GUIDE FOR APPLICANTS
CALL 2
Carreras Postdoc Program
Empowering Future Leaders to Fight Blood Cancers
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1. THE PROGRAM

CarrerasLeaders is a new innovative and international postdoctoral program, designed by the Josep Carreras Leukaemia Research Institute (IJC) and co-funded by the Marie Skłodowska-Curie program of the European Commission (Horizon Europe). The aim of the program is to fund 16 excellent postdoctoral researchers for a period of 3 years. Call 2 of the program intends to select up to 11 postdoctoral fellows, following the successful recruitment of 5 fellows from Call 1.

CarrerasLeaders program will provide high-quality career guidance, mentoring and advanced training so that fellows can become leading scientists in the field of hemato-oncology with professional opportunities in the academic and non-academic sector. CarrerasLeaders is addressed to boost career perspective of researchers from a three-dimensional perspective:

LEADERSHIP
INDEPENDENCE
CONSOLIDATION

This is a world-wide unique postdoctoral program that covers the entire spectrum of research and innovation in blood cancers and goes from understanding disease biology to the implementation of products and processes in the market and into the clinical practice through the development of a global translational approach.

Applicants have complete freedom of research choice within the scope of blood cancers and are recommended to propose collaborative projects including an international and intersectoral secondment. Fellows will be supervised by one of the 4 IJC Research Group Leaders or 8 Scientific Platforms managers and are offered highly attractive working conditions and a healthy, inspiring, and creative working environment in IJC.

CarrerasLeaders has the following objectives:

- To train the next generation of scientist leaders to advance on the cure of blood cancers, multiplying each one’s skills sets and networks via targeted Career Development Plans and mentoring.

- To improve the quality of blood cancers postdoctoral research training, more targeted addressed to the researchers and societal needs.

- To enhance cooperation and transfer knowledge between sectors and disciplines.

- To enable outstanding junior researchers to develop their research careers to an advanced and more independent level in a leading institution such as IJC.

- To increase the competitiveness of the IJC blood cancers community.

Through training of experts, collaborative research, and the fast-horizontal transfer of knowledge the research program of CarrerasLeaders holds the promise to advance on the many remaining unmet medical needs in haematological cancers and to participate in the delivery of new solutions in line with the Horizon Europe Mission on Cancer.
1.1 HOST INSTITUTION

The Josep Carreras Leukaemia Research Institute (IJC) is an independent, non-profit biomedical research institute that is part of the Research Centres of excellence of the Government of Catalonia network (CERCA). The IJC was founded in 2010 as the first European institute devoted to cancer research with a particular focus on leukaemia and other malignant blood diseases. The IJC is a multi-site research institute consisting of a central headquarters embedded in the Biomedical Campus Can Ruti (Badalona) and 5 additional sites, all of them located in clinical environments of excellence including Hospital Germans Trias i Pujol (HGTP), Hospital Clinic (Barcelona), Hospital Sant Pau (Barcelona), Hospital Josep Trueta (Girona), Hospital del Mar (Barcelona) and Pediatric Hospital Sant Joan de Déu (Esplugues de Llobregat).

Additional Information about IJC can be found on the institute’s website.

1.2 ASSOCIATED PARTNERS

Associated partners to the CarrerasLeaders program are entities that have agreed to host postdoctoral fellows for secondments, including universities, hospitals, companies, research centres, biotech start-ups, and pharma companies. Applicants are strongly encouraged to propose in their application a secondment to one of the collaborating partners, preferentially being both international and intersectoral. Proposed secondments must be relevant to their research project and have a duration from 3 to 11 months.

The responsible person at the secondment host will be the co-supervisor during the fellowship. At the application phase, no commitment letter from the secondment host or co-supervisor is required, but the applicant may indicate the name of the potential co-supervisor in their application if already identified. If successful, the applicants should identify a secondment host co-supervisor before the Interview Stage if they haven’t done so before.

The list of Associated Partners approved so far by the European Commission can be found in the Annex I of this document. Applicants are free to choose other institutions not listed in Annex I for their proposed secondment. In case the fellowship is granted, a secondment agreement with that entity would be signed.

1.3 STRUCTURE

The CarrerasLeaders program will provide a tailored training program for the selected 16 postdoctoral fellows at different levels:

Training-through-research. Each fellow shall work full time on their project in their supervisor’s research group and may carry out short visits and secondments to other international institutes and sectors (see section 1.2.) based on the specific requirements of the project and future career expectations.

