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# RESEARCH STAY GRANT FOR INTERDISCIPLINARY TRAINING IN NEUROSCIENCE AND RELATED AREAS AT FOREIGN UNIVERSITIES OR CENTRES

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de Neurociencia  
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## Purpose

The Tatiana Pérez de Guzmán el Bueno Foundation, through its International Centre for Neuroscience and Ethics (CINET), announces this call for a grant for a research stay at a public or private international institution (or, in the case of applicants who are nationals of other Member States of the European Union, a Spanish institution) of maximum academic prestige. It is aimed at researchers with a PhD who want to enhance their **interdisciplinary training** in neuroscience and other fields of study (e.g., human biology, bioethics, psychology, philosophy, physics or history). Theoretical or empirical projects that propose a true dialogue between two or more of these disciplines will be considered, with the aim of improving the understanding of the brain, overcoming monodisciplinary paradigms, proposing original answers to the mind-brain problem, discussing and anticipating the main ethical challenges of neuroscience, and dealing with specific issues generally present in interdisciplinary forums, such as consciousness, subjectivity and free will.

## Profile of applicants

- The grant will be awarded to natural persons who have obtained a doctorate, regardless of the date it was obtained. Interdisciplinary profiles will be especially valued, although applicants who, having trained only in one discipline (for example, neuroscience or philosophy), want to carry out a research stay to deepen their understanding of a complementary field of knowledge (philosophy or neuroscience, in this case).
- The call is open to people of any age who are nationals a Member State of the European Union and who propose to join a Spanish institution (in the case of non-Spanish European applicants) or an institution of another country in the world (in the case of Spanish applicants).
- The applicant must have been admitted, or must have a firm offer to be admitted, to a university or research centre for the requested period.

## Duration

The grant has a duration of twelve (12) months.

## Amount

The grant amount includes:

- A gross annual allowance of €40,000, payable monthly.
- Travel expenses of a maximum of €1,200.
- Illness and accident insurance paid by the Foundation (not extendable to any family members who may accompany the beneficiary during their stay abroad).
- Annual family support of €1,200 for each minor dependent child.
- Additional financial aid of €4,000, which the grant holder may use to cover installation, attendance and registration expenses at congresses during the period of receiving the grant, or open-access publishing expenses (in this case, for up to 6 months after the end of the grant period). These expenses must be justified in the final report that the beneficiary submits to the Foundation at the end of the grant period.
- The monthly instalments, as well as the rest of the financial aid, will be paid by the Foundation to the beneficiary of the grant, for which purpose the beneficiary will provide a bank certificate of the account held by the beneficiary into which the Foundation must make the deposits.
- In compliance with current tax regulations, the corresponding withholding will be applied to all amounts that constitute the amount of the grant.
- Payment of the travel expenses requires previous presentation and documentary accreditation to CINET of the originals of the invoices and of any other documentation that is considered necessary. The amount of justified expenses may not exceed the maximum amount granted.
- Any additional contribution received by the applicant must be declared to CINET, which will determine the complementarity of the additional aid.
- The Grants are awarded exclusively for carrying out a research stay at an international academic institution, so they do not fall in the scope of Royal Decree 63/2006 of January 27, which approves the Statute for Research Staff in Training, nor in the scope of Royal Decree 1493/2011 of October 24, which regulates the terms and conditions of inclusion in the General Social Security Regime of people who participate in training programmes. Beneficiaries who are nationals a Member State of the European Union other than Spain and who carry out their research stay in a Spanish institution are also outside the scope of application of the above regulations.

## Incompatibilities

Receipt of this grant is incompatible with the receipt of other grants or public or private financial aid for the same purpose and period.

This scholarship is also incompatible with contractual or statutory commitments that prevent exclusive dedication to research.

## Documentation

The applicant must submit the following documentation in a single PDF, in Spanish or English:

- Application form.
- Short curriculum (maximum 4 pages), with special emphasis on interdisciplinary training or interest in it.
- Complete academic record. Photocopy of doctoral degree.
- Summary of the applicant's research career and interests (maximum 500 words).
- Summary of the research project (maximum 500 words).
- Project report (maximum 5 pages), specifying the context, objectives, methodology, work plan and calendar, and the contribution the stay makes to the applicant's interdisciplinary training and to the research topic.
- Any one of the following three documents from the receiving institution: 1) a letter of recommendation from the supervising researcher at the receiving institution; 2) a letter of admission (or "invitation") from the supervising researcher or from their department; 3) an admission commitment (or "invitation") from the receiving university or research centre for the requested period.

