as per ISCED for all Spanish universities.

University ISCED AM = Average mark for graduates from qualifications as per ISCED by university.

- Other curricular merits. Maximum 15 points.
 - Lecturing on official university undergraduate and postgraduate programmes (maximum 2 points): 2 points for every 60 hours of teaching (pro-rated to the corresponding number of hours taught).
 - Research activity (maximum 6 points):
 - Publications: maximum 3 points per article, based on quality and relevance criteria
 - Participation at conferences: maximum 1 point per paper / maximum 0.5 points per poster, based on quality and relevance criteria
 - Participation in competitive research projects via contract or grant linked to the project, not including honorary collaborations or non-contractual relationships: maximum 6 points, based on the findings, contribution made, length of relationship and competitive nature of the call (European and international projects, national and regional projects, as applicable).
 - Specialised training courses (maximum 2 points): 0.4 for every 10 hours (or pro-rated to the corresponding number of hours done).
 - Awards in competitive calls: maximum 2 points.
 - Languages (maximum 1 point): 1 point for each certificate equivalent to B2 or higher.
 - Professional practice linked to the qualification (maximum 1 point): professional experience, including non-university teaching, 0.4 points per year (or pro-rated to the corresponding number of months worked).
 - Other merits (maximum 5 points):
 - Participation in scientific outreach activities: maximum 1 point per activity
 - Published articles on teaching quality innovation and improvement: 0.2 points per article
 - Other qualifications:
 - Average weighted mark in the undergraduate degree academic record (four-/five-year degree programme, or engineering or architecture): numerical mark out of 10 to two decimal places (maximum 4 points per qualification)
 - Master's degree academic record: numerical mark out of 10 to two decimal places (maximum 1 point per qualification)
 - Grants from competitive calls: 2 points per programme and full year (maximum 4 points).

Sub-criterion 1.b): Mobility and internationalisation (up to 5 points). The relevance and impact of candidates' research stays at national and international centres and/or in industry on their research track record shall be assessed in accordance with the reputation of the host institution for the stay and the activity undertaken.

Stays at other research centres: maximum 5 points per three-month stay or longer / maximum 1.5 points per month for stays under three months, based on whether they are undertaken within the framework of a specific programme in a competitive call and the reputation of the host centre.

Criterion 2. Candidates' suitability for the research activities to be undertaken (up to 50 points). Candidates' suitability for the research programme, project or activities to be undertaken shall be assessed, based on their prior training and experience. In this regard, what the project will mean for their research career in terms of value added, as well as the added value for the host centre and team, shall be considered. The following scoring scale is provided as a guide for assessment:

- Outstanding 50
- Very good 45
- Good 35
- Average 25
- Poor 15
- Very poor 0

Tie-breaks. Where applications are awarded the same score, and for the purposes of deciding tie-breaks, the application with the highest score in the aforementioned assessment of criteria 1 and 2—as per the order in which they are listed—shall win. Therefore, the order of application to resolve tie-breaks shall be as follows: first, the highest score for criterion 1; in the event of a tie, the highest score for criterion 1.1, and so on. The same method shall be used for the following criteria: 1.2 and criterion 2. Where the situation remains the same, the tiebreaker shall be resolved by a draw performed by the selection committee.

The selection committee for the pre-doctoral call shall write a report setting out the assessment and selection process, and justifying the suitability of the selected candidate based on the aforementioned criteria and sub-criteria. The selection committee shall consider what is set out in Section 5 of Article 4(b) in Act 14/2011 of 1st June in the assessment and selection process.

In addition to what is stated above, the selected candidate shall comply with the requirements set out Article 21a) of Act 14/2011 of 1st June in order to conclude a pre-doctoral contract or, failing this, be able to comply with the requirements at the time the contract is formalised. In no way may individuals who already have a PhD awarded by any Spanish or overseas university be recruited.

3. Grants from the National Research Agency for the activities shall jointly fund the following items: recruitment costs, severance pay at the end of the contract and costs arising from stays undertaken at R&D centres and enrolment on PhD programmes.

