

## Call opened for 61 predoctoral contracts at the URV as part of the Martí i Franquès programme

*This Thursday, 1 July, is the first day for applications for each one of the three editions of the programme: standard, with 28 contracts; COFUND, with 20, and Banco Santander, with 13. The deadline for applications is 6 September 2021*

The [Martí i Franquès is a programme of URV](#) grants that aims to increase the University's human resources in the field of research. At the same time, it reinforces doctoral programmes, doctoral theses and the training of doctoral students on research and innovation projects. This Thursday is the first day for applications for 61 contracts of three different editions; the standard (28), COFUND (20) and Banco Santander (13). The successful applicants will be employed for up to three years. The call provides contracts in all fields of research at the URV. Applications can be made online until 6 September 2021.

### Standard edition

Candidates for the [standard edition](#) can opt for a 1-year contract, extendable to 3 years, for doing a doctoral thesis as a member of a research group on one of the doctoral programmes taught at the University. The successful candidates are obliged to submit a doctoral thesis at the University but they will also be given the opportunity to do some teaching. Likewise, they will be able to take part in training programmes for specific purposes and general competencies, and they will have access to high-quality research infrastructure in a highly international environment. One of the 28 contracts on offer has been funded by the Fundació I2Cat (Internet and Digital Innovation in Catalonia). The successful candidates will be able to start work at the University as from December 2021.

### Banco Santander edition

For the first time on the Martí i Franquès programme, this call for applications has a [new type of edition](#) thanks to the renewal of the collaboration agreement between the URV and the Banco Santander. This agreement has an effect on a variety of areas and can be divided into three main parts: education, employability and entrepreneurship. Education is a strategic aim and the 13 predoctoral contracts in this area have funding of €880,000. Thanks to the sensitivity and the commitment of this financial institution to the recruitment of talent and training, the funding of the Martí i Franquès programme has increased significantly.

### COFUND edition

The Martí i Franquès COFUND project is co-financed by the European Union as part of the COFUND Doctoral Programme of Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) in Horizon 2020. The 20 contracts that were still pending, one of which is reserved for a disabled person, are now being announced. The aim is to attract highly talented research staff from all over the world and give them the chance to have a research career at the URV. The contracts that will be signed by the successful candidates, aligned with the MSCA contract standards, substantially improve the contract conditions in terms of salaries and the availability of funds for research expenses. Among other eligibility criteria, the candidates cannot have resided for more than 12 months in the previous 3 years in Spain. That is to say, the aim is to locate international students with a master's degree or equivalent or Spanish researchers who have been away and wish to return.

A committee made up of URV staff and external evaluators will assess the candidates' training, research results, professional experience, motivation and references.

The Tarragona Provincial Council (Diputació de Tarragona) supports the activity of the URV, including the Martí i Franquès Programme.

For further information: <https://www.urv.cat/ca/recerca/suport/programes/marti-franques/>