



## Master-PhD bridge programme 2024: call for 3 contracts to cover the gap between the end of the degree or the master and the beginning of a competitive PhD fellowship.

### 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 are committed to sustaining our tradition of excellence by fostering the potential of emerging scholars.
2. Therefore, UBneuro is offering contracts to cover the gap between the end of the degree or the master and the beginning of a competitive PhD fellowship.

### CARACTERISTICS OF THE CONTRACT

- The candidate (potential PhD fellow) will be contracted 25h/week.
- Contracts will start during the last trimester of 2024.
- The maximum duration of the contract paid by the Institute of Neurosciences will be 5 months.
- The continuity of the contract after 5 months must be paid by the hosting research group until the start of the fellowship or the notification of its rejection.
- The contract will finish as soon as the candidate will be able to be contracted by a PhD contract. The candidate must notify in advance the finalization of their contract (at least 15 days before the start of the PhD contract).

### 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 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 5 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% degree and 20% master.
  - 100% degree if a) the 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

The supervisor at the hosting group has to send to [ubneuro@ub.edu](mailto: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 (degree and master if finalized).
- 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](#).

All documentation must be sent at latest by **31<sup>st</sup> may 2024**

### RESOLUTION OF THE CALL

The resolution will be sent to all applicants (candidates and supervisors at the hosting group) on June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 at latest. The list with their names and surnames will be also published at the intranet of the Institute of Neurosciences.

Beneficiaries have the obligation to apply to as many PhD fellowships as possible.

### JUSTIFICATION

At the end of the contract, the supervisor must send a report to the Institute of Neurosciences ([ubneuro@ub.edu](mailto: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.

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## ANNEX 1: APPLICATION FORM: MASTER-PHD BRIDGE PROGRAMME

### Principal Investigator (supervisor):

Name:  
Surname:  
DNI/NIE:  
Email:  
Name of the research line:  
Name, reference, duration, budget of the research project active:

### Principal Investigator (co/supervisor) if required:

Name:  
Surname:  
DNI/NIE:  
Email:  
Name of the research line:  
Name, reference, duration, budget of the research project active:

### Candidate:

Name:  
Surname:  
DNI/NIE:  
Email:  
Phone:

### Degree information:

Name, University, Country:  
Date of degree completion:  
Average Mark (Spanish equivalence if required):  
Number of ECT's:

### Master information:

Name, University, Country:  
Date of master completion:  
Average Mark (Spanish equivalence if required):  
Number of ECT's:

### List the PhD fellowship did the candidate apply for:

### List the PhD fellowships the candidate will apply for:

### Attachments:

- CV of the candidate (maximum 2 pages) indicating the merits that are considered for the evaluation.
- Transcripts of academic records (degree and master if finalized).
- 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](#).

We confirm the veracity of all information in this form.

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

Candidate signature:

Supervisor signature:

