

DELEGATED COMMITTEE FOR RESEARCH, TRANSFER AND DOCTORAL STUDIES AGREEMENT 18/2026, OF 17 JUNE, APPROVING THE 2026 PUBLIC CALL FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR THE RECRUITMENT OF TRAINEE RESEARCH STAFF AT THE UNIVERSITY OF GIRONA (IFUDG2026)

Purpose

The Regulations of the UdG Grant Programme for the Recruitment of Trainee Research Staff approved by the Governing Council of the UdG in the 4/2026 session on 26 May have been reviewed.

Consideration has also been given to the powers attributed to the Delegated Committee for Research, Transfer and Doctoral Studies under Article 27, Section 1.b) of the Regulations of Delegated Committees of the Governing Council of the University of Girona, approved by the Governing Council of the University of Girona in session no. 4/12, of 31 May 2012, assigning it the power to announce and award grants for the promotion and advancement of research and transfer, in accordance with the regulations approved by the Governing Council in session 4/2026 of 26 May.

In view of the foregoing, the following **DECISIONS** are made:

One. Approve the 2026 public call for grant applications for the recruitment of trainee research staff at the University of Girona (IFUdG2026), as detailed in the attached document.

This approval is subject to the decision of the Economy, Budget and Heritage Committee of the Board of Trustees, adopted in session EPP4-26, of 19 June 2026, authorising the costs of this scheme.

Two. Order the publication of this call for applications on the Notice Board of the University of Girona's e-Office.

Three. This decision will come into force for all purposes from the day after it is published on the Notice Board of the University of Girona's e-Office.

2026 PUBLIC CALL FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR THE RECRUITMENT OF TRAINEE RESEARCH STAFF AT THE UNIVERSITY OF GIRONA (IFUdG2026)

1. Purpose of the call

Opening of the 2026 public call for the awarding, on a competitive basis, of IFUdG2026 grants under the UdG Programme for the Recruitment of Trainee Research Staff, categories 1, 2 and 3.

2. Eligibility requirements

Natural persons who meet the requirements established in Item 3 of the Regulations of the UdG Trainee Research Staff Grant Programme are eligible to apply for these grants.

3. Budget and funding

The amounts for **categories 1, 2 and 3** are initially set at €1,836,175.10, to be charged to expenditure unit 11.01.204, expenditure items 131.00 (remuneration under the employment contract and severance pay upon termination of the contract) 160.00 (employer's contributions) and 02.46.022, expenditure item 481.99 (academic supervision and compulsory training credits for the doctorate programme).

At the time of approving this call for applications, the annual cost for each recipient of the IFUdG grant is €27,070.72 in the first year, €27,033.80 in the second year, €28,520.96 in the third year and €37,925.12 in the fourth year, including severance pay upon termination of the contract, if the recipient completes the compulsory training credits in the first year. However, in the case of IFUdG-Special Initiatives (IFUdG-AE), the cost to be co-financed is half of this amount each year.

At the time of approving this call for applications, for **Category 1 grants**, the annual cost for each recipient of the IFUdG grant is €27,070.72 in the first year, €27,033.80 in the second year, €27,777.38 in the third year, €30,019.28 in the fourth year and €38,777.84 in the fifth year, including severance pay. In the case of the IFUdG-AEs under this category, the cost to be co-financed is half of this amount each year.

4. Number and allocation of grants

In accordance with the goals of the programme, the purpose of this 2026 call for grants for the recruitment of trainee research staff at the UdG (IFUdG2026) is to award **14 predoctoral grants**. Some of these grants may be converted into IFUdG-AE grants, at the rate of 2 IFUdG-AE grants for each IFUdG.

The grants will be allocated as follows:

CATEGORY 1: **1 grant**.

CATEGORY 2: **11 grants**, distributed by doctoral programme as per Item 4 of the regulations. See the calculation in the Annex 1 table.

CATEGORY 3: **2 grants**.

CATEGORY 4: **0 grants**.

CATEGORY 5: **0 grants**.

5. Legal system

The grants provided for in this call are governed by the General Grants Act, its implementation regulations, and in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations of the UdG Grant Programme for the Recruitment of Trainee Research Staff (IFUdG).

6. Supervising body

The Officer of Research and Transfer (OTRiT) will be in charge of the administrative procedures for these grants.

7. Purpose and nature of the grants

The grant amounts will be allocated to the employment of research staff under the predoctoral contract category provided for in Article 21 of Act 14/2011, of 1 June, on Science, Technology and Innovation, amended by Act 17/2022, of 5 September 2022 and amended by the sixth final provision of Act 30/2015 of 9 September regulating the Vocational Training System for employment in the workplace, and by Royal Decree 103/2019, amended by Royal Decree 1251/2024, approving the Regulations for Predoctoral Research Staff in Training.

8. Financial scope of the grants

The grant allocation includes remuneration, the employer's Social Security contributions for the recipients, the cost of severance pay upon contract termination, and academic supervision and compulsory training credits for the doctoral degree programme.

