

CALL FOR OWN RESEARCH PROJECTS

I.- OBJECTIVE OF THE PROGRAM

The purpose of this call is to optimise the use of the resources released available from European projects, making it easier for researchers to make better use of them, due to the growing need for Research Groups and Teams to continue with the line developed in the project that has ended or to launch new lines or projects.

By Available Released Resource (hereinafter RLD) we mean the positive difference between the amount paid as a subsidy by the European Commission for the development of a Project and the amount to be disbursed by the University of Zaragoza to meet the additional expenses (those generated by the existence of the project) derived from its execution

II.- REQUIREMENTS OF THE RLD

To apply for these grants, the RLDs must meet the following requirements:

- The project that has generated them is already completed.
- The last economic justification has been made to the European Union (or the corresponding funding body).
- There are no outstanding project expenses or obligations.
- 10% of the total justified RLD has been withheld, for possible returns in controls or audits of the project, until the last income is received from the financing body. Once this 10% has been released, it can be allocated to the PIP that the researcher considers most appropriate.

III.- PROJECT MODALITIES.

Two types of Projects are established:

1) Modality A (Continuity): Projects for the Continuity of the project that has generated the RLD.

It will be necessary to justify the need for continuity of the completed project, attaching the following:

- Results achieved in the project generating the RLD and objectives to be achieved with the requested extension

- Actions and expected results
- Duration of the extension (maximum 4 years)
- Estimated budget

2) Modality B (New): Development of new projects

A maximum of three project or line of research proposals may be submitted that are a consequence or development of the European project that has generated the RLD.

The documentation will contain the following, for each project submitted:

- Project Title
- Project Report, indicating the objectives to be achieved and the planned actions, schedule
- Research Team and Timeline
- Project duration (maximum 4 years)
- Estimated budget

IV.- REQUIREMENTS OF APPLICANTS In

Category A (Continuity):

The research team will be the same as that of the completed project, except for any additions or cancellations that may have occurred.

In both cases, it will be expressly indicated in the application and must be justified, taking into account that both the Principal Investigator and the members of the team must have a relationship as Teaching and Research Staff with the University of Zaragoza at the time of making the application, and not present incompatibility due to their contract modality to participate in these own projects.

In no case will the staff in training who are not under the direction or responsibility of the PI, the Third Cycle students or the administration and services staff of the University of Zaragoza be part of the team.

In Category B (New):

The Principal Investigator will be a PhD and linked as Teaching and Research Staff to the University of Zaragoza at the time of making the application for the project or projects. In the event that it is not the same IP of the European project that has generated the RLD, its express authorisation will be required.

The following can be part of the research team:

1. The teaching and research staff of the University of Zaragoza.
2. Personnel integrated into other bodies, with the authorisation of the corresponding legal representative being required.

3. In no case will the staff in training who are not under the direction or responsibility of the PI, the Third Cycle students or the administration and services staff of the University of Zaragoza be part of the team.
4. Likewise, the members of the team may not present incompatibility due to their type of contract to participate in these own projects.

V.- DOCUMENTATION, PLACE AND DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

Applications must be submitted to the Registries of the University of Zaragoza (General Registry, Auxiliary Registries or through the Electronic Registry), in the forms available on the website of the European Projects Office (Modality A) and in the Research Management Service (Modality B). The call will remain open permanently, being resolved on a quarterly basis.

Modality A

The application shall be accompanied by a **report** that includes the following sections:

- 1) Project Title
- 2) Principal investigator and members of the research team, in accordance with the requirements of the applicants
- 3) Curriculum vitae of the researcher in charge, generated through the SIDERAL application, of Scientific Production Management at the University of Zaragoza: <http://www.unizar.es/sideral/>
- 4) Scientific-technical history of the research team in the last five years, specifically indicating: projects, contracts, articles, patents, other merits.
- 5) Action plan according to the duration of the project (maximum 4 years) adapted to the objectives of the call.
- 6) Project budget duly justified and adapted to the duration of the project.

This report must be submitted, both on paper and in computer format, in a file in PDF format (it must be sent by email to the address gesinves@unizar.es, unless the submission has been made through the Electronic Registry).

In the event that the documentation submitted is incomplete or presents correctable errors, the principal investigator will be required to correct the lack or attach the necessary documentation within 10 working days. In the event that they do not do so, their application will be considered rejected, in accordance with art. 68 Law 39/2015, of 1 October, on the Common Administrative Procedure of Public Administrations.

VI.- AMOUNT AND DURATION OF THE AID

The grants subject to this call will have a duration, from the date of resolution of the call for applications up to a maximum of 4 years, in accordance with the application submitted.

Grants can be applied for up to a maximum amount of the total RLD in accordance with the requirements indicated in section II of this call.

All those concepts contemplated in the calls of the European Union are eligible for aid, including supplements to the participating personnel, provided that the legal conditions established for this type of payment are met. In no case will staff salaries be accepted, and therefore no freed resources can be generated in this type of project.

VII.- SELECTION CRITERIA

The Research Committee will determine the projects to be subsidised, taking into account the following assessment criteria:

- 1) Scientific quality of the project and timeliness of the line of research presented.
- 2) Adaptation of the action plan to the objectives of the call.
- 3) Adequacy of the team's scientific background to the project.
- 4) Viability and economic adjustment of the project.

VIII.- RESOLUTION AND NOTIFICATION

Notification of the resolution adopted by the Research Committee will be addressed to the responsible researcher from the Office of the Vice-Rector for Scientific Policy. Against this resolution, which does not exhaust administrative remedies, in accordance with Article 121 of Law 39/2015, of 1 October, an appeal may be lodged with the Rector of the University of Zaragoza, within a period of one month.

IX.- REPORT AND MONITORING OF THE PROJECT

Within three months of the end of the project execution period, a brief report will be sent to the Office of the Vice-Rector for Scientific Policy indicating the work carried out, the scientific or technical production

After these three months from the end of the project execution period, the unused amount will be refunded to the Office of the Vice-Rector for Scientific Policy.