

# FUNDACIÓN la CAIXA

## INPhINIT Retaining predoc 2024

<b>Objetivo</b>	<p>The "la Caixa" Foundation is offering 30 fellowships to take up official doctoral studies at any university or research centre in Spain or Portugal.</p> <p>The call for applications covers all areas of knowledge and is aimed at all individuals who fulfil the requirements to be admitted into a doctoral programme, provided that they also fulfil the mobility requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Candidates must have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in the country of destination (Spain/Portugal) for more than twelve months in the three years immediately prior to the deadline for applications.</li> <li>• Candidates who are awarded a fellowship must enrol in a doctoral programme at a university that is different from where they took up their bachelor's studies.</li> <li>• Candidates must not have been enrolled in a doctoral programme prior to the start of the fellowship.</li> </ul> <p>Fellows should start at the host institutions between September and November 2024.</p>
<b>Web</b>	<a href="https://fundacionlacaixa.org/es/becas-doctorado-inphinit-retaining">https://fundacionlacaixa.org/es/becas-doctorado-inphinit-retaining</a>
<b>Plazo</b>	<p>hasta el 15 de febrero de 2024 a las 14:00h (horario peninsular)</p> <p><b>Plazo interno FiHM: 13 de febrero de 2024</b></p>
<b>CARACTERÍSTICAS PRINCIPALES</b>	
<b>Tipo De ayuda</b>	Contrato
<b>Requisitos</b>	<p><b>Nationality</b> Young researchers of any nationality are eligible to apply for the Doctoral INPhINIT Fellowships – Retaining Programme.</p> <p><b>Studies pursued</b> Applicants must hold a higher education degree. Candidates must not have been enrolled in a doctoral programme prior to the start of the fellowship.</p> <p><b>Language proficiency</b> Applicants must accredit their proficiency in the English language by submitting any of the certificates mentioned below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. TOEFL: minimum score of 83 for the Internet-based test.</li> <li>2. University of Cambridge: minimum score of 176 in the First Certificate in English (grade A or B), Certificate in Advanced English, Certificate of Proficiency in English or the Linguaskill online test.</li> <li>3. IELTS: minimum score of 6.5 in the Academic or General Training version.</li> <li>4. Duolingo English Test: minimum score of 105.</li> <li>5. School of Modern Languages (EIM) of the University of Barcelona: B2 level or higher, either taking the online English accreditation test (PAI online) or other exam formats.</li> <li>6. Official Language Schools (EOI) in Spain: Certificate of B2 level or higher.</li> </ol> <p><b>Research experience</b> On the deadline for applications, applicants must still be within the first four years (full-time equivalent Research experience) of their research careers.</p> <p><b>Mobility</b> Candidates must have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in the country of destination (Spain/Portugal) for <b>more than twelve months in the three years immediately prior to the deadline for applications</b>. Candidates who are awarded a fellowship must enrol in a <b>doctoral programme at a university that is different</b> from where they took up their bachelor's studies.</p>
<b>Duración</b>	3 years
<b>Incompatibilidades</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individuals who have already availed of a postgraduate fellowship from the "la Caixa" Foundation or individuals who were previously awarded a fellowship but declined it without any duly justified circumstance of illness or a reason of force majeure cannot apply for this fellowship.</li> <li>• Candidates applying for this fellowship will not have the option to simultaneously apply for another "la Caixa" Foundation fellowships programme of the same call.</li> <li>• Individuals who have already enrolled in a doctoral programme prior to the start of the Doctoral INPhINIT Retaining fellowship cannot apply for this programme.</li> <li>• These fellowships are exclusively for in-person studies, that is, to train and research at the host institution's facilities, with fellows completely devoting themselves to their studies on a full-time basis.</li> <li>• Industrial doctorates are excluded from this call for applications.</li> <li>• If a candidate cannot attend the final interview which they have been invited to, they must notify it this well in advance so the "la Caixa" Foundation can offer their slot to another applicant. Otherwise, they will not be able to submit applications to other calls, unless they can provide reasonable grounds for their nonappearance.</li> <li>• Under no circumstances may applicants contact the experts who are taking part or have taken part in the selection processes of this call for applications to ask them for information regarding the status of their application or any other aspect related to the selection process. Should this occur, the candidate will be disqualified from this and future selection processes.</li> <li>• These fellowships are incompatible with any other paid work, grant, or financial aid from any other organisation, unless expressly authorised by the "la Caixa" Foundation.</li> </ul>
<b>Dotación</b>	<p>The fellowships have a maximum duration of three years. They are granted for one year and in all cases include the possibility of two renewals, provided that the follow-up reports requested on an annual basis are favourable.</p> <p>The maximum total payment amount will be:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three annual payments of 35,800€ each . Where applicable, the amounts corresponding to the Social Security contributions payable by the employer (in this case, the host institution), as well as any other compulsory fee, whether current or that may be provided for in a future legal framework, will be deducted from the yearly gross amount to be received by the fellow.</li> <li>• 3,500€ per year for research costs, as an additional amount for conferences, courses, research stays, consumables, equipment, charges for the use of intellectual property, etc. This additional amount will be managed by the centre for the benefit of the fellow and must be justified separately.</li> <li>• The tuition fees to the official doctoral programme where the fellow will be admitted to.</li> <li>• Training programme on transversal skills, which has been specially designed by leading international institutions in the sector.</li> </ul> <p>The "la Caixa" Foundation will award a prize of €7,500, which will be paid in the fourth year, should the fellow be able to deposit their thesis within 6 months after the third year of their fellowship has ended.</p>
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## PRESENTACIÓN DE SOLICITUDES

