

BRIEF INFORMATION ABOUT
Grants to raise the standards of the Spanish university system for
2021-2023

CALL BY UNIVERSITAT POLITÈCNICA DE VALÈNCIA

Ministerial order

[Order UNI/551/2021, of 26 May](#) [Royal Decree 289/2021, of 20 April](#)

Information and contact

The available information about this call in the UPV can be found at

<http://www.upv.es/entidades/VINV/>

Any queries can be sent by email to: recualificacion@upv.es

Funding

The maximum amount of funding granted for the UPV by the Ministry of Universities is 9,983,127 euros, as established in Royal Decree 289/2021 and Order UNI/551/2021. This funding will be spread across the following categories of grants:

- a) Margarita Salas grants for the training of young PhD holders
- b) Grants for the retraining of university teaching staff, both tenured civil servants and associate professors, by promoting the mobility of teaching and research staff
- c) María Zambrano grants to attract international talent

Application submission period: between 2 July and 16 August 2021, both inclusive

Submission of applications:

In the electronic register <https://rec.redsara.es/>

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Brief information about the conditions for each category of grant.

1. Margarita Salas grants for the training of young PhD holders (Annex I)

Purpose: To train young PhD holders through study visits in a Spanish public university or in foreign universities and research centres, in addition to in Spanish public research centres and organisations. Mandatory final year in a Spanish public university (it can be the university where the applicant obtained their doctoral degree) if the study visit takes place in universities or research centres that are located abroad, or for study visits in Spanish public research centres.

Requirements for applicants

- Applicants in the UPV must have been awarded the **doctoral degree in the UPV** or have obtained the doctoral degree in a Spanish private university or in a foreign university or research centre (in this case, of Spanish nationality) and who want to complete the postdoctoral study visit or be admitted to the UPV for the final year of the grant period.
- **No more than two years** between the date on which the doctoral degree was obtained and the deadline for submitting applications (period may be extended if certain circumstances apply).
- For UPV PhD holders, they will enter a centre or university other than the one in which they completed the doctoral degree (the final year of the study visit can be in the UPV, if the application is for a study visit abroad or in a Spanish public research centre).
- For PhD holders in Spanish private universities or in foreign universities or research centres (in this case, of Spanish nationality), they must request admission to complete the postdoctoral study visit or be admitted to the UPV for the final year of the grant period.
- The researcher leading the receiving group **CANNOT** be the same in more than one application in this category.

Number of grants: there will be a minimum number of 53 UPV grants in this category (provided that there are enough applications that achieve the minimum score).

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Duration and period of the grants: 2-3 years, study visit carried out on a continuous basis, with the deadline for completion being 31 December 2024.

University in which the application is submitted: Each applicant must submit the application in the university in which they obtained their doctoral degree. PhD holders from Spanish private universities or foreign universities or research centres (in this case, of Spanish nationality) will submit the application in the university where they are going to complete the postdoctoral study visit or where they are going to be admitted for the final year of it.

Documents to be submitted

The documents will be submitted to the electronic register <https://rec.redsara.es/>

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The register accepts a maximum of 5 PDFs, each with a maximum size of 10 MB and 15 MB in total. We recommend organising the requested information as specified below:

1. Pdf 1: Application (standard form) + ID + doctoral degree + supporting documentation for extending the 2-year period for obtaining the doctoral degree + supporting documentation for degree of disability of 33% or more + acceptance document (standard form) from the receiving centre/centres
2. Pdf 2: ACV (standard form) + proof of achievements sorted according to ACV numbering + scientific/technical background (standard form) + supporting report (standard form) (if there are two centres, a single one for both activities)

Selection criteria

Applications will be rated with a score of between 0 and 100 points, with the following assessment criteria (see details in the call):

- a) **Abridged curriculum vitae** of the candidate, up to **50 points**.
- b) **Scientific/technical background** of the receiving group, up to **30 points**.
- c) **Supporting reports**, up to **20 points**.

Type of contract and amount

Full-time postdoctoral contract. Monthly funding (12 monthly payments) of 2,800 euros gross for study visits in Spain and 3,500 euros gross for study visits abroad, covering gross remuneration and the employer's social security contribution.

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There will also be a single payment for moving and relocation costs and accident insurance and health insurance, 2,800 euros for study visits in Spain and 3,500 euros for study visits abroad.

