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1. Who are DYNAMIS Doctoral Candidates?

The DYNAMIS Doctoral Candidates (DCs) are talented researchers of any nationality with high motivation to address real-world medical challenges and acquire both a clinical and translational perspective on biomedical research. The candidates may come from different scientific backgrounds (e.g., Biology, Medicine, Physics, Engineering, among others). What is important is that they accomplish the eligibility criteria in terms of academic background (see question 2). The DYNAMIS DCs possess an excellent academic record and do not yet hold a PhD.

2. Which candidates are eligible to apply?

Eligible candidates will meet the following requirements:

- Studies to access a doctoral programme in Spain:
 - *European Higher Education System:* university degree and master (at least 300 ECTS) or equivalent education to access to a PhD programme in Spain or,
 - *Non-European Higher Education System:* university degree that gives access to doctoral studies in the Country of issue (certified by the competent body). All the documentation must be delivered both legalised and officially translated in Catalan, Spanish or English (if applies).
- Not have resided in Spain for more than 12 months in the last 3 years prior to the call deadline (according to the Marie Skłodowska-Curie programme's mobility rule)
- Not already hold a PhD
- Good command of English

For more information on the eligibility criteria please refer to our Guide for Applicants available on the [DYNAMIS website](#).

3. Could I apply if I am not an EU resident?

Yes, you can. This program is open to candidates living all over the world, EU and non-EU residents! This opportunity is offered to candidates of any nationality.

4. Should I be able to prove that I fulfil all eligibility criteria?

Yes. During the application, it will be necessary to present academic documentation to prove your fulfilment of eligibility criteria (check question 2 and our Guide for Applicant, available on the [DYNAMIS website](#)). If you reach online interview step of evaluation process, your good command of English will have to be proved. Once selected, all candidates must be able to **prove their fulfilment of the mobility rule**, through documents related to their work, studies, residency, etc. Candidates must meet all eligibility requirements at all levels to be formally hired by the programme.

5. Could I apply if I have lived or worked in Spain previously?

Yes, if you have not lived for more than 12 months out of the last 36 months before the call deadline in Spain, and thus you fulfil the transnational mobility rule (see question 2).

6. Could I apply if I do not have my master's degree yet?

No. **At the moment of applying you should already hold a master's degree title** (see the eligibility criteria, question 2). You will be asked to send your master's degree certificate and your transcripts along with your application.

However, some exceptions may apply:

- If your degree was obtained within the European Higher Education Area (EHEA) and meets the criteria to access a doctoral programme in Spain (e.g., having completed at least 300 ECTS), or
- If your studies were completed outside the EHEA and qualify you to pursue doctoral studies in the country where they were obtained.

7. Can I perform patient care or other activities as a DYNAMIS predoctoral fellow?

A full-time research contract is offered (37.5 hours/week), so the DYNAMIS programme is in principle not designed to be combined with regular clinical duties or others. However, if a candidate has a specific demand in that case, it will be evaluated to consider its compatibility with the full-time research contract.

8. Is there an age limit to apply to the DYNAMIS programme?

There is no age limit to apply to the programme. The eligibility criteria are those listed in question #2.

9. Which research areas are covered by the DYNAMIS programme?

The research areas covered may vary from the 1st to the 2nd call. You can explore more on the [dedicated webpage](#). In the case of the 1st call, you can find the covered research areas in the document "Research Lines_DYNAMIS" available on the [DYNAMIS website](#).

The research topics covered all are related to IDIBAPS research areas:

- Biological aggression and response mechanisms
- Liver, digestive system and metabolism
- Oncology and haematology
- Respiratory, cardiovascular and renal pathobiology and bioengineering
- Clinical and experimental neuroscience

Some of them can be related to IDIBAPS research programmes (internal collaborations focused on a main topic of interest):

- Translational cancer research
- Lymphoid neoplasms
- Metabolism and disease programme (MetaDis): a multidisciplinary approach to understanding metabolic diseases
- Synaptic autoimmunity in neurology, psychiatry and cognitive neuroscience
- Translational research programme for brain disorders

10. Can I apply if I do not have a biomedical background?

Yes, you can. The DYNAMIS programme is open to graduate students with different scientific backgrounds not necessarily related to biomedicine, like Physics or Mathematics among others (see question 1).

11. How do I apply?

Submit the requested information through the [on-line application tool](#) (prepare in advance the preparation of the information with the offline template available in the DYNAMIS website as you will not be able to record part of the answers through that system). Proposals must be written in English. The final application must also include the candidate's academic records:

- *For studies completed in Spain or in another Country within the European Higher Education Area (EHEA)*, candidates must provide proof of having completed at least 300 ECTS credits.
- *For studies completed in non-EU Countries outside the EHEA*, candidates must provide evidence that their qualifications grant access to doctoral studies in the Country where they were obtained. In such cases, it is recommended to submit a legalized degree, officially translated into Catalan, Spanish, or English (if applicable), as this will be required later for admission to the doctoral programme at the university.

Once submitted, **an automatic file in Pdf format will be generated and sent to your personnel e-mail**. In that e-mail you will be asked to **send the document to Human Resources department** (FCRBRRHH@recerca.clinic.cat) together with some additional information to complete your application such as academic information. This last step is mandatory to complete the process.

More information on how to apply is available on the Guide for Applicants on the [DYNAMIS website](#).

12. How many applications can be submitted?

One application per call and per person can be submitted. Still, if the candidate is unsuccessful in the first call, he/she might want to resubmit his/her candidacy to the second call.

