

# GOVERNMENT OF THE PRINCIPALITY OF ASTURIAS

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Directorate General of  
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Resolution of 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2017 by the Council for Education and Culture
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calling the “Clarín” Programme for Postdoctoral Grants by the Principality of Asturias for years 2017/2019.
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### RESOLUTION REGISTRY

Resolution No. 1794  
17/03/2017

### FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The training of human resources targeting the Science and Technology System is one of the priority objectives of the policies by the Government of the Principality of Asturias aiming towards scientific and technological development, together with PCTI 2013-2017. The “Clarín” Programme for Postdoctoral Grants for professional improvement and specialisation of research personnel with a doctorate has the objective of achieving this aim, while also to include experienced postdoctoral research personnel to perform R&D activities in research centres of the Principality of Asturias.

The existence of research personnel with high professional qualifications is a decisive element for the development of R&D&I projects, both in the public sector and the private sector, and for the transfer of knowledge from research centres to the production sector, therefore contributing towards strengthening the competitiveness of the regional socioeconomic fabric.

Law 14/2011, of 1<sup>st</sup> June, on Science, Technology and Innovation establishes the essential content for the development of scientific careers, indicating this must be foreseeable, be based on the accomplishments of research personnel and achieve social acknowledgement. After achieving a doctorate it becomes necessary to consolidate one’s research career through stays at foreign research centres and research work leading to high professional qualifications.

This programme for grants presents two modes offering the option to integrate research personnel in different research centres, depending on the mode chosen.

Mode A offers the chance of extending postdoctoral training at prestigious foreign research centres; mode B offers grants for the inclusion of experienced postdoctoral research personnel in research centres of the Principality of Asturias, may these be Universities, Public Research Bodies or Technological Centres, to carry out research projects.

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The grants considered here correspond to that foreseen in art. 22 of Law 14/2011, of 1<sup>st</sup> June, on Science, Technology and Innovation, regulating the contract for access to the Spanish Science, Technology and Innovation System.

The regulatory bases for the “Clarín” Programme for Postdoctoral Grants by the Principality of Asturias, which become applicable with this call, are approved through a resolution of this Council for Education, Culture and Sports on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2014, published in the Official Bulletin of the Principality of Asturias on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2014.

The collaboration agreement between the Principality of Asturias and the Foundation for the Encouragement of Applied Scientific Research and Technology in Asturias (FICYT) was signed on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2013, for the execution of a community project of the Marie Curie-Cofund action programme (calls of the “Clarín” Programme for Postdoctoral Grants by the Principality of Asturias), whose object is to establish the general conditions for collaboration between the Administration of the Principality of Asturias and the FICYT, in order to arrange the contribution by the respective financial resources, while also indicating the set of actions to be carried out by the summoning entity with regard to the adaptation of the planning instruments, regulatory bases and calls of the “Clarín” Programme for Postdoctoral Grants by the Principality of Asturias, under the terms specified in the budget and agreeing this is signed by the European Commission and the FICYT, whose execution period includes years from 2013 to 2019.

This collaboration agreement has subsequently been modified in order to readjust the yearly periods expected and to redraft the actions to be performed by the signing parties.

### LEGAL GROUNDS

- Law of the Principality of Asturias 6/1984, of 5<sup>th</sup> July, of the President and the Governing Council.
- Law of the Principality of Asturias 2/1995, of 13<sup>th</sup> March, on the Legal Regime of the Principality of Asturias.
- Law 39/2015, of 1<sup>st</sup> October, on the Common Administrative Procedures of Public Administrations.
- Legislative Decree 2/1998, of 25<sup>th</sup> June, approving the revised text of the Economic and Budgetary Regime of the Principality of Asturias.
- General Law 38/2003, of 17<sup>th</sup> November, on Subsidies and Royal Decree 887/2006, of 21<sup>st</sup> July, approving its regulations.

Decree 71/1992, of 26<sup>th</sup> October, on the general regime for the award of subsidies.

Law 14/2011, of 1<sup>st</sup> June, on Science, Technology and Innovation.

Royal Decree 887/2006, of 21<sup>st</sup> July, approving the Regulations of the General Law on Subsidies.

Royal Decree 1393/2007, of 29<sup>th</sup> October, establishing the planning of official university education.

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- Resolution by the Council for Education, Culture and Sports on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2014, published in the Official Bulletin of the Principality of Asturias on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2014, approving the regulatory bases of the “Clarín” Programme for Postdoctoral Grants by the Principality of Asturias.

