# Predoctoral (PhD) Scholarships

# PhD Scholarships and Funding in Spain

## 1. FPU Grants (University Teaching Training)

- **Institution:** Spanish Ministry of Universities
- **Duration:** 4 years (year of postdoc if finish early)
- **Salary**: 25.116 € each year
- **Benefits:** Funding for research stay (3 month long). Possibility of non-paid lecturing (<180h in total/<60 per year, >90 in total)
- **Requirements:** Very strong academic record, enrollment or pre-enrollment in a PhD program
- **Last Call:** January 2026

# PhD Scholarships and Funding in Spain

## 2. FPI Grants / Ajuts Formació Doctors

- **Institution:** Spanish Ministry of Science, Innovation, and Universities
- **Duration:** 4 years
- **Salary**: 24.468,22€ /year.
- **Benefits:** Contract linked to a state-funded research project. Funding for mobility and scientific events attendance (7.000 €). Possibility of paid lecturing (<180h in total).
- **Requirements: :** Enrollment in a PhD program at a Catalan university or research center. Varies depending on the project.
- **Last Call:** November 2025

# PhD Scholarships and Funding in Catalonia

## 3. FI AGAUR (Joan Oró) – FI SDUR – FI STEP, Generalitat de Catalunya

- **Institution:** Agency for Management of University and Research Grants (AGAUR) – Generalitat de Catalunya
- **Duration:** 3 years (possibility of extension to 4th year)
- **Salary**: 19.574,52€ 1st/2nd year, 24.468,04€ 3rd/4th year - 18.180,54€ 1st/2nd year, 19.479,04€ 3rd (24.468,04€ 4th)
- **Benefits:** Funding for mobility and international research stays (3.000,00 €). Possibility of non-paid lecturing (<180h in total)
- **Requirements:** Enrollment in a PhD program at a Catalan university or research center. Master obtained after January 2023 (for last call). SDUR/STEP Support of a thesis advisor who is in a research group recognized by SGR-Cat 2021, and (SDUR) PI of one project. FI-STEP: Strategic Technologies for Europe Platform.
- **Last Call:** January 2026 / May 2025 / April 2025

# PhD Scholarships and Funding in Catalonia

## 4. Industrial Doctorate Program (Doctorats Industrials) – Generalitat de Catalunya

- **Institution:** Generalitat de Catalunya
- **Duration:** 3–4 years
- **Benefits:** Predoctoral contract co-funded by a private company and a university or research center, Competitive salary and social security benefits, Strong industry-academia collaboration
- **Requirements:** The research project must be developed in collaboration with a company or industry partner, Enrollment in a PhD program in Catalonia
- **Call:** Open year-round with periodic evaluations

# PhD Scholarships and Funding in UPC

## 5. FPU-UPC Grants – Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya (UPC)

- **Institution:** Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya (UPC)
- **Duration:** 4 years
- **Salary**: 20.063,96€ first and second years, 25.079,88€ third and fourth
- **Benefits:** Predoctoral contract, competitive salary with annual increases, Funding for research stays and training in university teaching. Possibility of paid lecturing (<180h in total).
- **Requirements:** Enrollment or admission in a PhD program at UPC, Strong academic record, support of an advisor from UPC. Departments and institutes slightly different criteria/weights. C1 Catalan level (temporal exemption).
- **Last Call:** March 2026 (new opening around Sept. 2026 some dep.)