Network-wide training, which will come in three main formats:

- Annual retreats
- In house courses in scientific and transferable skills
- IJC scientific seminar series

Personalized advanced training. Recruited candidates will further develop their own Career Development Plan (CDP), with the guidance of their supervisor and mentor.
2. CALL FOR APPLICANTS

2.1 APPLICATION PROCESS

The applicants should submit their completed application form and the required supporting documents through the user-friendly Personio platform.

The Application Form, the templates (Project proposal, Ethics Self-assessment, and Supervisor’s support letter templates), and the link to access the Personio platform can be found in the "Call documents" section on the CarrerasLeaders website.

Submission of applications will only be accepted through the Personio platform.

In case of technical issues with the platform or the application form, please contact CarrerasLeaders@carrerasresearch.org.

DOCUMENTS TO BE UPLOADED

a. Application Form completed with academic and personal information.
b. Curriculum Vitae (CV) including contact details of two references.
c. PhD certificate
d. Supervisor’s support letter [1]
e. Project proposal (maximum 10 pages). Instructions on how to complete the document are included in the project proposal template.
f. Ethics Self-assessment [2]. Instructions on how to complete the document are included in the template.
g. Supporting evidence of career breaks for requested extensions to the 7-year-post-PhD rule (if applicable)

Applicants will receive a confirmation e-mail upon their application’s submission, which will act as proof of their participation in the call. The Josep Carreras Institute will verify the admissibility and eligibility of each application and will contact candidates to advise them if any amendments or additional documents are required. From the date of notification, candidates will have a maximum of 10 working days to amend their application.

[1] The supervisors chosen by the selected candidates in the Call 1 are not eligible (Sergi Cuartero, Biola Javierre, Laura Belver, Elisabetta Mereu, Carolina De La Torre).

[2] All the projects need full ethical approval by The Human Ethic Committee and/or the Animal Ethic Committee corresponding to the IJC site in which the project will be implemented before they can start.

2.2 APPLICATION DEADLINE

Publication of the call: Thursday, 6th of November 2023

Submission deadline: Wednesday, 31st of January 2024, by 23:59
The timeline is tentative. IJC might modify if any unforeseen issue arises.
2.3 **SELECTION PROCESS**

The selection process of the CarrerasLeaders program is designed to ensure the integrity, fairness, and transparency of the process.

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<td>Action</td>
<td>Eligibility check</td>
<td>External evaluation</td>
<td>Interviews</td>
<td>Consensus funding decision</td>
<td>Start of the fellowships</td>
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**STAGE 1: Eligibility Check:** Upon the closing of the call, proposals will be registered in the database for evaluation, and the eligibility of the applicants will be checked. Applicants missing obligatory documents for the Eligibility check will be contacted by a member of Project Management Office (PMO) to submit them within 10 natural days after the receipt of the notification. Proposals that do not meet the eligibility criteria may be declined without further review. All applicants will receive an email confirming their eligibility and start of the external evaluation phase or informing that they are ineligible according to the eligibility criteria. Applicants have the right to request a redress if they consider there was a procedural flaw during the eligibility check. The provisional list of admitted and excluded candidates will be published on the program website.

**STAGE 2: External Evaluation (remote):** The selection of the fellows will be merit-based, founded on peer review in an open and transparent selection procedure. It will be carried out externally by the Catalan Government Research Evaluation Agency (AGAUR) to ensure the independence and equity of the process. AGAUR will select 3 independent evaluators for each application (see Guide for external evaluators). Candidates that rank higher than 35 over 50 will be invited to the interview. The list of candidates selected for interviews will be published on the program’s website. All candidates, selected and rejected, will be informed by email about the evaluation result and receive a written report of their evaluation. Within 10 working days after receiving this notification, applicants will have the right to request a redress if they feel there was a procedural flaw during the evaluation.

**STAGE 3: Interview and final evaluation:** The fellows will be interviewed online by at least 3 external experts. The future supervisor (without vote) and an expert of the Human Resources Unit will also attend the interview (without vote). The CarrerasLeaders Project Manager will also assist in the production of a report of the interview. The interview may be recorded as a security measure to protect the rights of the candidates, and for use in the event of a complaint or appeal. A final ranking list will be elaborated based on the scores of the external evaluation (Stage 2) and the interviews (stage 4).