At the time of approving this call, the remuneration for recipients is €1,591.74 gross per month for the first two years, €1,705.44 for the third year and €2,131.80 for the fourth year. For category 1 grants, remuneration will be €1,591.74 gross per month for the first 30 months, €1,705.44 for the following 15 months and €2,131.80 for the last 15 months. This amount will be paid at the end of each month, and the corresponding withholdings will be applied in accordance with current regulations.

The grant will cover the cost of supervision associated with the completion of the thesis for academic years 2026/2027, 2027/2028, 2028/2029 and 2029/2030, as well as the compulsory training credits to be completed during the grant period.

Under no circumstances will the grant cover tuition fees or the academic costs for other courses or programmes that recipients may be pursuing during the grant period.

9. Application and submission period

The application form will be available at: <https://apps.udg.edu/RecercaIfUdG/>.

9.1. Once all the information has been entered and all the required documentation attached (see Item 9.2), a PDF with all the information will be generated and will be managed depending on the identification type used to start the process:

- a) If the candidate accesses the form with a (VALID) recognised electronic certificate, when the application form is completed, **it will be signed and registered automatically**. The PDF generated will show the date and time of registration.
- b) If the candidate accesses the form using another identification method offered by the form (National Identity Number [DNI]/Foreign Resident Identity Number [NIE]/Passport), they must **sign the PDF generated** (once the application form has been completed) **and submit it through the registry, within the application period**, addressed to the OTRiT Research Section. Failure to submit the application through the registry will result in the application being rejected. One of these channels can be used:

- The [UdG's e-registry](#).

- Through the Registry Assistance Office (OAMR) located at the Edifici les Àligues, during the [opening hours established in the Regulations on the Organisation and Operations of the Registry.](#)
- At Spanish diplomatic missions or consular offices abroad, or at the locations specified in accordance with the provisions of Article 16.4 of Act 39/2015 of 1 October, on the shared administrative procedures of public authorities.

In any case, the receipt must include the date and time of registration.

9.2. The following documents must be attached to the UdG electronic application form in *.pdf or *.doc format or entered directly in the relevant fields as requested in the application.

- 1) Standardised CV for the applicant, following the template provided in the news item announcing this call on the [UdG website \(Research> Support R & D & I> Calls\)](#)
- 2) Brief description of the candidate's proposed project (may be the same research plan to be submitted to the School of Doctoral Studies).
- 3) If applying for an IFUdG-AE, the candidate must attach either the co-financing commitment or the collaboration agreement signed by the legal representative of the organisation or company co-financing this grant (following the template provided in the news item announcing this call on the [UdG website \(Research> R & D & I Support> Calls\)](#))
- 4) Proof of disability level, if applicable.
- 5) Current project or contract, or one expected to be in force at the time of incorporation, for the thesis supervisor and/or co-supervisor if applicable.
- 6) Supporting documentation for the merits to be assessed, if applicable (Item 1.2 of the Annex to the regulations).
- 7) Personal academic transcripts (CAPs) for higher degrees and degrees that granting access to doctoral degrees, showing:
 - a) Marks earned and average mark.
 - b) Maximum and minimum marks within the corresponding evaluation system.
 - c) The minimum mark required to pass.
 - d) Graduation date.

These documents do not have to be attached for degrees earned at the University of Girona.

If the documents were issued in a language other than Catalan, Spanish or English, an official translation* must be attached.

*The official translation must be provided through a duly authorised translator or one who is registered on the list of sworn translators and interpreters appointed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, or in the register of sworn translators and interpreters of the Directorate-General for Language Policy of the Government of Catalonia. The official translation must bear the translator's seal and registration number.

- 8) Declaration of equivalence of marks for coursework completed outside Spain. This equivalence must be obtained as described in Item 3.1.4 of the Terms and Conditions and Item 1.1 of the annex to the Regulations Governing the Grant Programme for the Recruitment of Trainee Research Staff at the University of Girona (IFUdG).

- 9) Candidates who have not graduated from the UdG may submit a certificate of the average marks for the cohort of the relevant programme.

If the personal academic transcripts (CAPs) already include this information, no further documents need to be submitted.

If the average mark for the applicant's cohort cannot be provided, the average mark for the most similar University of Girona programme will be used.

- 10) Documentation proving that pre-registration, acceptance or enrolment has been completed for a UdG doctoral programme for the academic year in which the call for applications is published.
- 11) Proof of any predoctoral contracts, if applicable, in the event that they were not held at the UdG.
- 12) Other documents or information, depending on the category, required by the application form during the process.

To complete the electronic application form, the required documents must be uploaded, in the specified format, for each section.

- 9.3 The application period will open the day after the publication of this call on the notice board of the UdG's e-Office and will close on **27 July 2026 at 2.00 pm** (local time in Girona).

10. Authorisations

By submitting the application, the candidate authorises the University of Girona to obtain the information specified Item 6.1.2 of the regulations.