# PhD Scholarships and Funding in UPC

## 6. FPI-UPC Grants – Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya (UPC)

- **Institution:** Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya (UPC)
- **Duration:** 4 years
- **Salary**: 19.574,52€ 1st/2nd years, 24.468,22€ 3rd/4th year
- **Benefits:** Predoctoral contract, competitive salary with annual increases, Funding for research stays and training in university teaching. Possibility of paid lecturing (<180h in total, <60 per year).
- **Requirements:** Enrollment or admission in a PhD program at UPC. Strong academic record, support of an advisor from UPC.
- **Last Call:** July 2025 (may be opened soon)

# Other PhD Scholarships and Funding

## 7. Funding from Research Centers and Institutes

- Several prestigious research institutions in Catalonia provide PhD fellowships, such as:
  - CRM – Centre de Recerca Matemàtica
  - BSC - Barcelona Supercomputing Center - Centro Nacional de Supercomputación

## 8. Private Foundation Grants

- **La Caixa Foundation (INPhINIT Fellowships):** For national and international students.
- **Ramón Areces Foundation:** Focused on science and technology research.
- **Carolina Foundation:** Targeted at Latin American students.
- **China Scholarship Council (CSC):** Chinese citizens.

## 9. Marie Skłodowska-Curie (MSCA) and European Programs

- European Commission funding for PhD positions in international research networks.

# Postdoctoral Scholarships

# Postoctoral Scholarships

## 1. Juan de la Cierva – Spanish Government

- **Institution:** Ministerio de Ciencia Inovación y Universidades
- **Duration:** 3 years
- **Salary**: 30.600,00€ per year
- **Benefits:** Postdoctoral contract, competitive salary with annual increases, Funding for research stays and training in university teaching. Non-paid lecturing (60h per year, <100h per year).
- **Requirements:** Junior postdoc (defended in last 2 years). Phd in different institution.
- **Last Call:** November 2025

# Postoctoral Scholarships

## 2. Beatriu de Pinós – Catalan Government

- **Institution:** AGAUR
- **Duration:** 3 years
- **Salary**: 37.392,00€ per year
- **Benefits:** Postdoctoral contract, competitive salary with annual increases, Funding for research stays and training in university teaching. Non-paid lecturing (<100h per year). Additional funds for research activities (12.000 €).

**Track to a Lector position at UPC**

- **Requirements:** Senior postdoc, PhD defended 3-7 years ago and >=2 years of international postdoctoral experience (outside Spain). Not having resided to Spain for more than 12 months in the last 3 years.
- **Last Call:** February 2026

# Postoctoral Scholarships

## 3. Marie Curie Postdoctoral Fellowship – European

- **Institution:** European Comission – Horizon Europe
- **Duration:** 1/2 years (+1 year)
- **Salary**: ~50.000€ per year
- **Benefits:** Postdoctoral contract, very competitive salary with family allowance. Funding for research activities (24.000€). No lecturing is allowed.

**Track to a Lector position at UPC**

- **Requirements:** Senior postdoc. Not having resided to Spain for more than 12 months in the last 3 years. Non mandatory but preferable: application to different country of PhD. European (or international+European) institution associated and support local host.
- **Last Call:** September 2026 (opened now)

# Postoctoral Scholarships

## 4. Ramon y Cajal – Spanish Government

- **Institution:** Ministerio de Ciencia Inovación y Universidades
- **Duration:** 5 years
- **Salary**: 38.517,82€ 1st/2nd/3rd years, 43.400€ 4th/5th years
- **Benefits:** Postdoctoral contract, competitive salary with annual increases, Funding for research stays and training in university teaching. Non-paid lecturing (<100h per year). Additional funds for research activities (50.000€ +50.000€).

**Track to a Agregat position at UPC**

- **Requirements:** Senior postdoc, PhD defended 3-10 years ago and >2 years of international postdoctoral experience. Personal application (no university, no supervisor).
- **Last Call:** December 2025 (next opening Dec. 2026)

# Postoctoral Scholarships

## 5. International Postdoctoral Fellowships

- DFG (Germany)
- EPSRC (UK)
- FWO (Belgium)
- NWO (Netherlands)
- NSERC (Canada)
- University fellowships / NSF (US)
- ARC (Australia)
- ATER (France)

## 6. Beatriz Galindo (R2, R3)

## 7. ATRAE (R4)