<b>Documentación Requerida</b>	<p><b>The application must be completed entirely in English.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Candidates must apply using the online application platform available in the "Fellowships" section on the "la Caixa" Foundation website. On this platform, the different sections of the application form clearly specify all information and documentation that must be provided to complete an application to this fellowship programme.</li> <li>• Information provided by the candidate in the "Studies to be pursued" section will be understood to be provisional and strict abidance to it is not called for, should the fellowship be awarded. The candidates who are finally chosen as fellows will have a reasonable period of time to confirm their interest in the research group, centre, department, or university that they specified as their first choice. During this time, they can also explore other alternatives that may better suit their personal goals. In any case, should the work of the group finally chosen by the candidate to carry out their training as a researcher be different from what was originally stated in their application, it cannot stray too far from it in terms of content or discipline. The candidate must reach an agreement with the research group that they finally choose, by virtue of which the host institution where this group belongs will hire the fellow using the funds provided by the "la Caixa" Foundation.</li> <li>• Using the application platform, candidates must complete the formalities to obtain, prior to the deadline for applications, at least three reference letters from university professors or other relevant individuals with whom they have had contact either academically or professionally. It is advisable for candidates to contact them as soon as possible to let them know that the "la Caixa" Foundation will get in touch with them through an online procedure. This procedure makes it possible to request and attach up to five reference letters to the application form, provided that they arrive before the deadline for applications (February 16 2023 at 14:00h, mainland Spain time).The reference letters must be written in English and preferably sent from an institutional e-mail address. These reference letters are confidential. Under no circumstances will the "la Caixa" Foundation provide access to their contents, regardless of the final outcome of the selection process for this fellowships programme.</li> <li>• Academic records. Candidates must include the transcripts of academic records for the studies that make them eligible for a doctoral programme (bachelor's degree compulsorily, and master's degree if applicable). The student's name and surname(s), the university, the studies pursued, and all subjects and marks, year by year, must appear. If these studies have been completed by the deadline for applications, the total number of credits for the degree and the credits awarded must also appear. It is preferable for this certificate to be in the Diploma Supplement format. Should this information not appear on the transcript of academic records, the degree (or the request for diploma) should also be submitted. Candidates may optionally include the transcripts of academic records for any other degrees they hold (bachelor's, master's, etc.) to the same document.</li> <li>• Documents uploaded to the application platform in PDF format must be clear and legible. Similarly, each page of the original document must correspond to a page in the PDF document.</li> <li>• If the documents uploaded to the application platform were issued in a language other than English, a translation into English, which can be done by the candidate, must be attached.</li> <li>• The application platform makes it possible to submit the application even though it does not include accreditation of the English proficiency level by the deadline for applications (February 15 2024 at 14:00h, mainland Spain time). In this case, the applicant should likewise finalise and submit the application before the established deadline, but they have until February 29 2024 at 23:59h (mainland Spain time) to submit the accreditation, which must be appended to their application in PDF format, directly through the application platform.</li> <li>• The applicants who wish to do so, and particularly those in the artistic disciplines, may include links to online content showing their works or portfolio in their application.</li> </ul>
<b>Información adicional</b>	<p>The evaluation and selection of applications will be carried out taking into consideration the European Science Foundation's recommendations published in the Peer Review Guide and are awarded on a competitive basis. The members of the shortlisting and selection committees choose the best candidates according to the selection criteria.</p> <p>The process is comprised of three parts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eligibility screening: all applications received are screened and applications that do not fulfil the criteria published in the call for applications rules are rejected. Should an application not fulfil the formal requirements of the call for applications, the "la Caixa" Foundation will send a notification by e-mail specifying the reason for its rejection.</li> <li>• Shortlisting: each of the eligible applications is sent to a remote evaluation panel made up of two or three professors or researchers with broad experience in the discipline of the application and an extensive list of publications and/or contributions within this field. The applications that receive the highest scores from each panel will pass to the next stage. The "la Caixa" Foundation will notify candidates whether they have been shortlisted or not by e-mail on May 17 2024.</li> <li>• Interviews: candidates whose applications have passed the shortlisting stage will be called in for an interview before a multidisciplinary committee comprised of professors and researchers with extensive experience in selection processes by peer review. The interviews will be held remotely on June 12, 13 and 14 2024.</li> <li>• The "la Caixa" Foundation will notify interviewed candidates of the outcome of the process by e-mail on <b>June 21 2024</b></li> </ul>

Desde la FIHM, estamos a su disposición, pudiéndose poner contacto con nosotros a través del correo que indicamos a continuación: [cgimenez@fundacionhm.com](mailto:cgimenez@fundacionhm.com)