Using the powers conferred to me by the aforementioned regulations and other provisions generally applicable and considering that the Governing Council of the Principality of Asturias, at its meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2017, authorising the expenses aimed at the public call for the award of these grants for period 2017-2019, I hereby,

### RESOLVE

**One.**— To approve the public call of the “Clarín” Programme for Postdoctoral Grants by the Principality of Asturias for period 2017-2019, inserted as an Appendix to this Resolution.

**Two.**— The programme will be financed by charging it to budgetary application 14.08-422D-782.023 “Clarín Programme Grants” of the General Budget of the Principality of Asturias for 2017, whose expenses have been authorised by the Governing Council of the Principality of Asturias, at its meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2017, plus the co-financing deriving from the Marie Curie-Cofund Action Programme, under the terms established in the collaboration agreement between the Principality of Asturias and the Foundation for the Encouragement of Applied Scientific Research and Technology in Asturias (FICYT), for the execution of a community project of the Marie Curie-Cofund action programme (calls of the “Clarín” Programme for Postdoctoral Grants by the Principality of Asturias), signed on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2013, with the following estimated distribution according to entities and annual payments:

	Principality of Asturias	FICYT	TOTAL
2017	503,500	335,667	839,167
2018	829,200	552,800	1,382,000
2019	365,300	243,533	608,833
<b>CALL TOTAL</b>	<b>1,698,000</b>	<b>1,132,000</b>	<b>2,830,000</b>

**Three.**— The interpretation and development, where applicable, of this call will correspond to the Council for Education and Culture, it having the power to resolve any incident or doubt which may arise in its application and being able, should it deem this necessary, to seek any type of report or opinion regarding this.

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**Four.**— The extract of this Resolution will be published, via the National Subsidy Database, in the Official Bulletin of the Principality of Asturias.

**Five.**— This Resolution exhausts the administrative procedures and left remaining will be to file a contentious-administrative appeal before the Contentious-Administrative courts of the circumscription where the body author of the original act claimed against has its head offices, within a period of two months counted from the day following its publication, without prejudice to the possibility of previously presenting the optional administrative reconsideration appeal before the same body which made the Resolution within a period of one month counted from the day following its publication, without the possibility of presenting both appeals simultaneously, in accordance with that established in article 28 of Law 2/1995, of 13<sup>th</sup> March, on the Legal Regime of the Administration of the Principality of Asturias, and article 123 of Law 39/2015, of 1<sup>st</sup> October, on the Common Administrative Procedures of Public Administrations, without prejudice to the fact those interested may exercise any other they deem appropriate.

THE COUNSELLOR FOR EDUCATION AND CULTURE

Genaro Alonso Megido

## Appendix I

### **PUBLIC CALL OF THE “CLARÍN” PROGRAMME FOR POSTDOCTORAL GRANTS IN THE PRINCIPALITY OF ASTURIAS DURING PERIOD 2017-2019**

#### **1.— Object and Purpose of the Grants**

The object of this “Clarín” Programme call is to regulate the establishment of postdoctoral grants during the 2017-2019 period, aimed at increasing the training of postdoctoral researchers, by means of offering stays in foreign research centres of excellence for the execution of research projects, while also to encourage the development of the professional careers of experienced postdoctoral research personnel by means of their inclusion in Public Universities, Public Research Bodies and Technological Centres of the Principality of Asturias to perform research projects, in accordance with the principles of accomplishment and capacity, publicity and on a competitive basis.

The grants will be in one of the following modes:

Mode A: postdoctoral stays to perform research projects in foreign R&D centres of excellence.

Mode B: Grants aiming at the inclusion of experienced research personnel with a doctorate (with at least 24 months of accredited postdoctoral experience in R&D centres located abroad) to perform research activities in Public Universities, Public Research Bodies and Technological Centres of the Principality of Asturias.

This call will be governed by the regulating bases of the “Clarín” Programme for Postdoctoral Grants by the Principality of Asturias, approved by the resolution of the Council for Education, Culture and Sports on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2014, and published in the Official Bulletin of the Principality of Asturias on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2014 (hereinafter the regulatory bases)

The release and distribution of the grants awarded in this call will be through the Foundation for the Encouragement of Applied Scientific Research and Technology in Asturias (hereinafter FICYT) in its position as collaborating entity, which will equally collaborate in the management of the grants, under the terms established in the collaboration agreement between the Principality of Asturias and the Foundation for the Encouragement of Applied Scientific Research and Technology in Asturias (FICYT), for the execution of a community project of the Marie Curie-Cofund action programme (calls of the “Clarín” Programme for Postdoctoral Grants by the Principality of Asturias), signed on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2013, and also in the regulatory bases and in this call.