## Submission deadline

The application must be sent in a single PDF to the email [info@fundaciontatiana.com](mailto:info@fundaciontatiana.com), completing the form downloadable from the website ([www.cinetcenter.com](http://www.cinetcenter.com)), and attaching all the information requested in the previous section.

The application submission deadline 11:59 p.m on 30 June 2023. No application with incomplete documentation or that is submitted after this deadline will be accepted.

CINET may require the applicant to provide any original or certified documents that it deems appropriate related to the information contained in the application, as well as two academic references who can be consulted about the applicant from an academic or professional point of view.

## Evaluation of applications

Applications will be evaluated in a first phase by a Committee appointed by the CINET Board of Directors. This Committee will comprise members of the Board itself, members of the Centre's Advisory Council, or ad hoc international experts designated by the Board. The evaluation criteria will be the following:

- Contribution of the stay to the interdisciplinary training of the applicant (30%)
- Relevance and interest of the project (30%)
- Applicant's curriculum, weighted according to the applicant's years of experience (20%)
- International prestige of the receiving institution and career of the supervising researcher at the receiving institution (20%).

Candidates who pass this phase will be called for a personal interview, which will be carried out in the manner, place, day and time established by the Foundation. Members of the CINET Board of Directors will be present and will select, from among the candidates who obtain the highest score, the one that best suits CINET's purposes. Substitutes may be designated to cover the case of the selected person forgoing the awarded grant.

## Resolution of awarding the grant

The Foundation's Board of Trustees will make the final selection of the candidate based on the Board of Directors' report.

The Board of Trustees' decision will not open to appeal.

Individualised information on the applications received and on the content of the Board of Directors and/or the Board of Trustees' deliberations will not be provided.

The Tatiana Foundation reserves the right to declare the call void in the event that the interdisciplinary research projects presented fail to meet the objectives or requirements published in these terms.

The granting and acceptance of the grant do not imply any employment relationship with the Foundation.

The name of the person who is awarded the grant will be publicly announced on the CINET website on 17 July 2023.

There will be no personal communication with the applicants who have not been awarded the grant.

## Commencement and follow-up

Once the award of the grant has been published, the beneficiary must notify CINET (info@fundaciontatiana.com) by email of their acceptance within a maximum period of 15 calendar days, by signing the grant acceptance document that the Foundation will provide for this purpose. If, after this period, the acceptance document, completed and signed by the beneficiary with the required documentation, has not been received, the applicant will be understood to have forgone the grant.

The incorporation of the beneficiary of the grant in the research group will take place between 1 October 2023 and 20 January 2024.

## Obligations of the grant holder

- Comply with the rules established in this call.
- Remain in the receiving centre for the entire period for which the grant is awarded.
- Communicate to CINET details of the location abroad (address, telephone, fax, email) as soon as they are known, as well as any changes to these details.
- Once incorporated in the centre of destination, send CINET a certificate, issued by the person in charge of the centre, certifying that the grant holder's work and time are dedicated exclusively to the research studies for which the grant is awarded and that they do not carry out any remunerated work in the institution of destination.
- Within two months of the end of the grant, submit a report endorsed by the research supervisor at the institution of destination, describing the entirety of the activity carried out and the results achieved. This must include a list of the researchers with whom the grant holder has collaborated. This report must also include a justification of the expenses for attendance at congresses or expenses associated with publications. in accordance with the provisions of point 4 "Amount".
- On conclusion of the grant, at CINET's request, grant recipients undertake to present their experience within the framework of the Foundation's own activities, to contribute to dissemination of the specialist knowledge acquired. In addition, the recipient of the grant agrees to participate in any events organised by CINET in connection with this grant call.
- A grant holder who publishes any work resulting from research carried out under the grant must state that the grant was received from CINET-the Tatiana Pérez de Guzmán el Bueno Foundation.
- In the event that the awardee renounces the grant once incorporated in the centre of destination, the Foundation reserves the right to claim a refund of the amounts paid.

## Processing of the data of research grant applicants

In accordance with the provisions of the European General Data Protection Regulation and the Spanish Organic Law on the Protection of Personal Data and Guarantee of Digital Rights, the applicant is informed that the data provided will be processed by the TATIANA PÉREZ DE GUZMÁN EL BUENO FOUNDATION (hereinafter, the Foundation), the contact details of which are as follows:

- Phone: 914 44 33 41
- Email: [info@fundaciontatiana.com](mailto:info@fundaciontatiana.com)
- Address: Paseo General Martínez Campos, 25, 28010 – Madrid.

