

The Institution

The **Research Institute of the Hospital de la Santa Creu i Sant Pau Foundation** (IR Sant Pau) is a scientific foundation whose mission is to improve the health and quality of life of the population through the production and dissemination of scientific knowledge, the international training of researchers, and the promotion of innovation and health by incorporating medical advances into clinical practice and health policies. Founded in 1992, it has been a centre of research excellence affiliated with the Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB) since 2009 and, since 2011, a CERCA centre (Research Centres of Catalonia).

For the Foundation, it is a priority to ensure that the recruitment of the most suitable candidate for any position is carried out through an open, transparent, and merit-based selection process (OTM-R). Following these guidelines promotes staff mobility, knowledge exchange, and ultimately enhances the quality of teaching and research. In line with the European Union's human resources strategy, the selection and recruitment procedures of our institution are governed by a set of basic principles that guarantee equal access to employment. Accordingly, the constitutional principles of equality, merit, and capability are applied, in full compliance with current national and international regulations, specifically the European Charter for Researchers and the Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers (C&C). The principles of the C&C apply to the recruitment of all staff within the institution, regardless of professional category. For this reason, our Foundation has held the "HR Excellence in Research" award granted to IIB Sant Pau since 2015.

The **Research Institute Foundation of the Hospital de la Santa creu i Sant Pau** specifies

CANDIDATES interested in applying for Predoctoral Fellowships to carry out a doctoral thesis in collaboration with the Clinical Epidemiology and Health Services Research Group.

The Clinical Epidemiology and Health Services Research Group, led by Dr. Pablo Alonso-Coello, carries out extensive research activity, including applied clinical research, health services evaluation, and non-profit clinical trials. As a reference centre in evidence synthesis, the group produces systematic reviews, reports, and clinical practice guidelines, conducts advanced methodological research, and provides tailored advice and training to professionals and institutions. It also hosts the Iberoamerican Cochrane Centre and the GRADE Barcelona Centre, and actively promotes knowledge transfer through various collaborative initiatives.

The group's main research lines are:

- Applied clinical research – Coordinator: M^a José Martínez Zapata
- Knowledge synthesis and transfer – Coordinator: Pablo Alonso-Coello
- Research in appropriateness, quality of care, and public health – Coordinator: Xavier Bonfill

Essential requirements:

- Bachelor's degree or equivalent in Health Sciences
- Official Master's degree in Health Sciences
- Oral and written proficiency in both official languages of Catalonia
- Knowledge of office software tools (Excel, Word, PowerPoint, etc.)

Additional valued skills:

- Intermediate or advanced level of English (minimum B2)
- Scientific publications in indexed journals and participation in conferences
- Knowledge of systematic reviews, clinical practice guidelines, and the GRADE system
- Knowledge of clinical study design and data analysis
- Previous experience in drafting competitive project proposals, reports, and scientific articles

It offers:

- Completion of a PhD in Biomedical Research Methodology and Public Health at the Autonomous University of Barcelona within the framework of the Research Group's projects.
- Support for applying for public competitive funding schemes to obtain a predoctoral research contract (AGAUR, ISCIII, MICIU, etc.).

Those interested must preferably deliver their Currículum Vitae in PDF, by email to the Management of the Santa Creu i Sant Pau Hospital Research Institute Foundation, address seleccio@recercasantpau.cat, indicating the reference **2025/215**

The submission period will end on January 13th, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.



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Fundació Institut de Recerca de l'Hospital de la Santa Creu i Sant Pau, sited at C. Sant Quintí, 77-79, 08041, Barcelona, Tel: 93 291 90 50, NIF: G-60136934, as Data Controller and in compliance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation) and the Organic Law 3/2018 of 5th of December, on the protection of personal data and the guarantee of digital rights, will treat your data with the sole purpose of developing this call. The legal basis for this treatment is the article 6.1 a, c and f from the GDPR, giving that we will ask for your consent, the treatment is necessary for the application of precontractual measures and its necessary to satisfy the legitimate interests pursued by the Data Controller.

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PERMANENCE COMMITMENT: *Selected persons who will hold the summoned or vacant position, will not be able to apply for a new call until 1-year period has expired. In case of part-time job positions, this period will be of 6 months. In both cases, the period will compute from the date of publication of the resolution. The vacant summoned, and the ones that derive from it (intern movements), will be successively covered on the same proceeding among the submitted candidates to each particular call, regardless of whether this entails coverage of places in turns other than the call.*

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