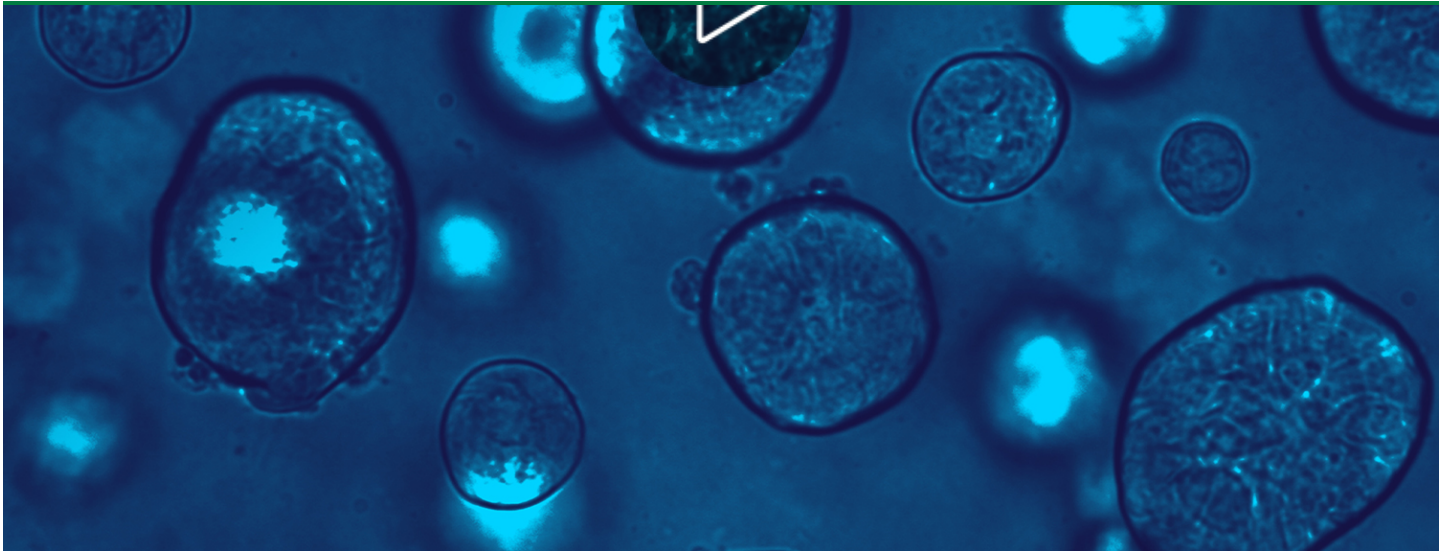


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## "la Caixa" Foundation Call for Applications Health Research Projects



**Now open the new system for proposal submission**

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Description and call for proposals



### Time remaining until deadline



The "la Caixa" Foundation launches the fourth edition of the open call for health research projects.



## TIMELINE

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### **Call publication**

2 September, 2019, at 2 p.m. CET

### **Opening of the on-line system (<https://grants.lacaixa.org/>) for proposal submission**

20 October, 2020, at 2 p.m. CET

### **Deadline for applications (automatic closure)**

3 December, 2020, at 2 p.m. CET

### **Remote pre-selection by peer review**

From January to April 2021

### **Face-to-face assessment by Selection Committees**

27 and 28 May, 2021 in Barcelona

### **Resolution announcement**

Late June 2021

### **Execution of the selected projects**

From September 2021 to September 2024



## GOALS

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The "la Caixa" Foundation launches the fourth edition of the Call for **biomedical and health research projects** with the aim of identifying and giving support to the most promising initiatives of **scientific excellence** with potential value and **high social impact**, whether in basic, clinical or translational research.

Proposals must be submitted in the following **thematic areas**:

Neuroscience

Oncology

Cardiovascular and associated metabolic disease

Infectious diseases

Enabling technologies focused on the four previous thematic areas



## GRANTS

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For the Call, project proposals, to be **executed over up to 3 years**, may be:

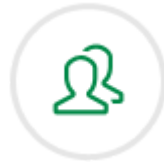
**Individual projects:** submitted by a single research organization (Host Organization, HO), requesting up to a **maximum of €500,000**.

**Research consortium projects:** submitted by at least two and no more than five research organizations and coordinated by the HO. Research consortium projects may request up to a **maximum of €1,000,000**.

Both individual and research consortium projects may also include non-profit civil society organizations (CSO), such as patients' associations. Established companies may not form part of the cooperating organizations that carry out activities of the project.

The intention is to distribute this amount approximately equitably amongst the different thematic areas, but the final distribution will always depend on the quality and specific characteristics of the submitted proposals. The fact that the proposals are submitted as individual or as research consortium, or are basic, clinical or translational research projects **will not in any case be a selection criterion** during the evaluation process. The only selection criteria for assessing the proposals are those described in the **[Rules for participation \(/documents/10280/709830/health-research-2021-rules-for-participation.pdf\)](/documents/10280/709830/health-research-2021-rules-for-participation.pdf)**.

The correct allocation of the **budget, properly adjusted to the activities** to be carried out, will be a **strictly evaluated criterion** during the selection process.