#### **2.— Number of Grants**

The following number of grants may be awarded for each mode:

- Mode A: 22 grants.
- Mode B: 12 grants.

The number of grants in each mode is calculated for a duration of 24 months per grant so that, in the case of grants which are the object of the initial award in each mode being less than the total duration, the number of grants may be increased to cover the total number of months per mode (528 months in mode A; 288 months in mode B), without prejudice to that stated in section 5.2.

### **3.— Postdoctoral Research Personnel**

Apart from that stated in regulatory base six, postdoctoral research personnel will fulfil the following requirements in terms of the grant mode requested:

1. For mode A (postdoctoral research stays):

No more than 5 years will have elapsed from the date the doctorate certificate was obtained, or from the moment this could be requested, at the time the period for presentation of requests indicated in section 6 of this call ends. The date the doctorate certificate was obtained will be understood to be the date the doctoral thesis was read and approved.

The request may also be presented whenever it is accredited that the doctoral thesis has been handed in to a Spanish university before the end of the request presentation period. In this case, the applicant will provide documentary proof that he has obtained the doctorate no later than forty calendar days after the presentation period ends.

In the case of doctorates obtained abroad, the homologation or the presentation of the request for homologation of the official Doctor qualification at a Spanish university will be accredited within the request presentation period of this call. In any case, the homologation will be accredited on the dates indicated in the previous paragraph.

2. For mode B (reintegration of postdoctoral research personnel):

No longer than 10 years will have elapsed since the date the doctorate was obtained at the time the request presentation period indicated in section 6 of this call ends. The date the doctoral thesis was read and approved will be understood to be the date the doctorate was obtained.

3. The periods corresponding to the reasons stated below will be excluded when calculating the periods indicated in previous sections, always as long as the interruption periods occur between the date the request presentation period ends and 10 years previous to this:

3.1 Rest periods deriving from maternity or paternity enjoyed in accordance with the protected situations included in the General Social Security Regime. A 1 year extension, up to a maximum of 3 years, will be applied per child. Simultaneous maternity and paternity will be incompatible.

3.2 Care for persons (first-degree relatives) in situation of third-degree dependency, in accordance with that stipulated by Law 39/2006, of 14<sup>th</sup> December, for promotion of personal autonomy and care of persons in situation of dependency, for a minimum period of 3 months. An extension equal to the period justified will be applied, rounded up to complete months.

These periods will be indicated and accredited by means of documents at the time of presenting the request.

### **4.— Applicants and Beneficiaries**

The following may be applicants and beneficiaries in accordance with that established in regulatory base eight:

In the case of mode A: Persons holding a doctorate certificate and fulfilling the requirements indicated in basis six.

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In the case of mode B: Public Universities, Public Research Bodies and Technological Centres of the Principality of Asturias (destination centres) proposing and endorsing the postdoctoral research personnel fulfilling the general requirements established in basis six.

### **5.— Characteristics of the Grants**

1. The grants envisaged will be subject to the conditions established in this call and, in all that not envisaged in same, to those established in the regulatory bases.

2. The duration period of the grant may not be under 12 months or exceed 24 months. Any situation of temporary incapacity, risk during pregnancy, maternity, adoption or fostering, risk during breastfeeding and paternity, will suspend the calculation of the duration of the contract.

The period enjoyed will be that indicated in the award resolution, although the person in charge of the Directorate General of Universities and Research may, exceptionally and for duly accredited causes, authorise a postponement of the date of inclusion and of the resulting start of the grant, for a period never exceeding 3 months.

3. Postdoctoral research personnel will sign the corresponding work contracts with the collaborating entity, in mode A, and with the destination centres, in mode B, starting work at the destination centre on the date indicated in the award resolution.

4. The credit for the grants will finance the concepts of the Programme indicated in section 9.1 of this call. The total cost of the contracts will be:

- For mode A, the gross annual amount of the grant will be €35,000. This amount includes the gross retribution for the postdoctoral researcher and the Social Security contribution.
- For mode B, the gross annual amount of the grant will be €42,000. This amount will include the gross retribution for the research personnel and the Social Security contribution.

In mode B and if they consider this appropriate, the destination centres may increase the salary of the postdoctoral research personnel contracted using their own funds, in the same way becoming responsible for the corresponding Social Security contributions.