Personal data will be processed for the purpose of processing the applications for grants resulting from participation in the different calls made by the International Centre for Neuroscience and Ethics (CINET), created by the Tatiana Pérez de Guzmán el Bueno Foundation, to carry out the necessary procedures for the granting the corresponding grant and, in accordance with what is indicated in the call's terms, to contact grant recipients for them to present their experience, within the framework of the Foundation's own activities, to contribute to dissemination of the specialist knowledge acquired. The Foundation may use the images or audio-visual material provided by the grant holder, as a result of the research project, within the framework of its foundational objectives and its institutional communication, in accordance with what is indicated in the call's terms, previously accepted by the applicants. The basis of the processing mentioned is the existence of a legal-contractual relationship with this Foundation as a result of their participation in the call and their application for the corresponding grant. The processing of the data is necessary to process and, where appropriate, award the grant. It is mandatory for the data subject to provide their data, and the grant cannot be awarded otherwise. For this purpose, the data will be kept for the duration of the legal relationship between the parties and, subsequently, for as long as any type of legal responsibility may arise from this relationship.

If you authorise it, we will process the data for the following purposes:

1. Publish your personal data on social media, the activities report, publications and website of the Foundation or CINET for the purpose of publicising and raising the visibility of the research careers of the grant holders. For this purpose we will process the following data categories: name, surname, specialty of studies of origin, centre of destination and thematic area of research.



2. Send you commercial communications, including by electronic means, in order to keep you informed of events, calls, conferences and presentations made by the Foundation. For this purpose we will process the following categories of data: Name, surname and email address.

The data for the purposes indicated in sections 1 and 2 will be processed on the legal basis of the consent of the person who provides them. This consent may be withdrawn at any time, but this will not affect the legality of the processing carried out previously. Your authorisation to process your data for this purpose is voluntary and your refusal would only result in your data not being processed for the purposes described above. The data for these purposes will be kept indefinitely, unless the grant awardee withdraws consent.

The data will be communicated to the competent Public Administrations, in the cases provided for in the Law and for the purposes defined therein, and to the corresponding financial entities, for the financial management of the grant. Your data will be communicated to the Committee appointed by the CINET Board of Directors so that it can evaluate the project submitted and issue a report on it to the Foundation's Board of Trustees, which will decide on the final recipient of the grant. Finally, the name of the person receiving the grant will be announced publicly on the CINET website in order to publicise the recipients of the grant. This basis of this publication is satisfaction the legitimate interest of guaranteeing transparency in the call procedure. This legitimate interest is considered prevalent over the rights and freedoms of the data subject since only the essential data will be published, i.e., the name and surname of the beneficiaries, to guarantee maximum transparency of the process, and this data will only be published for the duration of the research project for which the grant has been awarded.

If a third party provides us with the data of the researchers participating in the project, it is the responsibility of this third party to have obtained the researchers' prior consent to do so and to have informed them of everything established in this clause. It is the responsibility of the principal researcher to inform the rest of the researchers who participate in the research of everything established in this clause and to request their consent to provide their data to the Foundation and thus comply with the requirements established in the Terms of the Call. If data of third parties is provided, whoever provides it assumes responsibility for having previously informed them of everything provided in article 14 of the General Data Protection Regulation under the conditions established therein.

The applicant has the right to request access, rectification or deletion of their personal data, as well as limitation and opposition to its processing and to the portability of their data. In case of any violation of your rights, you can file a claim with the Spanish Data Protection Agency ([www.aepd.es](http://www.aepd.es)). If data of third parties is provided, the client assumes responsibility for obtaining their consent and previously informing them of everything provided in article 14 of the General Data Protection Regulation under the conditions established therein.

## Intellectual or industrial property rights


Any intellectual or industrial property rights that may result from work done under the grant will correspond to their authors.

## Acceptance of the terms

Participation in the call necessarily implies acceptance of these terms and of the Foundation's criteria of interpretation, which will prevail in case of discrepancies.

Exceptionally, for duly justified reasons, the Foundation may modify these terms once the process has begun.

Failure to comply with the obligations derived from these terms will render the grant ineffective, the Foundation reserving the right to request reimbursement of amounts already paid and to exercise the legal actions it deems appropriate.



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