**List of scholarships to develop a PhD program in Barcelona (Spain)**

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**IMPORTANT NOTE: Check the links for more detailed and updated information**

In Spain you will be able to access a doctoral (also known as PhD) program once you have completed your Master's degree. Although, you can apply for PhD scholarships before finishing the Master’s degree.

Normally, PhD scholarships take full account of the Bachelor’s degree mark and not the Master's degree mark, **if you have a** **mark of over 8.5 out of 10 you will have many more options** to get a scholarship. Check specific requirements for each scholarship, as not all of them require a specific mark, and most of them set a threshold at 6.5 (but others are above 7.5 depending on the year).

Most of the PhD scholarships calls will open from October to February.

**- La Caixa InPHINIT Scholarships**

<https://lacaixafoundation.org/en/doctoral-inphinit-fellowships>

It is a highly competitive program that provides a 3-year contract + funding to cover research costs and tuition fees + a short research stay abroad + on-site training program in multidisciplinary skills.

You will need a good academic record, hold a master degree, and demonstrable research experience.

There are two types of InPHINIT scholarships:

1. Retaining (if you have been in Spain or Portugal for more than 12 months in the last 3 years)
2. Incoming (if you have NOT in Spain or Portugal for more than 12 months in the last 3 years)

- **Contratos Predoctorales del Ministerio de Ciencia, Innovación y Universidades: Ayudas para la formación de profesorado universitario (FPU)**

<https://www.universidades.gob.es/ayudas-para-la-formacion-de-profesorado-universitario-fpu-2022/>

It is a highly competitive program that provides a 4-year contract + funding to cover tuition fees and a short research stay abroad. It includes mandatory teaching assistant tasks (between 90h and 180h along the program).

You will need a good academic record (for students who have completed their studies abroad, they must present proof of recognition of their degree in Spain, in the case of those who are citizens of the European Union, or homologation in the case of nationals of other countries.), pre-admission in a PhD program and residency in Spain (NIF, Union citizen registration certificate or NIE with a valid IXESP).

* **Contratos Predoctorales del Ministerio de Ciencia, Innovación y Universidades: Ayudas para contratos predoctorales para la formación de doctores (Antiguas FPI)**

<https://www.aei.gob.es/convocatorias/buscador-convocatorias/ayudas-contratos-predoctorales-formacion-doctoresas-2022>

There is a list of funded projects every year to which candidates can apply to develop their PhD.

It is a highly competitive program that provides a 4-year contract + funding to cover tuition fees and a short research stay abroad. It includes optional teaching assistant tasks (between 90h and 180h along the program). You will need: a good academic record and pre-admission in a PhD program.

**- Ajuts predoctoral de l’Agència de Gestió d'Ajuts Universitaris i de Recerca (AGAUR)**

<https://agaur.gencat.cat/es/beques-i-ajuts/Research-grants/ajuts-predoctorals/>

There are two types of AGAUR PhD scholarships:

1. Joan Oró Grants for the recruitment of PhD candidates (FI)

It is a highly competitive program that provides a 3-year contract + funding to cover tuition fees and a short research stay abroad. You will need: a good academic record and pre-admission in a PhD program.

1. Grants to support university departments and research units for the recruitment of PhD candidates (FI SDUR)

Usually for developing the PhD at a Catalan university (with possibility to be co-advised at ICM-CSIC). It is a highly competitive program that provides a 3-year contract + funding to cover tuition fees and a short research stay abroad. It includes optional teaching assistant tasks (between 90h and 180h along the program). You will need: a good academic record and pre-admission in a PhD program.

**- University of Barcelona (UB) PhD scholarship**

<https://www.ub.edu/beques/3rcicle/PREDOCSUB/convocatoria.html>

The first director must be of the UB and a co-director of the ICM-CSIC could be employed. It is a highly competitive program that provides a 3-year contract + funding to cover tuition fees and a short research stay abroad. It includes optional teaching assistant tasks (between 90h and 180h along the program). You will need: a good academic record, pre-admission in a PhD program and demonstrable research experience.

**Fundación Ramón Areces - Ayudas Fundación Ramón Areces para la realización de Tesis Doctorales en Ciencias de la Vida y de la Materia 2023**

It is a highly competitive program that provides a 4-year contract. You will need: a good academic record and pre-admission in a PhD program.

<https://www.fundacionareces.es/fundacionareces/es/convocatorias/ayudas-fundacion-ramon-areces-para-la-realizacion-de-tesis-doctorales-en-ciencias-de-la-vida-y-de-la-materia-2023.html>

At the ICM's job offer section [here](https://www.icm.csic.es/en/job-offers), there are also available offers when there are PIs that can host PhD students within the above scholarships’ framework or through a contract.