4. The selected candidates shall be recruitment through a pre-doctoral contract, governed by Article 21 of Act 14/2011 of 1st June and Royal Decree 103/2019 of 1st March. They shall take up their post within the stated timeline in section 1. Where candidates have been previously recruited through a pre-doctoral contract, the contract term may not exceed the maximum length set out in Article 21c) of Act 14/2011 of 1st June.

Notwithstanding the above, the compensation for the contract may not be below 56% of the salary set for equivalent categories in collective bargaining agreements for its scope of application during the first year, 60% in the second year and 75% in the third and fourth years. Nor may it be below the minimum guaranteed interprofessional wages set each year, in accordance with Article 27 of the Consolidated Text of the Statute of Rights for Workers Act. In order to establish the aforementioned compensation, the category corresponding to Group 1 for non-civil service staff in the salary table set out in the non-civil service staff agreement of the Spanish Central Government Administration shall be used as a benchmark.

5. The grant for costs arising from stays at R&D centres and enrolment on PhD programmes may cover:

a) Funding stays undertaken by recruited researchers throughout the grant period, both at pre-doctoral and POP stages, at R&D centres not based in the Balearic Islands, with a view to their being able to perform activities that enhance their training and galvanise their thesis, as well as supplement and consolidate their research training. Stays shall ensure a level of mobility and internationalisation not accessed by prior academic training or other factors, such as residence or nationality. In no way shall they lead to a delay in completing the PhD programmes. In the POP phase, these stays may be used to supplement pre-doctoral training and guide future work areas for the post-doctoral stage.

Stays may be undertaken at other public or private R&D centres, including overseas or Spanish corporations, provided that the centres are not located in the Balearic Islands. Stays shall have a minimum length of one continuous month, starting from the date candidates join the host centre, and must be within the grant period. The UIB Office for Research Promotion and Human Resources Programme Management for the Research Area shall be responsible for the choice of R&D centre for the stay, activities to perform and permission to undertake the stay, with approval from the thesis supervisor and Academic Committee for the PhD Programme.

b) Funding for tuition fees for recruited pre-doctoral research staff PhD programmes—academic tutoring and training credits—at the University of the Balearic Islands for the academic years where they are enrolled during the validity period of the pre-doctoral recruitment grant.

For the purposes of aligning the grant validity period and academic years, each academic year shall run from 1st September of the corresponding calendar year to 30th June the following year, both inclusive. Notwithstanding the above, the tuition fees for the 2023/2024 academic year shall be covered by the grant, regardless of its validity period, for pre-doctoral activity and recruitment.

Article 4. Allocation of Funds.

1. The funding for the pre-doctoral contract, and undertaking research stays at R&D centres and PhD tuition fees, shall be as follows:

a) The annual gross salary for the contract will be 25.843,83 euro for the first year; 27.689,81 euro for the second year, and 34.612,27 euro for the third and fourth years. These amounts include salary and employers' social security contributions.

b) The grant for costs arising from stays at R&D centres and enrolment on PhD programmes will be 6.860 euro in total.

Article 5. Concurrent and Cumulative Grants.

1. For pre-doctoral grants, jointly funded contracts in this call may not be funded by financing sources incompatible with ESF+, in accordance with the specific regulations for this fund.

2. Contracts funded by the pre-doctoral grant shall be incompatible with any other current employment contracts for the recruited pre-doctoral research staff in training and any other amounts from paid employment, where this has a detrimental impact on the research and training purpose of the grant and/or where it takes place in the same schedule, in addition to receiving other grants with a similar purpose.

Notwithstanding the above, recruited pre-doctoral research staff in training may receive non-salaried payments from R&D projects and contracts, payments for teaching with no contractual relationship, as well as supplementary grants to promote research staff mobility, provided that these grants do not involve formal employment contracts, or other grants for attending conferences, meetings or scientific events. In any event, the activities that are linked to the aforementioned payments or grants must not undermine or interfere with the purpose of the pre-doctoral grants.

3. Staff recruited under the pre-doctoral grant who work at the UIB may take part in authorised teaching duties in a department up to a maximum of 180 hours throughout the validity period of the contract, and may in no way teach more than 60 hours per year. Under no circumstance may these duties undermine the commitment to the contract's research and training purpose.

