

**2021 research  
scholarships for  
interdisciplinary training  
in neuroscience and  
related areas in overseas  
universities or centres**



**CINET**

Centro Internacional  
Neurociencia y Ética

## Purpose

The International Centre for Neuroscience and Ethics (CINET), created by the Tatiana Pérez de Guzmán el Bueno Foundation, announces a call for scholarships to carry out research residencies at international institutions of the highest academic prestige. The scholarships are for research doctors who wish to enhance their **interdisciplinary training** in neuroscience and other fields of knowledge (human biology, bioethics, psychology, philosophy, physics or history, for example). Theoretical or empirical projects that propose a true dialogue between two or more of these disciplines will be considered, with the aim of improving understanding of the brain, overcoming monodisciplinary paradigms, proposing original answers to the mind-brain problem, discussing and anticipating the main ethical challenges of neuroscience, or dealing with specific topics frequently found in interdisciplinary forums, such as consciousness, subjectivity or free will.

## Profile of applicants

- The scholarships will be awarded to natural persons who hold a doctorate, regardless of the date when it was obtained. Interdisciplinary profiles will be especially valued, but applicants with training in only one discipline (for example, neuroscience or philosophy) and who wish to undertake a residency to go deeper into a complementary field of knowledge (philosophy or neuroscience, in this case) will also be considered.
- The call is open to people of any age who hold the nationality of a Member State of the European Union, and who propose to join a Spanish (in case of non-Spanish applicants) institution or an institution belonging to a different country (in case of Spanish applicants) for the term of the scholarship.
- Applicants must have gained admission or have a firm offer of admission to an university or research centre for the requested period.

## Term

The term of the awarded scholarship is 12 months.

## Amount

The amount of the scholarship includes:

- An installation grant for a total amount of €4,000.
- Travel expenses to a maximum of €1,200.
- Health and accident insurance taken out by the Foundation (not extendable to any family members who may accompany beneficiaries during their stay abroad).
- Annual gross allocation of €40,000.
- Annual family aid of €1,200 per dependent minor child.
- The Foundation will make the monthly payments, along with the rest of the financial aid, to the beneficiary of the scholarship. In compliance with current tax regulations, the corresponding withholding will be applied to all the amounts that make up the total amount of the grant.

- Financial aid to cover travel expenses will only be paid upon presentation to CINET of the original invoices and documentary accreditation, along with any other documentation that is deemed appropriate. The amount of justified expenses must not exceed the maximum amount awarded for the purpose in the grant.
- Any additional aid that the applicant receives must be declared to CINET, which will determine the complementarity of such aid. The grants in this call are not subject to Royal Decree 63/2006 of January 27, which approves the Statute of Research Staff in Training. Nor do they fall within the scope of Royal Decree 1493/2011 of 24 October, which regulates the terms and conditions for inclusion in the General Social Security Regime for people participating in training programmes.

## Documentation

The applicant will present the following documentation, in Spanish or English:

- Application form.
- A concise CV (maximum 4 pages), with special emphasis on their interdisciplinary training or interest in it.
- Complete academic record. Photocopy of doctorate degree certificate.
- Summary of the applicant's research career and areas of interest (maximum 500 words).
- Summary of the research project (maximum 500 words).
- Project description (maximum 5 pages), specifying the context, objectives, methodology, work plan and calendar, and what the residency will contribute to the applicant's interdisciplinary training and research topic.
- Letter of recommendation from the research supervisor at the destination institution.

## Applications deadline

The application must be sent via the CINET website ([www.inecenter.es](http://www.inecenter.es)), completing the form, and attaching a single pdf document with all the information requested in the previous section.

The deadline for sending applications is 11:59 p.m on 17 June 2021. Any application with incomplete documentation or that is submitted after this deadline will not be accepted.

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

If beneficiaries of the scholarship authorise it, their name, surname, original study specialty, destination centre and area of research may be disclosed in the social networks, activity report, publications and website of the Foundation or CINET in order to publicise and raise the visibility of the research careers of the scholarship recipients.

## Evaluation of applications

Applications will be evaluated in a first phase by a committee appointed by the CINET board of directors. The committee will comprise members of the board itself, members of CINET's Advisory Council, or international experts designated on an ad hoc basis by the board. The evaluation criteria will be the following:

- Contribution of the residency to the applicant's interdisciplinary training (30%)
- Relevance and interest of the project (30%)
- Applicant's CV, weighted according to the applicant's years of experience (20%)
- International prestige of the hosting institution and track record of the research supervisor at the destination institution (20%)

Candidates who pass this phase will be called for a personal interview, which will be carried out in the form, in the place and on the date and time established by the Foundation. Members of CINET's 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. The board may designate substitutes to cover the possibility of the selected person not taking up the scholarship.

Subsequently, based on the report of the board of directors, the Foundation's board of trustees will make the final selection of the candidate. The board of trustees' decision will be final. The name of the person receiving the grant will be announced publicly on the CINET website. There will be no personal communication with applicants who have not been awarded a grant.