13. How many research lines must I select?

It is mandatory to select 3 research lines in the [online application tool](#).

14. Should I contact the hiring research groups beforehand?

You may contact the co-supervisors responsible for the research line of choice via email to request further details (the mail addresses can be found on the Research Lines document available on the [DYNAMIS website](#)). This contact, however, is **entirely optional** and should be based on your individual needs.

15. How does the DYNAMIS co-supervision model work?

The PhD project of the DYNAMIS fellows will be co-supervised by one clinician-scientist and one basic or translational researcher. Therefore, the leadership of each research line (check our research lines on the [DYNAMIS website](#)) bridges two different mindsets that respond to the double nature of IDIBAPS research institution: acquiring a clinical perspective, the DYNAMIS Doctoral Candidates will be more prepared to understand and meet patients' needs, following an approach "*from bedside to the bench*"; at the same time, the translational approach will train them to actively think about the impact of their research and its implementation, developing a "*from the bench to bedside*" mindset.

16. Is it possible to update my application after the call deadline?

No, modifications concerning the information included in the forms will not be accepted after the call deadline.

17. Is it possible to submit additional material after the call deadline?

No, it is not possible, unless it is specifically requested by the DYNAMIS Programme Manager.

18. Which communications will I receive along the selection process?

At the end of each evaluation phase, the candidates will be informed by the DYNAMIS Programme Manager of their result, and if they move to the next stage of the selection process. For an exact timeline of when you can expect the communications, please consult our Guide for Applicants, available on the [DYNAMIS website](#).

19. When and how will the results of the calls be communicated?

The results of the 1st DYNAMIS call will be published at the **end of March 2026**. The detailed timeline of the DYNAMIS evaluation process is contained in the Guide for Applicants available on the [DYNAMIS website](#).

20. Which is the timeline of the process for accepting the fellowship?

Candidates being offered the fellowship should actively **accept the offer within 7 working days**. Otherwise, reserve list candidates may be contacted. It is expected the candidate **to start within 4 months** (from April to July 2026 for the 1st DYNAMIS call), although exceptions may be considered if justified. For more information, please refer to our Guide for Applicants available on the [DYNAMIS website](#).

21. How many fellowships are available?

10 fellowships are available in total between the 1st and 2nd DYNAMIS call. In the **1st call, 5 positions will be open**.

22. What is the duration of the fellowship?

The duration of the fellowship is **48 months (4 years)**.

23. When should the fellowship start?

For the 1st DYNAMIS call, the expected fellowship starting date should be between **April and the end of July 2026**. For more information, please refer to our Guide for Applicants available on the [DYNAMIS website](#).

24. Are there any secondment opportunities available?

The DYNAMIS fellow must undertake a **compulsory secondment of at least 1 month** in an international and/or intersectoral institution (e.g., in one of the DYNAMIS Associated Partners, check the list on the [DYNAMIS website](#)). The type and location of the secondments **vary depending on the chosen research line** (check each research line and relative secondment opportunities on the [DYNAMIS website](#)) and they will be established when defining the DC's research project, upon the candidate arrival.

25. Which secondments opportunities will be provided?

As explained in question 24, the secondment opportunities will vary depending on the chosen research line (consult the research lines in the relative document available on the [DYNAMIS website](#)). The secondments will have to be in a different institution, whether international and/or from another sector (e.g., industry), for the requirements of the DYNAMIS programme. For more information on this matter, check the Informational Booklet on the [DYNAMIS website](#).

Despite there is a minimum of at least 1 month-time secondment, longer secondments can be recommended in certain cases. As a particular example, an international secondment of at least 3-month can provide the DC with the opportunity to defend a PhD thesis with an international mention.

26. Which are the conditions of the fellowship?

The conditions are listed below:

- **Type of contract:** Temporary predoctoral contract (4 years)
- **Working hours:** Full time (37,5 hours / week)
- **Working conditions:** Holiday entitlement of 22 days + 6 days for personal affairs, full social security coverage (national insurance contribution and Spanish corresponding rights)
- **Annual gross salary:** €30,770.40 (including living and mobility allowances)
- **Optional:** €7,920/year family allowance for eligible fellows with family obligations (such as marriage, a relationship with equivalent legal status, or children) either at the time of recruitment or acquired during the programme. Proof of family obligations will be required.
- **Access to training and career development opportunities:** the fellow will take advantage of the training programmes and seminars offered by IDIBAPS, as well as programme-specific doctoral schools and international and/or intersectoral secondments.

For more information, please refer to the Informational Booklet available on the [DYNAMIS website](#).

27. Can the DYNAMIS fellowship be prolonged?

Extension of the contract is not ensured but can be determined on a case-by-case basis when the DC justifies a long leave, over 1-month, linked to cases such as maternity/paternity, disease, or others. It will be made according to the availability of the European Commission or IDIBAPS own resources.

28. Are reference letters mandatory?

Yes, they are. Two reference letters are mandatory to complete the application. However, candidates will only be asked to provide the contact details of two referees in the online application form. The referees will then be contacted by IDIBAPS to request the reference letters.

29. How do I know about the state of my application?

Applicants will be informed of the progress at all stages of the process by the DYNAMIS Programme Manager. The candidates being assessed in the remote evaluation phase and the face-to-face interview phase (online and then on-site) will receive e-mail communications informing them about their status in the process. They

can ask more details at any stage through writing an e-mail to academic@recerca.clinic.cat.