Article 6. Application Submission Period and Method.

1. The application submission period shall run from 2 to 16 of October 2023, up to 11.59 pm (CET).

2. Applications shall be submitted by individuals who fulfil the requirements set out in article 2, in accordance with the procedure specified therein.

3. The application shall be filled in and submitted in line with the procedure established in Regulatory Agreement 14540/2022 of 15th June 2022 governing Recruitment of Research Staff under Chapter Six Allocation in the University Budget, as well as Technical or Operational Research Staff (FOU no. 539 of 29th July 2022).

Article 7. Application Content and Documentation.

1. Candidates must attach the following documentation in digital format alongside their application:

- a) A copy of their ID document (valid DNI, NIE, ID or passport)
- b) Standardised CV (SCV) in Catalan, Spanish or English, a template for which is available on the Spanish Foundation for Science and Technology (FECYT) website: <<https://cvn.fecyt.es>>. It must comprise the average mark from candidates' undergraduate academic record (four-/five-year degree, engineering, architecture, etc.) and under no circumstances the weighting with their master's record average mark
- c) A report stating candidates' suitability to undertake the research activities in question
- d) Academic transcripts for the qualifications they have or the training they have passed up to the application submission deadline, issued or provided by the academic institution. This transcript must contain the awarded marks, as well as the dates corresponding to the subjects on the relevant course programmes.

The application shall include a statement of responsibility guaranteeing that all qualifications or courses in the academic transcript have been passed before submission.

Where the academic transcript is issued in a language other than Catalan, Spanish or English, a sworn translation must also be submitted into one of these three languages.

Transcripts from overseas centres shall also set out the maximum and minimum marks within the corresponding assessment system, as well as the pass mark

- e) A copy of the enrolment or admission document to an official PhD programme at the University of the Balearic Islands for the 2023/2024 academic year, or a document accrediting they fulfil the enrolment requirements on the date the contract is signed
- f) Documentation accrediting the merits included in the CV or a statement of responsibility signed by the candidate

2. Candidates may only submit one application. Each application must be linked to a 'Knowledge Generation Research Project' funded by the National Research Agency where the UIB is the beneficiary. To this effect, the list of eligible research projects shall be available on the UIB website.

3. The application shall include a statement of responsibility attesting that on the application submission date, pre-doctoral training funded by other grants for pre-doctoral training leading to production of a PhD thesis awarded within the framework of the National Plan for Scientific and Technical Research, and Innovation, or any of the previous National Plans, has not been started, and candidates do not have a PhD from any Spanish or overseas university. Candidates shall notify the governing body regarding any possible changes to the circumstances set out in the statement. Any change to the circumstances set out in the statement shall represent incompliance with the requirements for participation.

Likewise, candidates must attach a statement of responsibility attesting that they have not undertaken a pre-doctoral contract running for more than 12 months prior to submitting their application.

4. For the purposes of the assessment procedure, solely the information contained in the CV and academic transcript submitted with the application shall be considered. The information contained in these documents may not subsequently be updated. Where candidates request that these documents be corrected, amended or clarified, the information provided for this purpose must, in all instances, pertain to the period before the application closing date.

5. For Spanish nationals or overseas nationals residing in Spain, submission of applications implies granting consent to the governing body to duly consult and verify the ID details included in the application, via the Identity Data Verification System, in accordance with what is set out in the sole article in section three of Royal Decree 522/2006 of 28th April that removes the requirement to submit photocopies of ID documents in administrative procedures of the Central Government Administration, and related or subsidiary public bodies.

6. Submission of a grant application implies granting consent to send the data included therein to third parties, for subsequent data processing for historical, statistical or scientific purposes, within the framework of Organic Law 3/2018 of 5th December on Personal Data Protection and Guarantee of Digital Rights.

Article 8. Evaluation Procedure.

1. The review and assessment of applications, and resolution of the selection process shall be in line with the procedure established in Regulatory Agreement 14540/2022 of 15th June 2022 governing Recruitment of Research Staff under Chapter Six Allocation in the University Budget, as well as Technical or Operational Research Staff (FOU no. 539 of 29th July 2022).