## Start and follow-up

Once the award of the scholarship has been notified, the beneficiary must confirm acceptance of the scholarship in an email to CINET within a maximum of 15 calendar days from notification of the award. The recipient must expressly waive any other scholarship, contract or aid granted by another public or private institution. If notification of acceptance is not received within the stated period, the applicant will be understood to have declined the scholarship.

The scholarship recipient must send CINET the scholarship acceptance document, duly completed and signed, within a maximum of 15 days from being notified of the award of the scholarship. The scholarship will be understood to be implicitly declined if the required documentation is not presented within the established period.

The scholarship recipient must be incorporated in the research group between 1 October 2021 and 20 January 2022. Once incorporated in the destination centre, the supervisor at the centre must send CINET certification that the scholarship recipient's work and time are dedicated exclusively to the research studies for which the scholarship is awarded, and that the recipient does not carry out paid work at the centre.

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- Comply with the rules established in this call.
- Remain at the receiving centre during the entire period for which the scholarship is awarded.
- Communicate to CINET details of the location overseas – address, telephone, fax, email – and any changes to them.
- Within two months of the end of the scholarship, submit a report endorsed by the responsible researcher at the destination institution, describing all the activity carried out and the results achieved. A list of researchers with whom the scholarship recipient has worked will be included.
- When the scholarship has ended, if CINET so requests, scholarship recipients undertake to give a presentation of their experience in the framework of the Foundation's own activities, to contribute to disseminating the specialist knowledge acquired. The scholarship recipient further agrees to participate in any events that CINET may organise in relation to this call.
- Scholarship recipients who publish any work that results from the research carried out under the scholarship must mention the financial aid received from CINET.
- If the awardee gives up the scholarship after being incorporated in the destination centre, CINET reserves the right to claim reimbursement of any amounts paid.

## Observations

- Being in receipt of this financial aid is incompatible with other scholarships or public or private contracts. This scholarship is also incompatible with any contractual or statutory ties that prevent exclusive dedication to research.
- CINET reserves the right to use images or audio-visual material provided by the recipient, in connection with the research project, within the framework of the Foundation's objectives and its institutional communication.

## Processing of research grant applicants' data (pending data protection sending us the text).

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

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

Personal data will be processed for the purpose of processing the applications for grants in response to the different calls announced by The International Centre for Neuroscience and Ethics (CINET), created by the

Tatiana Pérez de Guzmán el Bueno Foundation, to carry out the necessary administrative steps to award the corresponding grants and, in accordance with the provisions of the call's terms and conditions, to contact grant recipients for them to describe their experience, within the framework of the Foundation's own activities, and so contribute to dissemination of the acquired expertise. The Foundation may use images or audio-visual material resulting from the research project, as provided by the grant recipient, within the framework of the Foundation's objectives and its institutional communication, in accordance with the call's terms and conditions, 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 the application and, where appropriate, award the grant. It is mandatory for data subjects to provide their data. If not, the grant cannot be awarded. For this purpose, the data will be kept for the duration of the legal relationship maintained between the parties and, subsequently, for as long as any type of legal liability may arise as a result of it.

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

1. To publish your personal data in social networks, activity reports, publications and the website of the Foundation or CINET for the purposes of publicising and giving visibility to the research careers of grant recipients. For this purpose we will process the following categories of data: name, surname, original study specialty, destination centre and area of research.
2. To send you commercial communications, including by electronic means, 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 given by the person who provides them. This consent can be withdrawn at any time, although this will not affect the legality of any processing carried out previously. In any case, the 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 recipient withdraws their consent.

The data will be communicated to the competent public authorities, in the cases provided for in the Act and for the purposes defined in it, and to the relevant financial institutions, for the grant's financial management. Your data will be communicated to the committee appointed by CINET's board of directors to evaluate the project submitted and issue a report to the Foundation's board of trustees, which will be responsible for choosing the final grant recipient. Your data will also be communicated to the host institution of the grant, for it to take charge of its administration and management. Finally, the name of the person receiving the grant will be publicly announced on the CINET website in order to publicise the grant recipients. This publication responds to the legitimate interest of guaranteeing transparency in the call process. Such legitimate interest is considered to prevail over the rights and freedoms of the data subject since only essential data, i.e., the name and surname of the recipients, will be published to guarantee maximum transparency in the process, and this data will only be published during the period of carrying out the research project to which the grant is awarded.

If a third party provides us with the data about the researchers participating in the project, this third party will be responsible for previously obtaining their consent to do so and for informing them of everything set out in this clause. The principal investigator will be responsible for informing the rest of the participating researchers of everything set out in this clause and for requesting their consent to provide their data to the Foundation and thus comply with the requirements established in the call's terms and conditions.

Applicants have rights of access, rectification, deletion, portability, limitation and opposition to the processing of their data. In case of any violation of your rights, you can lodge a complaint 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 informing them in advance of all the provisions in article 14 of the General Data Protection Regulation under the conditions established in the Regulation.