**STAGE 4: Consensus funding decision:** No later than 4 weeks after the interviews, the provisional funding decision will be announced. The final list of selected candidates will include at least three candidates that have applied to join a junior research group as identified on the IJC website and defined as group leaders with less than five years of experience as independent group leader. Applicants will also be informed by email of the evaluation results, along with their scoring and comments from the evaluators (Evaluation Summary Report). Applicants who are not selected but have scored above the threshold will be placed on a reserve list.
STAGE 5: Offers acceptance and start of the fellowships: Successful Applicants will have 10 days from the notification of the final funding decision to accept the offer. In the event of an applicant rejecting an offer, the position will be offered to the next applicant of the reserve list. Candidates who accept an offer will be required to sign their employment contracts and, preferably, start their fellowships within 3 months from the date of acceptance [3].

Note on candidates’ assistance: Support will be provided via email, phone, and virtual meetings to assist applicants with any queries they may have about calls, forms and/or support documentation. For any assistance needed, please send an email at carrerasLeaders@carrerasresearch.org.

Appeal and redress request: Within 10 days after receiving the notification of the funding decision, applicants may request redress if they feel that there has been a procedural shortcoming.

[3] In case of delays in getting the VISA or any other force majeure situation, this could be postponed.
2.4 ELEGIBILITY CRITERIA

The following requirements have been established to be eligible to apply to the call, ensuring the excellence of the program and its participants. At the time of the call deadline, only completed applications will be considered (including all supporting documentation). If one or more eligibility criteria are not fulfilled, the application will be declared ineligible. The eligibility criteria are:

- Be in possession of a PhD degree in a life science discipline by the call deadline.

- Meet the mobility rule for receiving funding from the Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions (MSCA) (Horizon Europe): candidates must not have resided or carried out their main activity in Spain for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately prior to the call deadline.\(^4\)

- Research experience: candidates shall have been awarded their first PhD up to 7 years prior to the call deadline.\(^5\) (for further details please see section 5 Annex II).

- Scientific publications: to guarantee quality of research expertise, candidates must have at least one peer-reviewed publication (published or in press) as first author.

- Proficiency in English language which will be demonstrated on the level of the written project proposal and during the interview.

- Supervisor’s support letter.\(^6\)

\(^4\) To ensure equality and fairness of opportunity and avoid penalizing candidates with academic/research break periods due to maternity/parental leave, compulsory national military service, sick or family care leave, and procedures for obtaining refugee status will be considered during the evaluation process and extend the eligible period post PhD. The effective elapsed time since the award of the first PhD will be considered reduced by the documented amount of leave taken by the candidate for each incident which occurred after the PhD award. Details of all information pertaining to career breaks and supporting documentation will be included in the guide for applicants. Evaluators will be briefed in this regard prior the initiation of the evaluation process.

\(^5\) CarrerasLeaders has defined this window of post-doctoral experience because in the Spanish and Catalan R&I system exists a gap in funding/contractual opportunities for researchers in this stage of their research career. The goal of CarrerasLeaders is to identify excellent early career researchers to enable them to become academic or non-academic group or team leaders in any sector. It is also in line with the definition of the European Commission for junior post-doctoral researchers (for example it is the same as the MSCA Postdoctoral Grants or the ERC starting Grants). Finally, setting up this eligibility window of post-doctoral experience will guarantee fairness during the evaluation and selection process, avoiding a situation in which less experienced researchers compete against highly experienced researchers.

\(^6\) The letter will not be a statement from the supervisor agreeing to host a specific fellow, merely a general statement that such a project can be carried out in terms of supervision and infrastructure.

CarrerasLeaders is open to researchers of any age, nationality, and gender without restrictions. The IJC is committed to promoting equal opportunities in research for researchers and its staff. IJC implements the Human Resources Strategy for Researchers (HRS4R) and the European Charter and Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers in their recruiting, training and career development policies and practices. In 2019, IJC was recognized by the European Commission with the “Human Resources Excellence in Research Award” (HRS4R)\(^7\).

\(^7\) https://www.carrerasresearch.org/ca/hr-excellence_94734.
### 2.5 EVALUATION CRITERIA

To ensure the fairness of the selection and evaluation process, the experts will be asked to exclusively judge a fellow’s application according to the evaluation criteria defined in the below chart. Evaluators will have to provide a specific score to each criterion on the evaluation form, together with a consistent explanation of such score to elaborate the evaluation summary.

