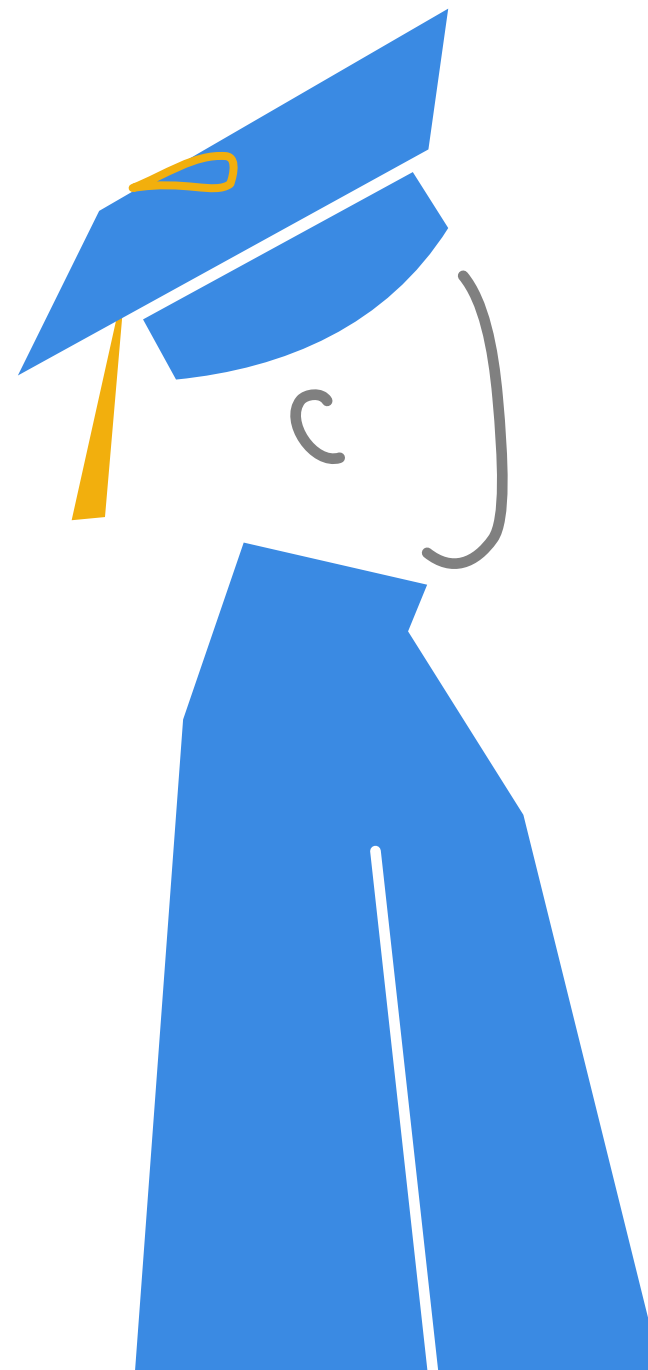


I WANT TO PURSUE A

DOCTATE *AT THE* **UNIVERSITY** **OF ALMERÍA**

WHAT SCHOLARSHIPS CAN I APPLY FOR?



What scholarships can I apply for?

The funding available takes the form of full-time **pre-doctoral training contracts** which enable university graduates to undertake their doctoral thesis with full funding, for a maximum duration of up to four years.

This funding may be **public** or **private**; in other words, some is funded by the state, the autonomous communities or the university itself, whilst other funding comes from private companies and organisations.



PUBLIC FUNDING

Pre-doctoral training contracts are governed by Article 21 of Law 14/2011, of 1 June, on Science, Technology and Innovation, and by Royal Decree 103/2019 of 1 March, which approves the Statute for Pre-doctoral Research Staff in Training (EPIF). This guarantees employment rights such as registration with Social Security, health cover, social security contributions and, from 2022, even severance pay upon termination of the contract.

The most relevant are:

- ▶ **FPU contracts:** These aim to provide teaching and research training for future university lecturers, combining thesis research with the acquisition of teaching skills at university.
- ▶ **FPI contracts:** Aimed at training researchers within the context of a specific scientific project.
- ▶ **Pre-doctoral contracts from the Regional Government of Andalusia:** To promote the training of new talent in doctoral programmes at Andalusian universities.
- ▶ **Pre-doctoral contracts under the UAL's Own Research and Transfer Plan (PPIT):** Training of researchers culminating in the defence of their doctoral thesis.