A Selection Committee shall be responsible for candidate selection. It will be appointed for each specific pre-doctoral call linked to a 'Knowledge Generation Project' and comprise:

- i. The relevant Pro Vice-Chancellor for Research (or the person s/he delegates) as chair
- ii. The coordinator (or the person s/he delegates)
- iii. The members of the Research Area Assessment Committee (CARAI)
- iv. Two or more expert members in the area for the pre-doctoral recruitment framework, appointed by the chair of the committee. They shall not be part of the research team for the 'Knowledge Generation Project' linked to the pre-doctoral call
- v. The head of the Office for Research Promotion and Human Resources Programme Management (or the person s/he delegates), acting as secretary who may speak but not vote.

Article 9. Commitments of the UIB.

1. The UIB undertakes to comply with the following obligations:

a) Formalising a pre-doctoral contract with the selected candidates, in accordance with current labour laws, Royal Decree 103/2019 of 1st March and what is set out in this resolution. Candidates

shall take up their post within the deadline periods set out in article 3 herein. The personal details of recruited candidates and the start date for their posts shall be submitted to the awarding body within 20 working days at most from their start date, alongside the training programme for these candidates, using the template available on the National Research Agency website. This programme may be drafted in Spanish or English

b) Formalising an addendum to the contract for the POP of the recruited candidates who are awarded a PhD degree before the end of the grant period, which may last for a maximum of 12 months from the day following the PhD award date. To this effect, the award date for the PhD shall be deemed to be the date the viva is held and the thesis passed

c) In the event that a new candidate is recruited during the effective period of the grant, in accordance with what is set out in article three herein, the UIB shall provide the personal details and start date to the grant awarding body, within a maximum of 20 working days from the date of recruitment, alongside the training programme for this individual, as per what is set out in section a)

d) Providing recruited research staff with the necessary support and granting them access to facilities, equipment and material, training or any other type of resources required to undertake their activity properly

e) Ensuring the PhD programme runs properly and that pre-doctoral research staff in training are not required to undertake any other activities not linked to their research or required specific training, notwithstanding what is set out in article five herein

f) Notifying the awarding body of the date on which the pre-doctoral research staff in training took their viva and passed their thesis, within a maximum period of 20 working days from that date, where this takes place during the performance period of the grant or in the year following the end of the performance period.

Where candidates are awarded their PhD degree during the performance period of the grant, the UIB shall submit the document accrediting the PhD viva and pass mark, alongside a work and activities programme for the POP in digital format for each candidate, in accordance with the template available on the National Research Agency website

g) Notifying the awarding body of any withdrawals or other incidents during performance of the grants within a maximum period of two (2) months from the date on which they occur. Notification of contract suspensions not leading to an extension request shall not be required, in accordance with what is set out in article 10 herein

h) Publicising the public source of the funding for the activity, explicitly mentioning the call, the awarding body (National Research Agency) and joint funding by the ESF+ in the employment contracts, as well as publications, papers, dissemination activities for findings and any other activity arising from the training grants for pre-doctoral research staff awarded within the framework of this call.

To this effect, reference to funding from the National Research Agency shall be stated as follows: 'The contract / publication / findings / equipment / video / activity / other is part of the GRANT REFERENCE grant, funded by MCIN/AEI/10.13039/501100011033 and the ESF+', as applicable, where: GRANT REFERENCE refers to the grant reference number stated in the award decision; MCIN refers to the acronym for the Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation; AEI refers to the acronym of the National Research Agency; 10.13039/501100011033 refers to the DOI (Digital Object Identifier) at the Agency, and ESF+ refers to the acronym of the European Social Fund Plus.

Likewise, the following logos shall be included in the order below:

1. The logo of the Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation
2. The emblem of the European Union, alongside the following text: 'Co-funded by the European Union'
3. The logo of the National Research Agency
4. The logo of the University of the Balearic Islands.

The visual requirements for the emblem of the European Union and the standardised colours set out in Appendix IX of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 on Common Provisions shall be adhered to. This mention should be visible, and always offset and highlighted compared to the logos from other institutions that have made a lower funding contribution.