5. In the case of mode A, the grant will include an amount of 1,500 euros per year (or that which is proportionally applicable in terms of the grant months awarded), aimed at financing travel and establishment expenses, to be determined in the award resolution. This grant will become effective once inclusion in the destination centre is justified. If the effective grant period enjoyed is under 6 months for any reason, the postdoctoral researcher will reimburse 50 percent of the amount received for this concept.

6. In the case of mode B, an amount of 9,000 euros per year will also be awarded by way of research expenses directly related to the execution of the research project put forward, in accordance with that established in the award resolution. Furthermore, contracted postdoctoral research personnel performing their activities in a university of the Principality of Asturias may, at their own request, collaborate in teaching tasks related to the activity proposed, for a maximum of 80 hours per year, without ever impairing the object for which grants are requested in accordance with this call and after a previous agreement with the department involved. Under no circumstance will this teaching collaboration involve any responsibility of the postdoctoral researcher contracted regarding the subject and its schedule.

## 6.— Formalization and Presentation of Requests

1. Those interested in participating in this Programme will fill in all the sections of the request form, which is available at Internet site [www.clarinasturias.es](http://www.clarinasturias.es), following all the instructions included there to then present it.

The requests, for the attention of the person in charge of the Council for Education and Culture, may also be presented at the General Registry of the Council for Education and Culture of the Principality of Asturias (c/ Coronel Aranda, 2, planta plaza, 33005 Oviedo), or via any of the procedures foreseen in article 16.4 of Law 39/2015, of 1<sup>st</sup> October, on the Common Administrative Procedures of Public Administrations.

The requests presented through Post Offices will be in open envelopes in order to be dated and sealed before their certification.

2. The rest of the documentation for each of the modes, to be sent within the call period, will be filled in electronically and sent via the telematic means enabled for this on web page [www.clarinasturias.es](http://www.clarinasturias.es) or any of the procedures foreseen in article 16.4 of Law 39/2015, of 1<sup>st</sup> October, on the Common Administrative Procedures of Public Administrations.

3. No limits are established on the presentation of requests by applicant, with the following exceptions:

- Only one same postdoctoral researcher may be proposed in a request. All the requests will become invalid if this limit is exceeded.
- In mode B, each doctor researcher may only endorse one postdoctoral researcher. All the requests will become invalid if this limit is exceeded.

4. The request presentation period will be open for one month starting on the first working day following the publication of the call extract in the Official Bulletin of the Principality of Asturias.

5. The requests will be assigned to one of the scientific areas established in regulatory base four (Scientific Areas).

6. Exceptionally, in those cases that the Assessment and Selection Commission established in accordance with that stated in regulatory base thirteen, section 4, considers the scope assigned does not correspond with the project presented in the request, they may be assigned to a new scope.

The following documentation will be presented (only the requirements and achievements accredited by means of documents will be taken into account for the evaluation of requests):

For mode A:

- a) Grant request in accordance with the model established.
- b) Documentation accrediting Spanish nationality or that of a member of the European Union with residence in Spain. Foreign nationals of non-EU countries will accredit their status as residents.
- c) Documentation accrediting the doctorate qualification is held (by the postdoctoral researcher proposed) under the terms indicated in section 3.1 of this call.

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- d) Curriculum Vitae of the applicant, in the model established or an adaptation of this, expressly stating previously obtained grants and aid.
- e) Full and detailed academic certification of the studies (degree, engineering degree or equivalent) of the applicant indicating the qualifications obtained, their dates and the average mark attained (degree, engineering degree or equivalent).
- f) Statement by the doctor responsible at the foreign destination centre (referred to in regulatory base five, section 1), committing himself to manage the research project put forward by the postdoctoral researcher during his stay period, while also to provide the necessary support and to enable the use of the means, instruments or equipment he may require to normally carry out his activity.
- g) Scientific-technical record of the recipient research group.
- h) Statement of the endorsing doctor (regulatory base six, point 1, section d), endorsing the request and justifying the suitability of the candidate and the activity to be carried out. This report will justify the suitability of the research project put forward to the recipient research group.
- i) Postdoctoral research personnel under any of the exceptions appearing in section 3 of this call will present documentation accrediting such circumstances.
- j) Statement by the doctor responsible at the foreign destination centre in accordance with the ethical principles of the 7<sup>th</sup> Framework Programme. This statement will be renewed after one year.