## APPLICANTS

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**Host Organizations (HO).** Projects submitted may be led by researchers from non-profit research organizations based in **Spain or Portugal**.

**Project Leader (PL).** The principal investigator at the host organization must also be the project leader who submits the proposal and coordinates overall execution of the project.

**Research Performing Organizations(RPO).** Any non-profit research organization localized in any country around world, which carries out activities of the project. In individual projects, the RPO is the host organization. In research consortia, there must be a minimum of two and a maximum of five RPOs (including the host organization). Research organizations with the same NIF or VAT number will be considered one sole organization.

**Principal Investigators (PI).** Each research performing organization must have a principal investigator responsible for performing the activities in the project carried out at their institution.

**Civil Society Organizations (CSO).** Both individual projects and research consortia may also include up to three non-profit civil society organizations that are not engaged in research as part of their usual activity (e.g. patients' associations).

**Companies.** Established companies **may not be members of the project team**, but may receive funds as subcontracted.

**Globally, the sum of the budget of all the organizations not located in Spain or Portugal may receive a maximum of 30% of the total project budget.**

**Team members.** All team members should form part of the host organization (HO), the civil society organizations (CSO) or the research consortia.



## ELIGIBILITY

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Details of the eligibility criteria and required documentation to complete the application can be found in the **[Rules for participation \(/documents/10280/709830/health-research-2021-rules-for-participation.pdf\)](/documents/10280/709830/health-research-2021-rules-for-participation.pdf)**.

**Previous awardees. PLs of awarded projects** in the three previous editions of the Health Research Call **cannot apply as PLs for new proposals in this edition.**

**Threshold score in the previous Health Research call.** In order to promote the quality of proposals, **PLs of projects that scored less than 5.50** (from a maximum score of 8) **in the peer reviewed assessment** of the previous edition (HR20) **will not be able to submit proposals to this edition (HR21).**

Prospectively, the PL and PIs of projects that score less than 5.50 (from a maximum score of 8) in the peer review assessment of this edition (HR21), cannot be submit as PL in proposals of the next edition (HR22).

Are **NOT eligible** those projects developing studies whose **results are subject to rights**, of any nature, held by for-profit organizations before the submission of the proposal. In any case, "la Caixa Foundation reserves the right to reject proposals with a clear benefit to for-profit organizations.



## PROJECT SELECTION

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Proposals are selected on the basis of a rigorous process that will be carried out by peer reviewers in accordance with the highest standards of quality, impartiality, objectivity and transparency.

The process consists of an initial pre-selection remote phase and a second selection phase of face-to-face interviews conducted by Selection Committees in each of the research areas.



## FAQS

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Check the [list of the most frequently asked questions \(/investigacion-y-becas/convocatorias-de-investigacion/convocatoria-de-investigacion-en-salud/faqs\).](#)



## CONTACT

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### Questions and answers

*E-mail:* [healthresearch@fundaciolacaixa.org](mailto:healthresearch@fundaciolacaixa.org) (<mailto:healthresearch@fundaciolacaixa.org>).

If you have any further questions, you can attend one of the following informative sessions

[Session in Catalan: Wednesday 28 October, 2020, at 10.30 am. Registration is mandatory.](#)  
([https://cloud.news.lacaixa.org/form01?idf=Convoc\\_HR21&lang=en](https://cloud.news.lacaixa.org/form01?idf=Convoc_HR21&lang=en)).

[Session in Spanish: Thursday 29 October, 2020, at 10.30 am. Registration is mandatory.](#)  
([https://cloud.news.lacaixa.org/form01?idf=Convoc\\_HR21&lang=en](https://cloud.news.lacaixa.org/form01?idf=Convoc_HR21&lang=en)).

[Session in English: Friday 30 October, 2020, at 10.30 am. Registration is mandatory.](#)  
([https://cloud.news.lacaixa.org/form01?idf=Convoc\\_HR21&lang=en](https://cloud.news.lacaixa.org/form01?idf=Convoc_HR21&lang=en)).

Application process



Selection process



Evaluators



## DOCUMENTS OF INTEREST



### Rules for participation

**[DOWNLOAD PDF RULES FOR PARTICIPATION](#)**

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### Application form

**[DOWNLOAD PDF APPLICATION FORM](#)**

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### Evaluation process guide

**[DOWNLOAD PDF EVALUATION PROCESS GUIDE](#)**

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### Code of conduct for evaluators

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### Manual for Submission

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**CAIXAFORUM (HTTPS://CAIXAFORUM.ES/ES\_ES/)**

**COSMOCAIXA (HTTPS://COSMOCAIXA.ES/ES/)**

**EDUCAIXA (HTTP://WWW.EDUCAIXA.COM/)**

**"LA CAIXA" INCORPORA (HTTP://WWW.INCORPORA.ORG)**

**HOUSING PROGRAMME (HTTP://OBRASOCIAL-LACAIXA.COM/EN/VIVIENDA-ASEQUIBLE/HOME)**

**MICRODONATIONS (HTTPS://MICRODONATIVOS.FUNDACIONLACAIXA.ORG/ES/)**

**AREAS OF ACTION**

**LINKS OF INTEREST**

**HELP**

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