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<td>CV</td>
<td><strong>Academic merit:</strong> academic transcript, publications, Research skills and other relevant competences.</td>
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<td>Research project: quality, innovative character, methodology, multidisciplinary approach, adequacy of the host group for the researcher's career.</td>
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<td>Excellence</td>
<td>International and intersectoral secondment.</td>
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<td>Impact</td>
<td>Quality of the proposed measures to disseminate, communicate and exploit results. Convincing two-way transfer of knowledge between the fellow and the group.</td>
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<td><strong>Total Stage 2 (Threshold 35/50)</strong></td>
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<td><strong>STAGE 3: INTERVIEW</strong></td>
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<td>Project and Career prospect (presentation by the fellow)</td>
<td>Presentation of the project. Scientific discussion. Match of career path with the project and host institution and match with the secondment host. Motivation. Clarity of presentation. Ability to communicate during interview. Analytical capacity. Creative thinking. Leadership. Oral English proficiency (if an excellent candidate lacks English skills, IJC will offer English classes)</td>
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<td>Transferable skills</td>
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<td><strong>Total Stage 2+Stage 3 (Threshold 80/100)</strong></td>
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Note on thresholds and other relevant points. Candidates will need to pass a threshold of 35/50 in the external evaluation to be considered for the interview stage. After completion of all interviews, the SB will elaborate the final ranking list with respective weights of 50% (remote evaluation) and 50% (interview). Candidates will need to pass a threshold of 80/100 to be offered a position. Where two or more candidates obtain the same average score, the following tiebreak criteria will apply to make the final ranking (in order of precedence): Higher score in excellence at the remote evaluation > Higher score in project and career prospect at interview stage > Gender increasing balance among the top 11 ranking candidates.

2.6 REDRESS PROCEDURE

All candidates have a right to a redress procedure if they feel that the results of the eligibility checks are incorrect or there has been a shortcoming in the way their proposal was evaluated. A redress request can only be based on procedural grounds, with clear evidence of the reasons for complaint that must be provided in the request. The redress procedure is not meant to call into question the judgement made by the expert evaluators.

Applicants may request redress within 10 days after receiving the notification with the result of the eligibility check, the remote evaluation, or the final decision. The submit their request, the Redress request form that can be downloaded from the CarrerasLeaders website must be used. The request must be signed by the applicant (by hand and scanned or by digital signature) and be addressed to carrerasLeaders@carrerasresearch.org with the email subject “Redress request – Application reference number and name of the candidate”. Redress requests that do not comply with the above requirements will not be considered. All requests for redress will be treated in confidence.

The Redress Committee will organize an examination with external experts only if there is enough evidence of a procedural flaw. A reasoned response to the candidate will be provided within 10 days after receiving the request. After the resolution of all redress requests, the final list of applicants will be officially published on the website.

3. WHAT WE OFFER

The Josep Carreras Leukaemia Research Institute offers excellent facilities and positive challenging environment to all postdoctoral researchers to run their research and to become future leaders in their research field. As IJC personnel, fellows will benefit from the support of all IJC administrative units and their supervisor, guaranteeing a swift completion of all paperwork and a smooth incorporation in the institute and in the Barcelona Area (Spain).

3.1 REMUNERATION AND EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS

The fellowship consists of a 36-months contract with a working week of 39 hours (July and August 35 hours per week) and 23 working days of vacations, plus 9 personal days. Each fellow will receive a salary based on the following table:
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<td>Relocation Costs</td>
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In addition, the fellows will receive the following severance payment upon the termination of their fellowship (to be proportionally reduced in case of contracts of less than 3 years):

- 3.970 € for the fellows without family allowance
- 4.150 € for the fellows with family allowance.

Net salaries will be calculated upon recruitment phase by HR Unit, depending on the personal situation of each fellow and the national regulations on the date of the contract. Regarding relocation costs, each fellow will receive this compensation as a unique payment in their first payroll.

All the projects and the research carried out will be financed by the respective research groups or scientific platforms leaders of IJC, responsible for supervising the postdoctoral candidates.

4. **PROCESSING OF DATA**

The Josep Carreras Leukaemia Research Institute will process the personal data of the applicants to manage their application in accordance with our selection processes legitimized by the consent that you give when applying to the call. The institute will not transfer their data to third parties, except to the evaluating agency (AGAUR), and will keep them for a maximum period of one year, except in the case of legal obligation. If you wish to exercise your rights of access, rectification, opposition, deletion, limitation of processing or portability, you can contact us at dpd@carrerasresearch.org. If you consider that your data protection rights have been violated, you can contact the Spanish Data Protection Agency (www.aepd.es).

## 5. ANNEXES

### 5.1 ANNEX I

**ASSOCIATED PARTNERS OPEN TO ACCEPT SECONDMENTS**

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5.2 ANNEX II
EXPLANATION ON 7-YEARS FROM THE FIRST AWARDED PHD

The following rules and guidelines are in line with the document “Guidelines on the calculation of 8-years research experience in Postdoctoral Fellowships under Horizon Europe”. However, in the CarrerasLeaders program, the period has been reduced from 8 to 7 years.