For mode B:

- a) Grant request in accordance with the model established.
- b) Documentation accrediting the legal status.
- c) Documentation accrediting the doctorate qualification (by the postdoctoral researcher proposed) under the terms indicated in section 3.2 of this call.
- d) Curriculum Vitae of the applicant, in the model established or an adaptation of this, expressly stating previously obtained grants and aid.
- e) Documents accrediting postdoctoral stays abroad for at least 24 months.
- f) Letter from the Endorsing doctor (regulatory base six, point 2, section d), committing himself to tutor the activity to be carried out by the postdoctoral researcher proposed during his stay period, while also to provide the necessary support and to enable the use of the means, instruments or equipment he may require to normally carry out his activity. This report will explicitly justify the suitability of the postdoctoral researcher for the research project indicated in the grant request.
- g) Document accrediting the commitment to contract the postdoctoral researcher proposed by the destination centre, in the case the subsidy is awarded, signed by the postdoctoral researcher, by the doctor endorsing in the recipient research group and with the approval of the Vice-Rector's Office for Research, or the equivalent position, in the case of universities, or of the director of the centre, in the case of non-university institutions. This document will indicate the contract period, the research project put forward and accredit the existence of material means to carry out the tasks envisaged in the work plan presented.

- h) Scientific-technical record of the recipient research group attaching, where applicable, documentation accrediting the funding (regional, national or international) available to perform R&D projects.
- i) Postdoctoral research personnel under any of the exceptions appearing in section 3 of this call will present documentation accrediting such circumstances.
- j) Statement by the doctor responsible at the foreign destination centre in accordance with the ethical principles of the 7<sup>th</sup> Framework Programme. This statement will be renewed after one year.

### **7.— Bodies Competent for Examination and Resolution. Grant Award Procedure**

1. The body calling for and awarding these grants is the person in charge of the Council for Education and Culture to whom the grant requests will be sent. The resolutions decided resolving the different grant modes charged to this Programme end the administrative procedure with it being possible to file a contentious-administrative appeal before them or, where applicable, an optional administrative reconsideration appeal which will be presented against the person in charge of the Council for Education and Culture.

The body examining the procedure will be the Directorate General of Universities and Research, which will perform by law whatever actions it deems appropriate to determine, will know and verify the data by virtue of which the resolution proposal is to be made.

The noticeboard for all the acts that are part of this call, whose efficiency requires the notification or publication of the procedure, except that indicated in point 7.8, will be that of the Directorate General of Universities and Research web page [www.clarinasturias.es](http://www.clarinasturias.es).

2. The evaluation and selection of the grants to be awarded will be performed on a competitive basis.

3. This evaluation will be performed by an Assessment and Selection Commission, constituted under the terms provided in regulatory base thirteen, in accordance with the following composition, procedure, standards and criteria.

The Assessment and Selection Commission will be presided by the General Director of Universities and Research, and made up by the following members: a representative of the collaborating entity, the person in charge of the Directorate General of Economy and Innovation, and whoever is responsible for the University Management Service. Acting as Secretary, with the right to speak and vote, there will be a University Analyst assigned to the Directorate General of Universities and Research.

The Commission will issue a report specifying the result of the evaluation of the requests presented.

The National Evaluation and Prospective Agency will be requested a qualified external assessment, guaranteeing the confidentiality of the content of the reports and taking into account the following criteria and scores for each mode:

Mode A:

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- a) CV of the researcher and technical capacity of the postdoctoral candidate (0 to 40 points).

The following will be taken into account for the assessment of this section:

- Scientific publications such as articles in scientific magazines, books or book chapters (up to a maximum of 10 points).
- Participation in conferences as speaker or lecturer (up to a maximum of 5 points).
- Participation in research projects (up to a maximum of 10 points).
- Stays in national or foreign university or research centres (up to a maximum of 5 points).
- Grants and aids received on a competitive basis (up to a maximum of 4 points).
- Experience regarding teaching in masters programmes aimed at research or in doctorate programmes, and supervised thesis or thesis underway (up to a maximum of 4 points).
- Other training provided (up to a maximum of 2 points).

- b) Scientific knowledge and experience of the candidate to perform the project proposed (0 to 10 points).

The following will be taken into account for the assessment of this section:

- Participation in research projects related to the subject of the project proposed (up to a maximum of 5 points).
- Previous collaborations with other research centres or groups (up to a maximum of 2 points).
- A brief presentation of bibliographical references in the subject of the project proposed (up to a maximum of 3 points).

- c) Potential and technical impact of the project proposed and feasibility of its execution within the time proposed (0 to 20 points).