11. Assessment of eligible applications

The evaluation will be carried out in accordance with the evaluation criteria detailed in the annex to the Regulations of the UdG Grant Programme for the Recruitment of Trainee Research Staff in force at the time of the call.

12. Decisions

The Delegated Committee for Research, Transfer and Doctoral Studies at the University of Girona will issue its decisions regarding the applications reviewed no later than 6 months after the submission deadline. The decision will be made public and notified to the interested parties through the UdG's e-Office.

13. Notification and appeal procedure

The call for applications, the procedural documents, and the decision will be published on the UdG e-Office through the Notice Board.

Once the announcement referred to in the above section has been made, the interested parties will be deemed to have been notified pursuant to Article 40 of Act 39/2015, of 1 October, on the shared administrative procedures of public authorities.

14. Execution and validity of the contract

The day after the publication of the decision of the Delegated Committee for Research, Transfer and Doctoral Studies, there will be a period of **10 working days** to accept the grant, providing the following documents:

- 1) Documents proving admission or enrolment in a doctoral programme for the 2026/2027 academic year. Any master's degree programmes must have been completed at this point, if not already completed when the application was submitted.
- 2) The documents required for registration on the payroll.

- 3) A copy of the recipient's passport, if a foreign national, or their DNI or NIE if a Spanish national and authorisation to access it was not granted on the application form.
- 4) The document accepting the grant and the commitments, in accordance with Item 9 of the Regulations, which must state: the start date, acceptance of the commitments, whether or not the individual is interested in teaching in the relevant department in accordance with Item 7 of the Regulations, and whether or not the individual has previously been employed on a predoctoral contract with the UdG or other organisations (if with other organisations, a copy must be attached if not already provided at the time of application).
- 5) The individual's certificate of Catalan language proficiency at CERF level C, if they have one.
- 6) For academic qualifications earned abroad, a copy of these qualifications or a copy of the receipt for payment of the fees to obtain them is required. Spanish nationals must also attach them if access thereto was not authorised in the form.
- 7) Certificates of good standing for payment of tax and social security obligations, in the case of Spanish residence, if access thereto was not authorised in the application form.

Failure to submit these documents within the stated deadline will result in the grant being withdrawn.

Those hired will be recognised as trainee research staff at the University of Girona.

Pre-doctoral contracts must start between the **1st of the month following acceptance** and the **1st of the following two months** (always on the 1st of the month).

The Delegated Committee for Research, Transfer and Doctoral Studies may authorise the start of the contract on a different date for justified reasons. If the reason is a delay in the administrative procedures for work permits and visas, it may be extended *sua sponte*.

To sign the contract, the grant recipient must have a valid electronic certificate. They must also have completed their enrolment for the doctoral degree programme for the 2026/2027 academic year, and if this is not possible in accordance with the timetable established by the UdG School of Doctoral Studies, admission to the doctoral programme will be accepted at this stage, on the understanding that, once the enrolment period opens, enrolment will be formalised within a maximum of 15 days and proof of enrolment will be sent to the OTRiT.

15. Withdrawals and vacancies

Any grants awarded that are not accepted by the recipient, are rejected, are not taken up, or are withdrawn within three months of the initial decision will become vacant

and will be reallocated in accordance with Item 12.1 of the Regulations.

In this case, the start date will be the 1st of the month following the decision on the new grants.

Interested parties may lodge an appeal for reconsideration against this agreement, which exhausts the procedures available through the administrative courts regardless of its immediate enforcement, before the body that issued it, within a period of one month from the day following that of its publication, in accordance with the provisions set out in Articles 123 and 124 of Act 39/2015, of 1 October, on Shared Administrative Procedures; or may lodge an appeal for judicial review before the judicial review courts of Girona, within a period of two months as from the day following that of its publication, in accordance with articles 8.3, 14.1 and 46.1 of Act 29/1998, of 13 July, governing judicial review jurisdictions.

Interested parties may also lodge any other appeal that they deem fit to defend their interests.

ANNEX 1

Breakdown of grants for Category 2 in accordance with Item 4 of the regulations.

DOCTORAL PROGRAMMES	GRAN	REMAI
Molecular Biology, Biomedicine and Health	1.5	-0.217
Water Science and Technology	1	0.094
Human Sciences of Heritage and Culture	0	-0.134
Education	0	-0.149
Environment	0.5	0.106
Psychology, Health and Quality of Life	3	-0.130
Chemistry	1	-0.112
Technology	1.5	0.142
Arts and Education (IU)	0.5	0.135
Bioinformatics (IU)	0.5	-0.103
Law, Economics and Business (IU)	0.5	-0.094
Gender Studies: Cultures, Societies and Policies (IU)	0	0.275
Educational Psychology (IU)	1	0.234
Tourism (IU)	0	-0.075
Teaching of Experimental Sciences (IU)	0	0.026
TOTAL UdG	11	0.000

NOTE: Text translated from the original Catalan version. In the event of any translation errors, omissions or ambiguities, the original Catalan version shall prevail.