2. Grants for the retraining of university teaching staff, both tenured civil servants and associate professors (Annex II)

Purpose: the retraining of university teaching staff, whether tenured civil servants or associate professors of the UPV (tenured university professors, associate professors or assistant professors), through study visits in a university or public research centre other than UPV.

Requirements for applicants

- To be working in the **UPV** in one of the following teaching categories **tenured university professor, associate professor or assistant professor**.
- In the case of tenured university professors and associate professors, they must not have been in the current role for more than 10 years (period may be extended if certain circumstances apply).
- Apply to be admitted to a university or research centre other than the UPV.

Number of grants: there will be a minimum number of 10 UPV grants in this category (provided that there are enough applications that achieve the minimum score).

Duration and period of the grants: **One or two years** on a continuous basis, or **two 6-month or one-year periods**, with the deadline for completion being 31 December 2024.

University in which the application is submitted

Wherever the professor is employed.

Documents to be submitted

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1. Pdf 1: Application (standard form) + employment record + supporting documentation for extending the 10-year period for being employed in the current role + supporting documentation for degree of disability of 33% or more + department approval (standard form) + acceptance document (standard form)
2. Pdf 2: ACV (standard form) + scientific/technical background (standard form) + supporting report (standard form)

Selection criteria

Applications will be rated with a score of between 0 and 100 points, with the following assessment criteria (see details in the call):

- a) **Abridged curriculum vitae** of the candidate, up to **50 points**.
- b) **Scientific/technical background** of the receiving group, up to **30 points**.
- c) **Supporting reports**, up to **20 points**.

Contractual arrangement and amount

Special licence, with the contractual relationship with the UPV being maintained. Remuneration is the same as the current wage on the date of the award decision (base pay plus fringe benefits applicable and employer's social security contribution) plus a 20% increase in gross pay. The UPV will provide bonuses for any pay increases, promotions or awards obtained during the period of the study visit (the 20% additional bonus will remain invariable throughout the grant period).

There will also be a single payment (regardless of whether the study visit is on a continuous basis or over two periods) for moving and relocation costs and accident insurance and health insurance, 2,800 euros for study visits in Spain and 3,500 euros for study visits abroad.

3. María Zambrano grants to attract international talent (Annex III)

Purpose: for the UPV to attract teaching and research staff who have gained postdoctoral experience in universities or research centres other than the place where they completed their dissertations and who are currently carrying out research projects and/or teaching in universities, research centres or foreign organisations.

Requirements for applicants:

- To show that they have gained **at least 24 months** of **postdoctoral experience** in universities or research centres in Spain or abroad, other than the one in which they obtained their doctoral degree.
- At the time of submitting the application, they must be carrying out research projects and/or teaching in universities, research centres or organisations outside Spain.
- The researcher leading the receiving group **CANNOT** be the same in more than one application in this category.

University in which the application is submitted

In the university in which the applicant wishes to carry out the study visit

Number of grants: there will be a minimum number of 15 UPV grants in this category (provided that there are enough applications that achieve the minimum score).

Duration and period of the grants: one, two or three years, on a continuous basis, with the deadline for completion being 31 December 2024.

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1. Pdf 1: Application (standard form) + ID + doctoral degree + supporting documentation of meeting the minimum requirement of 24 months of postdoctoral experience in centres other than the one where they were awarded the doctoral degree + supporting documentation for degree of disability of 33% or more + acceptance of the study visit by the UPV group (standard form)
2. Pdf 2: ACV (standard form) + proof of achievements sorted according to ACV numbering + scientific/technical background (standard form) + supporting report (standard form)

Selection criteria

Applications will be rated with a score of between 0 and 100 points, with the following assessment criteria (see details in the call):

- a) **Abridged curriculum vitae** of the candidate, up to **50 points**.
- b) **Scientific/technical background** of the receiving group, up to **30 points**.
- c) **Supporting reports**, up to **20 points**.

Contractual arrangement and amount

Full-time postdoctoral contract or contract as a distinguished researcher, for research. If maintaining a link to another institution, it will be in the form of a grant. In the case of contracts, there will be monthly funding (12 monthly payments) of 4,000 euros gross, covering gross remuneration and the employer's social security contribution. In the case of grants, there will be a monthly payment of 4,000 euros gross to pay the study visit costs of the researcher.

Additionally, in all cases, there will be a single payment of 2,800 euros for moving and relocation costs and accident insurance and health insurance.