CarrerasLeaders requires that applicants, by the date of the call deadline, comply with the following requirements:

- be in possession of a doctoral degree.
- have a maximum of 7 years full-time equivalent (FTE) experience in research, measured from the date of award of the first doctoral degree. All applicants that have received their PhD degree after 31/01/2017 are automatically eligible to apply, provided the remaining eligibility criteria are met.

The rule of the maximum 7 years full-time equivalent experience in research after the PhD can be extended (in days) for the following reasons:

- Maternity leave (18 months – i.e., 548 days for each child born after the PhD award date, unless the applicant can document a longer parental leave prior to the call deadline).
- Paternity leave (the documented time of parental leave taken until the call deadline for each child born after the PhD award date).
- Research in a non-associated Third Country (only for nationals or long-term residents of Member States or Associated Countries, wishing to reintegrate in Europe).
- Career breaks.
- Compulsory national service.
- Time spent not working in research (career breaks are not included in this section). The period spent in a non-research position should be completely deducted from the FTE experience in research. However, for a period spent in a research position, the time spent outside of your main research activity (including teaching) could be deducted as a percentage of FTE if it can be documented by e.g., work contract/job description and quantified based on documentation/proof which the host organisation (beneficiary) needs to keep for their records (not to be included in the proposal).
- Long term sick leave (periods > 30 days).

In the case an applicant requests an extension of the 7-year experience rule, additional supporting evidence must be provided. If there is any other reason for submitting a request not listed below, please send an email to CarrerasLeaders@carrerasresearch.org and it will be checked internally.
5.3 ANNEX III
LIST OF SCIENTIFIC DOMAINS

BIOMEDICINE
- Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
- Bioinformatics
- Cell Biology
- Genetics
- Immunology
- Microbiology
- Physiology

ENGINEERING, TECHNOLOGY AND ARCHITECTURE
- Aerospace Engineering
- Architectural Composition
- Architectural Constructions
- Architectural Graphic Expression
- Architectural Projects
- Automation and Systems Engineering
- Cartographic Engineering, Geodesics and Photogrammetry
- Chemical Engineering
- Computer Architecture and Technology
- Computer Languages and Systems
- Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence
- Construction Engineering
- Data science and technology
- Electrical Engineering Electronic Technology Electronics
- Engineering Projects
- Environmental Technologies
- Fluid Mechanics
- Graphic Expression in Engineering
- Hydraulic Engineering
- Land Engineering Materials Science
- Mechanical Engineering
- Mechanics of Continuous Media and the Theory of Structures
- Medical engineering
- Mining Nanotechnology
- Navigation Sciences and Techniques Nuclear Engineering
- Production Process
- Signal Theory and Communications
  - Telematic Engineering
- Textile and Paper Engineering
- Thermal Machinery and Engines
- Transport Infrastructure and Engineering
- Urban and Regional Planning

HEALTH AND MEDICAL SCIENCES

- Basic Psychobiology
- Behavioural Sciences Methodology
- Comparative and Pathological
- Anatomy Dermatology
- Histology
- Human Anatomy and Embryology
- Legal and Forensic Medicine
- Medical Biotechnology
- Medicine
- Nursing
- Obstetrics and gynaecology
- Ophthalmology
- Otolaryngology
- Parasitology
- Pathological Anatomy
- Paediatrics
- Personality and psychological evaluation and treatments
- Pharmacology
- Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Technology
- Physiotherapy
- Preventive Medicine and Public Health
  - Psychiatry
  - Psychobiology
- Radiology and Physical Medicine
- Stomatology
- Surgery Toxicology

NATURAL AND AGRI-FOOD SCIENCES

- Agroforestry Engineering
- Animal Health
- Animal production
- Botany
- Ecology
- Food Technology
- Nutrition and Bromatology
- Paedology and Agricultural Chemistry
  - Physical Anthropology
- Plant Physiology
- Plant production
- Zoology
SCIENCES

- Algebra
- Analytical Chemistry
- Applied Mathematics
- Applied Physics
- Astronomy and Astrophysics
- Atomic, Molecular and Nuclear Physics
- Condensed Matter Physics
- Crystallography and Mineralogy
- Earth Physics
- Electromagnetism
- External Geodynamics
- Geometry and Topology
- Inorganic Chemistry
- Internal Geodynamics
- Mathematical Analysis
- Mineral Prospecting and Research
- Optics
- Organic Chemistry Palaeontology
- Petrology and Geochemistry
- Physical Chemistry
- Statistics and Operations Research
- Stratigraphy
- Theoretical Physics
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