The following will be taken into account for the assessment of this section:

- The quality and consistency of the report presented: formulation of objectives, approach, methodology, and stages, clarity and rigour in the presentation of background and bibliography (up to a maximum of 10 points).
- The novelty and relevance of the project with regard to the state of the issue within the specific scope (up to a maximum of 5 points).
- The feasibility of the project: adaptation of the resources available, project time planning for achievement of the objectives, and connection between the subject of the project with the works performed by the group of the destination centre (up to a maximum of 5 points).

- d) Scientific record of the research group at the destination centre (research projects, publications, patents, etc.) in the field of the project proposed (0 to 30 points).

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The following will be taken into account for the assessment of this section:

- The participation of the recipient group in research projects related to the subject of the project proposed (up to a maximum of 6 points).
- Publications regarding the subject of the project proposed (up to a maximum of 6 points).
- Contributions in the form of talks, communications, conferences and patents related to the subject proposed (up to a maximum of 6 points).
- Research work or doctoral thesis supervised by the members of the research group of the destination centre related to the field of the project proposed (up to a maximum of 6 points).
- Experience in the reception of personnel for research stays (up to a maximum of 6 points).

Mode B:

- a) CV of the researcher, scientific and technical capacity of the postdoctoral candidate (0 to 50 points).

The following will be taken into account for the assessment of this section:

- Suitability and adaptation of the university or research centre where the postdoctoral stay was performed previously (hasta 10 points).
  - Contributions in the form of scientific publications such as articles in scientific magazines, books or book chapters, patents or participation in *spin-offs* (up to a maximum of 15 points).
  - Participation in conferences as speaker or lecturer (up to a maximum of 10 points).
  - Participation in research projects (up to a maximum of 10 points).
  - Experience regarding teaching in masters programmes aimed at research or in doctorate programmes, and supervised thesis or thesis underway (up to a maximum of 5 points).
- b) Scientific and technical potential of the project and feasibility of its execution within the time proposed (0 to 20 points).

The following will be taken into account for the assessment of this section:

- The quality and consistency of the report presented: formulation of objectives, approach, methodology, and stages, clarity and rigour in the presentation of background and bibliography (up to a maximum of 6 points).
- The novelty and relevance of the project with regard to the state of the issue within the specific scope (up to a maximum of 8 points).
- The feasibility of the project: adaptation of the resources available, project time planning for achievement of the objectives, and connection between the subject of the project with the works performed by the group of the destination centre (up to a maximum of 6 points).

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- c) Scientific record of the research group at the destination centre (research projects, publications, patents, etc.) in the field of the project proposed (0 to 20 points).

The following will be taken into account for the assessment of this section:

- The participation of the recipient group in research projects related to the subject of the project proposed (up to a maximum of 4 points).
- Publications regarding the subject of the project proposed (up to a maximum of 4 points).
- Contributions in the form of talks, communications, conferences and patents related to the subject proposed (up to a maximum of 4 points).
- Research work or doctoral thesis supervised by the members of the research group of the destination centre related to the field of the project proposed (up to a maximum of 4 points).
- Experience in the reception of personnel for research stays (up to a maximum of 4 points).

- d) Impact expected and incentive resulting from the inclusion of the researcher on the R&D improvement, growth and diversification capacity of the recipient group (0 to 10 points).

The following will be taken into account for the assessment of this section:

- The connection between the research lines of the recipient group and those foreseen in the project (up to a maximum of 5 points).
- Innovations made by the researcher in the recipient group (up to a maximum of 5 points).

Only the requirements and achievements accredited by means of documents will be taken into account when assessing the request. The assessment process will award a score out of 100. In the case of a draw in the score obtained, the applicant obtaining the best score in section a) will be given priority; if the draw persists, this will be the person obtaining the best score in section b), and so on through sections c) and d).

Requests obtaining a qualification under 60 points will be dismissed.

4. The Assessment and Selection Commission will pass on the report to the examining body which, in view of this and the file, will make the provisional resolution proposal and a proposal of reserves prioritised according to the score, in order to cover the vacancies that may arise in each scope. This proposal will grant no rights whatsoever in favour of the applicant with regard to the Administration as long as the award resolution is not notified.

In view of the file and the report by the Assessment and Selection Commission, the examining body will make the duly motivated provisional resolution proposal, which will be published on the noticeboard of the Directorate General of Universities and Research and on web page [www.clarinasturias.es](http://www.clarinasturias.es), allowing a period of ten days for allegations to be presented.

5. Once the hearing concludes, where applicable, the examining body may make the definitive resolution proposal stating the applicant or list of applicants for whom the award of subsidies

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is proposed, for these to communicate their acceptance within a period of 10 days. It will be mandatory to provide the following documentation in full together with the acceptance:

- a) A writ of acceptance of the grant.
- b) A statement declaring whether similar grants or aid have been received or not, in order to set the maximum duration of the grant awarded in the award resolution.