The agency website may include instructions and visual requirements in this regard

i) The UIB and recruited staff shall provide the necessary information for the correct design of the indicators required by the ESF+, in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2021/1057 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24th June 2021, based on the instructions provided on the National Research Agency website. The information to contribute may be required before, during or after the activity.

Article 10. Amendment of the Award Decision.

1. The UIB may request the performance period of the activity be suspended or extended for the length of the contract suspended due to any of the circumstances or benefits set out in paragraph four of Article 21.c) in Act 14/2011 of 1st June.

In the event of temporary incapacity during pregnancy due to related causes, suspension or extension of the activity performance period may be requested for the time during which said temporary incapacity lasts. In all other instances of temporary incapacity, suspension and extension of the activity performance period may be requested where said temporary incapacity runs for at least a minimum of two (2) consecutive months.

Suspensions due to causes other than those stated above or notified outside the deadlines set in this section shall not lead to extension of the performance period.

Suspension and extension requests for the activity performance period shall be made within two (2) months from the date on which the reason for suspension occurs. Requests shall comply with the instructions published on the National Research Agency website. Suspensions and extensions must be authorised by the awarding body, which may require any reports it deems necessary.

In general, the year in which the suspension occurs will be extended for the same length as the suspension.

2. A change of beneficiary institution may be requested during performance of the training activities for pre-doctoral research staff. When the awarding body deems that exceptional circumstances make authorisation of the change advisable, it shall amend the award decision. In any event, the conditions set out in Article 25 of the call terms and conditions (Order of 30th December 2022, published in BOE of 3rd January 2023) must be fulfilled.

The new centre shall specifically state in the request that it will comply with the requirements and obligations for beneficiary institutions, and it accepts the conditions to which they are subject.

Where, alongside the change of centre, there is a project affiliation change for research staff in training, the new project shall be funded under grants for R&D&i projects in the National Sub-programme for Knowledge Generation and the National Research, Development and Innovation Programme to Address the Challenges of Society, or for 'Knowledge Generation Projects' under the National Programme to Drive Scientific and Technical Research and Transfer.

The beneficiary centre shall submit requests via the methods set out in Article six (6) of the terms and conditions (Order of 30th December 2022, published in BOE of 3rd January 2023), using the template available and as per the instructions provided on the agency website, and shall include acceptance of the change by the researcher and new centre they wish to join, as well as justification for the change.

Where the resolution amendment is granted, the new centre shall have a period of 20 working days from the date following receipt of said decision to formalise the contract with the researcher in training and notify the awarding body of their start date.

In turn, with regard to the year in which the change occurs, the initial beneficiary centre shall transfer the amount from the grant allocated to researcher recruitment, pro-rated for the time between the termination date of the researcher's contract and the end of the year, to the new centre. The grant for the subsequent years shall be paid to the new beneficiary centre. With regard to the grant to cover salaries and additional financial aid, the resulting amount from the difference between the awarded grant and what the initial beneficiary centre has spent up to the date on which the change is granted, shall be transferred to the new beneficiary centre.

For research project change requests within the UIB, requests shall be made by the centre via the e-services portal of the Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation, using the template available, and as per the instructions, on the agency website, and include acceptance of the change by the researcher, as well as justification for said change. Likewise, what is set out in paragraph two (1) in section one (1) herein shall apply to these instances.

Notwithstanding the above, where the project to which the research staff in training are affiliated ends within the validity period of the pre-doctoral grant, authorisation for the project change will not be necessary where the research staff in training are affiliated to a new project or research area coordinated by the supervising researcher for the project that is coming to an end. In such instances, the institution shall solely notify the awarding body of said circumstances in the corresponding monitoring report, specifying the new project or research area, as well as any other information it deems relevant. Where the circumstances set out in this paragraph do not arise, a request in accordance with the previous paragraph shall be required.

