



Master-PhD bridge programme 2021

OBJECTIVE

1. The main objective of this call is to attract and retain PhD student talent to promote the research at the Institute of Neurosciences of the University of Barcelona (UBneuro). We believe that the only way to guarantee the continuity of our excellence is by promoting the talent of new generations.
2. Therefore, UBneuro is offering contracts to cover the gap between the end of the degree or the master and the beginning of the competitive PhD fellowship.

CARACTERISTICS OF THE CONTRACT

- The candidate (potential PhD fellow) will be contracted 25h/week.
- Contracts will start as soon as possible but not earlier than the 1st of November 2021.
- The maximum duration of the contract paid by the Institute of Neurosciences will be 8 months. The contract will finish as soon as the candidate will be able to be contracted by a PhD fellowship. The candidate must notify in advance the finalization of his/her contract (at least 15 days before the start of the PhD contract).
- After 8 months, the contract has to be paid by the hosting research group.

REQUIREMENTS

The candidate must fulfill the following requirements:

- The candidate cannot hold a PhD at the moment of the application.
- The average grades of the *licenciatura* or bachelor's degree must be equal or superior to 8.0.
- Non-EU community citizens need to have the corresponding working permits and valid residence permits prior to formalizing the contract.

The supervisor at the hosting group must fulfill the following requirements:

- Must have a granted or active project and, if necessary, budget for the contract of the candidate in case it needs to be postponed after the 8 months of the Institute contract.
- Must be a member of the Institute of Neurosciences.

EVALUATION

The members of the Board of Directors will evaluate the call unless they have conflicts of interest.

Candidates will be evaluated as follows:

The candidate will have a maximum of 10 points considering the following criteria:

- 1) Academic record up to 9 points as follows:
 - 80% *licenciatura*, bachelor's or *diplomatura* degree and 20% master.
 - 100% *licenciatura* or bachelor's degree if a) the *licenciatura* or bachelor's degree is 300 ECTS and it is not necessary 60 credits of master to enroll at the PhD program, or b) the candidate has not finished the master.





- 2) Curriculum Vitae (CV) merits up to 1 point:
- Publications up to 0.4 points.
 - Oral or poster presentations in congresses up to 0.2 points. 0.1 for poster presentations and 0.2 for oral presentations.
 - Academy prizes (bachelor, master) up to 0.15 points.
 - Stages in other centers (Seneca, Erasmus, and similar) up to 0.15 points.
 - Other merits related to the call (knowledge transfer, other diplomas) up to 0.1 points.

APPLICATION AND DOCUMENTATION

Either the candidate or the supervisor at the hosting group need to send to ubneuro@ub.edu, topic: "Master-PhD bridge programme", the following documents:

- Application form in excel format and in PDF with the PI signature (see annex 1) that can be downloaded at the following [link](#)
- A short CV of the candidate (maximum 2 pages) indicating the merits that are considered for the evaluation.
- Transcripts of academic records (*licenciatura* or bachelor's degree and/or master). In the case of studies completed abroad: declaration of equivalence of the academic records for both undergraduate and master's studies, from the Ministerio de Educación y Formación Profesional, or from the National Agency for Quality Assessment and Accreditation (ANECA).

All documentation must be sent at latest by **July 30th, 2021**

RESOLUTION OF THE CALL

The resolution will be sent to all applicants (candidates and supervisors at the hosting group) on August 5th, 2021 at latest. The list with their names and surnames will be also published at the intranet of the Institute of Neurosciences.

JUSTIFICATION

At the end of the contract, the hosting group must send a report to the Institute of Neurosciences (ubneuro@ub.edu; cc Master-PhD bridge programme) listing the PhD fellowships the candidate did apply for and indicating the evaluation in each of them. The report must be written in English.

All results derived from this contract must acknowledge the Maria de Maeztu Unit of Excellence support as follows:

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Annex 1 Form





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Principal Investigator

Name	
Surnames	
DNI/NIE	
Phone	
Email	
Name of the research line	
Name; reference; duration; budget of the research project granted or active	

Candidate

Name	
Surname	
DNI/NIE/Passaport	
Phone	
Email	
Nationality	
Name of the master; University; Country	
Name of the licenciatura, or bachelor related to the research field; University; Country	
Average mark of the master if finalized	
Average mark of the licenciatura or bachelor	
Publications (reference if any)	
Oral presentations (yes/no)	
Poster presentations (yes/no)	
Academy prizes (list them)	
Stages (erasmus, or similar)	
Others (other titles, patents, etc)	
Kind of fellowship it will apply for (FPI, FI, FPU, PredocUB, Inphinit...)	

Contract

Starting date (dd/mm/aa)	
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Candidates CV: Two pages indicating publications, communications at congresses, prizes, stages, others relevant merits to be evaluated
Copy of transcripts of academic records

I confirm the veracity of all information in this form

If I get the Master-PhD bridge contract I will apply for as many as possible PhD fellowships and I will acknowledge Maria de Maeztu Unit of Excellence support in all results coming as consequence of the contract

Signat
Candidat/a

Signat
Investigador Principal