6. In view of the proposal made by the Directorate General of Universities and Research, the person in charge of the Council for Education and Culture will make a resolution on the grant requests presented.

The award resolution will expressly determine for each postdoctoral researcher the entity having the obligation to subscribe the contract with the research personnel, according to mode A or B, the destination centre, the starting date, the duration of the grant and its economic provision.

7. The maximum period to resolve and notify the resolution of the procedure may not exceed six months, counted from the day following the publication of this call in the Official Bulletin of the Principality of Asturias. If this period elapses without the express resolution being notified, the persons interested will consider their requests to have been dismissed as a result of administrative silence.

8. The resolution will be published in the *Official Bulletin of the Principality of Asturias*, having the effects of its notification in accordance with the regime established in article 45.1.b) of Law 39/2015, of 1<sup>st</sup> October, on the Common Administrative Procedures of Public Administrations.

9. Any renunciation or leave of postdoctoral research personnel before 01/09/2017 may be covered by means of awarding these vacancies in the reservation order previously established in the award resolution.

### **8.— Scientific-Technical Follow-up**

1. The follow-up of the subsidised activity will be performed according to the terms foreseen in regulatory base eighteen.

2. Postdoctoral research personnel contracted within the framework of this grant programme will provide to the collaborating entity:

#### 2.1. During the stay/execution of the project

Within a maximum period of one month from the moment the first year of the grant is up, the postdoctoral researcher will provide the following documentation:

- A Scientific-Technical Follow-up Report in accordance with the standard model, describing the work carried out and the objectives fulfilled during the first year. The scientific production deriving from the work (publications, conference communications, presentations, etc.) will be expressly mentioned. The report will have the approval of the doctor responsible at the destination centre.

#### 2.2. At the end of the stay/project

The postdoctoral researcher will present the following documentation within a period of one month from the moment the grant ends, no matter what reason causes this:

- A Final Report, in compliance with the standardised model, showing all the work carried out during the entire period the grant was enjoyed, together with copies of all the publications, articles and pieces of work that may have resulted from the task performed and the results obtained. The report will have the approval of the doctor responsible at the destination centre.
- A confidential report by the doctor responsible at the destination centre, sent in a separate and closed envelope.
- An updated CV.
- A quality questionnaire (in accordance with the standardised model).

**9.— Justification and Payment of the Grants. Payments to the Collaborating Entity**

1. The justification of the expenses carried out and the payment of the Programme grants will be performed under the terms foreseen in regulatory basis twenty-one.

2. The amount of the grants awarded will be paid to the collaborating entity, after this is requested previously within reason from the competent Directorate General, in advance and on a monthly basis.

3. In mode A, the collaborating entity will pay the total of the grants deriving from the call to the beneficiaries and, in mode B, the collaborating entity will pay the amount of the corresponding grants to the destination centres at the end of each quarter, without previous justification.

4. The payment of grants aiming to cover postdoctoral researcher travel and establishment expenses (only for mode A) will be performed after justifying the effective inclusion of the postdoctoral researcher in the destination centre.

5. The payment of grants aiming to cover research expenses directly related to the execution of the research project put forward (only for mode B), will be performed yearly once the bills of the expenses directly related to the execution of the research project are presented.

6. For payment in advance of the grants, beneficiary bodies or public entities will be exonerated from providing guarantees, under the terms stipulated in article six of the resolution of 11<sup>th</sup> February 2000, by the Counsellor of the Treasury, regulating the regime of guarantees for advance payment of subsidies. All other entities will comply with that required by such resolution.

Beneficiaries in mode A will be exonerated from providing guarantees regarding the advance payments performed, under the terms stipulated in article six of the resolution of 11<sup>th</sup> February 2000, by the Counsellor of the Treasury, regulating the regime on guarantees for advance payment of subsidies.

7. Subsidy justification will adapt to that stipulated in article 72 of Royal Decree 887/2006, of 21<sup>st</sup> July, approving the Regulations of General Law 38/2003, of 17<sup>th</sup> November, on Subsidies, or via simplified justification accounts regulated according to article 75 of this, but only in the case of subsidies under 60,000 euros. The report will include the certification of the expenses carried out during the execution of each of the grants, performed by the collaborating entity, in mode A, and by the destination centres, in mode B. This detailed certification will be signed by whoever is the maximum person responsible for economy in such entities and will include all the expenses corresponding to the contract of each researcher. In mode B, the yearly certification will be presented to the collaborating entity before the end of

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February of the following year, including the expenses performed up until 31<sup>st</sup> December of the previous year and in accordance with that established in article 30 of General Law 38/2003, of 17<sup>th</sup> November, on Subsidies and according to the provisions established in the call resolutions, together with the instructions established by the Directorate General responsible for the areas of design and development of university policies. In mode A, this certification will be presented to the Directorate General responsible for the areas of design and development of university policies.