Article 11. Scientific and Technical Monitoring of the Pre-doctoral Research Staff Training Activities Linked to Projects

1. Scientific and technical monitoring undertaken by pre-doctoral research staff corresponds to the awarding body, and shall be carried out through the Scientific and Technical Thematic Programme Sub-unit. The awarding body shall establish the appropriate procedures for this and may appoint the bodies, committees or experts it deems necessary to undertake the relevant and applicable monitoring activities for the grant, and require submission of supplementary information it deems necessary.

2. Recruited pre-doctoral research staff in training must write two scientific and technical monitoring reports, one an intermediate report, and the other a final report—covering the entire performance period of the grant, including the POP phase, where appropriate—using the templates available on the National Research Agency website. The UIB shall submit the intermediate report to the awarding body during the period between the 20th and 21st month of performance of the grant, and the final report during the month following the end of the grant performance period, respectively. The calculation for these timeframes shall start from the effective start date of the research staff recruited by the UIB.

These reports shall comprise a description of the tasks undertaken and fulfilment of the training programme during the period covered by the report and, where applicable, the work plan for the remaining grant performance period, with specific reference to the status, progress and award of the PhD thesis. The reports shall, where any stays have been undertaken, contain a description of the stay (host centre and group, length, etc.) and the activities carried out.

An updated CV for the research staff in training shall also be attached to the monitoring reports.

The assessment outcome for the aforementioned intermediate report shall be instrumental to ensure contract funding continues.

3. In addition to what is stated in point two (2), research staff in training or with a PhD shall, alongside the final report, fill in the form for the scientific and technical indicators established by the National Research Agency to assess the impact of the activity. The values specified must match those included in the attached CV.

4. The awarding body may require additional monitoring reports be submitted or the content of the reports be adapted. It will make templates available for this on its website. In turn, the awarding body may organise in-person events to present findings and/or any other type of activities related to the scientific and technical monitoring for the awarded grants.

Article 12. Appeals against the Resolution.

1. The present resolution and all administrative proceedings that arise from it may be challenged or contested in the cases and manner established by Act 39/2015 of 1st October on Common Administrative Procedures for Public Administrations.

Additional Provisions

One. Designations.

All designations of governing bodies, representation, posts, duties and members of the academic community, as well as any that appear in this call in masculine, shall be understood as referring without distinction to the individual in question, regardless of gender.

Two. Interpretation and Implementation.

In the event of any discrepancy between the Catalan, Spanish and English versions of the resolution, the Catalan version shall be used for interpretation purposes. In turn, in the event of any discrepancy, the University of the Balearic Islands Research Area Assessment Committee is authorised to interpret the text of the resolution.

Three. Funding.

This activity may be jointly funded by the 2023 Annual Sustainable Tourism Plan (ITS2023-086 - Research Promotion Programme).

The Pro-Vice Chancellor for Scientific Policy and Research,
Víctor Homar Santaner

Palma, on the date stated in the electronic signature.

Appendix 1

'Knowledge Generation Research Projects' funded by the National Research Agency and awarded in pre-doctoral grants, where the UIB is the beneficiary, in accordance with the provisional resolution of July 18th 2023 of the National Research Agency

Official Code	Principal Investigador	Co-PI	Department / Institute
PID2022-142252NA-I00	ANTÓN GAMAZO, ANDREA		IMEDEA
PID2022-137648OB-C21	BLÁZQUEZ SALOM, MACIÀ	MURRAY MAS, IVAN	Geography
PID2022-139042NB-I00	CHRISTIE DE OLEZA, JOSEPH ALEXANDER	BOSCH ZARAGOZA, RAFAEL	Biology
PID2022-138424NB-I00	CLEMENTE MORENO, MARIA JOSÉ		Biology
PID2022-141031NB-I00	COMAS FORGAS, RUBÉN LLUC		Applied Pedagogy and Educational Psychology
PID2022-137408NB-I00	GARCÍA RIAZA, ENRIQUE		Historical Sciences and Theory of the Arts
PID2022-139455NB-C31	GULÍAS LEÓN, JAVIER	GAGO MARIÑO, JORGE	INAGEA
PID2022-140561NB-I00	MONTOYA JIMÉNEZ, PEDRO JOSÉ		IUNICS
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