



Pasqual Maragall Researchers Programme

Webinar Questions and Answers

2022 Call



Eligibility

Q) I have been awarded a "Plan Nacional" recently (before summer) but the grants are not officially active right now although they should be. Can I still apply to the PMRP?

A) At the submission deadline for the LOI, all applicants must be Principal Investigator (PI) on at least one active, competitive research grant. Unfortunately, if the "Plan Nacional" is not active before the 27th of October 2022, you would be ineligible to apply to the PMRP 2022 Call. Unless, of course, you are currently the PI on another active, competitive research grant.

Q) Does a Ramon y Cajal count as an active, competitive research grant?

A) Yes, it does. As the Ramon y Cajal grant is awarded to an individual researcher and does not require the inclusion of a mentor figure, it is considered as a research grant in the PMRP 2022 Call.

Q) Can the Principal Investigator of a mentored grant such as a Juan de la Cierva participate in the PMRP 2022 Call?

A) Yes they can, providing they meet all of the eligibility criteria. As a mentored grant does not count as an active, competitive research grant, they must be Principal Investigator on at least one other active, competitive research grant at the submission deadline.

Q) What do you mean by translational research? Would in vitro or in vivo evaluation of new drugs or drug formulation be eligible?

A) By translational research we mean research undertaken with a particular application or use in view. As the in vitro or in vivo evaluation of new drugs or drug formulation would have a use in view, this would be considered eligible, providing of course that the drugs would be used to treat Alzheimer's disease or any other age-related neurodegenerative disease, and the results of the project are not subject to any type of rights held by for-profit institutions at the time of submission.

Funding Principles

Q) Can the institutions from a Collaborative Research Project have different indirect costs?

A) Yes, each institution participating in a Collaborative Research Project may request a different contribution to indirect costs. However, the maximum indirect costs contribution that can be requested by each institution is 21% of its total direct costs.

Q) If the proposed research project has a duration of two years, can the maximum funding of €800,000 still be requested?

A) Yes, the maximum funding is €800,000 regardless of the duration of the project. At Full Proposal stage, the justification of the budget requested to undertake the research project is subject to evaluation.

Q) Is the maximum budget the same for collaborative and individual research projects?

A) Yes, the maximum budget is €800,000 for both types of project.

Application

Q) Can the time between the announcement of the results of the Letters of Intent (LOIs) and the full proposal submission deadline be extended?

A) No. The full proposal submission deadline will only be extended if there is a delay in communicating the outcome of the LOIs. Applicants will always be allowed at least four weeks to prepare their full proposals. Taking into account the content already prepared for the LOI, the additional information requested for the full proposal, and the timelines of some other competitive funding calls, we consider this to be reasonable.

Q) I have completed the eligibility quiz on the online grants system, answered "yes" to all of the questions and I see a message stating that I may not be eligible to apply. I am not sure what the problem is.

A) The "correct" (eligible) answer to all of the questions is not yes. Please review the wording of the questions and your answers. Answering yes to the final question "*Are the results of the project subject to any type of rights held by for-profit institutions at the time of submission?*" would generate the message stating that you may not be eligible to submit a proposal to the PMRP 2022 Call.

Q) How many research grants can a Principal Investigator upload in the track record section?

A) A Principal Investigator, Consortium Coordinator or Consortium Principal investigator, can include a maximum of five research grants in the track record section. Each research grant must have been active at some point during the track record evaluation period (the last five years or extended period if applicable).

Q) Could you please summarise the steps for the Organisation Manager (OM)?

A) Of course.

1. Register as an OM on the online grants system.
2. Download the OM Appointment Letter from the profile page. Complete the letter and upload it with the supporting documents required. Submit the profile for review by the PMRP Team.
3. Once the OM profile is validated, complete the organisation profile and upload the requested documents. Submit the profile for review by the PMRP Team.
4. Once both profiles are validated, the next step is to approve the applications submitted by your researchers when notified to do so by email.

Please note that researchers from your organisation can start their application at any time. However, applications cannot be submitted if the OM and organisation profiles have not been validated. The profiles should therefore be submitted for review as soon as possible.

Evaluation

Q) Will it be evaluated positively to have young independent PIs as part of a consortium or do you prefer to have only well-established PIs?

A) The PMRP 2022 Call welcomes applications from all independent researchers, regardless of their career stage. No preference is given to younger researchers nor is it given to more



experienced ones. Activity during the track record evaluation period (last five years or extended period if applicable) is what is taken into account.

Q) What extension to the track record evaluation period is granted for maternity?

A) An extension of 18 months is granted for each child born in the five years prior to the Call deadline. If the leave taken was longer than 18 months, the extension will be for the actual duration of time taken as leave. Please consult the submission guidelines for details of the supporting documentation required to support the request for the extension.