The full justification account, with the content indicated in article 72 del Royal Decree 887/2006, of 21<sup>st</sup> July, approving the Regulations of General Law 38/2003, of 17<sup>th</sup> November, on Subsidies, or via simplified justification accounts regulated according to article 75 of this, will be presented before the end of February of the year following that to which the last yearly period corresponds.

In the case of ending early it will be presented within a period of one month.

8. In mode A, the collaborating entity and, in mode B, the destination centres will justify the payment of the subsidies in accordance with that stipulated in article 15 of General Law 38/2003, of 17<sup>th</sup> November, on Subsidies, while also presenting the certification by the Tax Agency and the General Social Security Treasury accrediting compliance with their tax obligations and those regarding the Social Security, together with the certification of the Public Entity for Tax Services of the Principality of Asturias, accrediting the existence of no debts during the execution period.

9. Funds not invested will be reimbursed in the case of termination or cancellation of the grant for which the funding was awarded.

10. Voluntary return of the grant received will comply with that established in article 90 of the General Subsidy Regulations. This will be performed via non-tax income model 046 for it to become effective.

11. The original receipts and other documentation related to the grant will be kept for six years from the date the last contract ends.

### **10.— Data Disclosure**

Participation in this call will imply acceptance of the disclosure of data contained in the request presented, together with that of the data relating to the grants awarded where applicable and which may be performed in favour of public administrations for statistical, assessment and follow-up purposes.

### **11.— Applicable Legal Regime**

For anything not foreseen in this call or in the resolution by this Council for Education, Culture and Sports on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2014, published in the Official Bulletin of the Principality of Asturias on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2014, approving the regulatory bases of the “Clarín” Programme for Postdoctoral Grants of the Principality of Asturias, that established in General Law 38/2003, of 17<sup>th</sup> November, on Subsidies, and in its Development Regulations; in Law 39/2015, of 1<sup>st</sup> October, on the Common Administrative Procedures of Public Administrations and in the budgetary regulations of the Principality of Asturias, in particular Decree 71/1992, of 29<sup>th</sup> October, regulating the general regime for the award of subsidies within the scope of the Principality of Asturias, together with the rest of the applicable regulations, will be followed.

**12.— European Letter of the Researcher and Code of Conduct when Contracting Research Personnel**

1. The Recommendation of the European Commission (2005/251/EC) of 11/03/2005 («DOUE» - «Official Journal of the European Union» - L75 of 22/03/2005), regarding the European Letter of the Researcher and the Code of Conduct for contracting researchers, will be applicable to these grants.
2. The beneficiaries receiving a grant will comply with the principles and general requirements applicable to research personnel.
3. The entities to which research personnel is assigned will comply with the principles and general requirements of the employing and financing entities.
4. The research projects for which the grants are requested will comply with all the ethical aspects considered in the 7<sup>th</sup> Framework Programme of the European Union, while also with all other current and future regulations that may be applicable.
5. These grants are excluded from the Community regulations regarding previous notification, in accordance with Regulation (EC) No. 651/2014 by the Commission, of 17<sup>th</sup> June 2014, declaring certain grant categories to be compatible with the common market through the application of articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty («DOUE» no. 187, of 26<sup>th</sup> June 2014), repealing Council Regulation (EC) No. 800/2008.

**13.— Publicity**

1. Beneficiaries will make public the funding by the body awarding the grant, expressly referring to the funding through the “Clarín” Programme for Postdoctoral Grants of the Principality of Asturias and to the supplementary funding deriving from the Marie Curie-Cofund action programme, in the publications, talks and other result disclosure activities funded by the grants awarded in accordance with this resolution.
2. Beneficiaries will deposit the results of the research, by means of automatic filing, in the Institutional Repository of the Principality of Asturias (RIA), in order to allow the disclosure of this work among the scientific community for study and research purposes. In the case that the work is published, the Government of the Principality of Asturias will respect, whenever necessary, a restriction period never exceeding 6 months before disclosing this via the Institutional Repository of the Principality of Asturias.