FPU**Funding ***

- ▶ Starting salary: €2,121.42
- ▶ The fourth annual instalment is adjusted in line with the EPIF **
- ▶ Includes a sum to cover an international placement

Requirements

- ▶ Must be enrolled on a PhD programme at the time the grant is awarded
- ▶ Minimum academic average, depending on the field of study

Evaluation

- ▶ Average academic record **75%**
- ▶ Research team **25%**

Duration:
4 years

Annual call: October

FPI**Funding ***

- ▶ Starting salary: €2,121.35
- ▶ Adjusted in line with the EPIF **
- ▶ Includes a sum to cover an international placement

Requirements

- ▶ Hold the specific qualification required for the research project
- ▶ Be enrolled in or admitted to a PhD programme

Evaluation

- ▶ Academic and scientific background **50%**
- ▶ Suitability for the project **50%**

Duration:
4 years

Annual call:
November - December

Junta de Andalucía**Funding ***

- ▶ Starting salary, as set out in the EPIF **
- ▶ Includes a sum to cover an international placement

Requirements

- ▶ Degree obtained within the last 5 years
- ▶ Be enrolled in or admitted to a PhD programme
- ▶ Minimum mark by field of study

Evaluation

- ▶ Average academic record **70%**
- ▶ CV of the thesis supervisor **30%**

Duration:
4 years

Mainly an annual call***

PPIT-UAL**Funding ***

- ▶ Starting salary, as set out in the EPIF **
- ▶ Opportunity to apply for the PPIT's pre-doctoral residence programme

Requirements

- ▶ Bachelor's degree from 01/01/2022
- ▶ Be enrolled in or admitted to a PhD programme
- ▶ Minimum mark by field of study

Evaluation

- ▶ Merits of the candidate **85%**
- ▶ Merits of the thesis supervisor **15%**

Duration:
4 years

Annual call: Octubre

* All grants include exemption from academic supervision for doctoral studies throughout the 4-year grant period.

** The amounts are updated annually. For **2026**: ▶ 1st and 2nd years: **1.583,94€** gross per month ▶ 3rd year: **1.697,08€** gross per month ▶ 4th year: **2.121,35€** gross per month

*** Although the most recent calls for applications have been published annually, this grant does not have a fixed frequency, so the dates for future rounds may vary.

Common aspects of public funding

► **Incompatibilities:** With any other employment contract. Full-time, exclusive dedication is required.

► **Teaching:** Up to a maximum of 180 hours over the entire duration of the pre-doctoral contract, and under no circumstances may this exceed 60 hours per year.



Contact details

Enquiries regarding the grant application process should be made via CAU, addressed to the Research Management Service:

► <https://www.ual.es/contacta>

The procedures for pre-enrolment, admission and enrolment on a PhD programme are handled by **EIDUAL**:

<https://www.ual.es/universidad/centros/eidual/tramites>

Other public funding

► **Pre-doctoral Health Research Training Contracts (PFIS) from the Carlos III Health Institute (ISCIII):** Initial training in health sciences and technologies. These enable young researchers to undertake a doctoral thesis linked to a research project within the National Health System..

<https://www.idissc.org/convocatoria/contratos-pfis-contratos-predoctorales-de-formacion-en-investigacion-en-salud-2026/>

► **Industrial PhD:** This enables a researcher to undertake their doctoral thesis within a company or technology centre in collaboration with a university, by carrying out an industrial research or experimental development project.

<https://www.aei.gob.es/convocatorias/buscador-convocatorias/ayudas-contratos-formacion-doctores-doctoras-empresas-otras-11>

► **Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA Doctoral):** Development of thesis projects within an international framework, ensuring excellent supervision and the exchange of knowledge across borders.

<https://www.ual.es/universidad/serviciosgenerales/opei/msca#seccion-msca>

All the information will be published at:

<https://www.ual.es/universidad/serviciosgenerales/sgi/convocatorias-1/rr-hh/contratos-predoctorales>

SCHOLARSHIPS FROM PRIVATE ORGANISATIONS

► **Scholarships from the Spanish Association Against Cancer (AECC):** Training aimed at early-career cancer researchers through the completion of a doctoral thesis at a research centre with the support of an associated research group.

<https://www.contraelcancer.es/es/area-investigador/ayudas/talento/predoctoral-aecc-2026>

► **'la Caixa' Foundation (INPhINIT) Scholarships:** A highly competitive private-national scheme open to researchers of any nationality to undertake a PhD at centres of excellence in Spain and Portugal.

<https://fundacionlacaixa.org/es/becas-doctorado-inphinit>

► **Carolina Foundation:** Aimed specifically at Latin American students to undertake doctoral studies and research placements in collaboration with Spanish universities.

<https://www.fundacioncarolina.es/formacion/becas-de-doctorado-y-estancias-cortas-postdoctorales/>

► **Ramón Areces Foundation:** Funding for contracts to undertake doctoral theses within PhD programmes at Spanish universities in the fields of Life and Material Sciences, Social Sciences and Humanities.

<https://www.fundacionareces.es/fundacionareces/es/convocatorias/becas-y-ayudas/>

