



## SUMMARY – PROGRAMME OF IISPV POST-DOCTORAL CONTRACTS

**Types:** Full-time contract. Higher degree qualification category - Post-doctoral (*Spanish Act 14/2011- Spanish Law of Science, Technology and Innovation*).

**Duration:** 1 year+ appraisal + 1 year

**Amount:** 30,000 euros gross annual + 5.000 euros for room and board + 10.000 euros per project in the first year.

**Applicants:** The applicants for the Programme of IISPV Post-Doctoral Contracts must meet the mobility criteria. The applicant must not have had any association with the Institute, employers or organizations in the last 5 years. They must be working in areas directly related to strategic areas of the IISPV. The project presented should be framed in the research of Consolidated Groups of the IISPV in Nutrition and Metabolism, Oncology and Haematology, Neurosciences and Mental Health, and Environmental Health. Proposals outside these areas will not be considered.

**Procedure: Phase 1:** Interest from groups IISPV and advertising of the post internationally. **Phase 2:** Joint external evaluation of the candidate with the project and the IISPV host group (*40% Candidate; 50 % Project; 10 % Group*).

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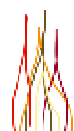
In 2013, the *Institut d'Investigació Sanitària Pere Virgili* (IISPV) began a programme of 2-year Post-Doctoral contracts for investigators who want to come to the research institutions in the Tarragona Province: *the Institut Català de la Salut* ([Hospital Universitari Joan XXIII de Tarragona](#), [l'Hospital Verge de la Cinta de Tortosa](#)), the SAGESSA group ([Hospital Universitari de Sant Joan XXIII de Reus](#)), the *Pere Mata Group* ([Hospital Psiquiàtric Universitari Institut Pere Mata](#)) and the *Universitat Rovira i Virgili* ([URV-School of Medicine](#)). The task taken on by IISPV is to promote, develop, manage and broadcast research and training in Health and Biomedical Science investigation.

**IISPV is offering ONE contract for Post-Doctoral investigators in any of our research centres.**

The Programme supports young scientists qualified from principal biomedical hospitals and research centres on the world who would like to receive training in strategic areas of Nutrition & Metabolism and Oncology, and in the areas that include studies in Neurosciences & Mental Health, and Environmental Health. For more details, please visit <http://www.iispv.cat>.

The programme offers a **two-year project** that has to be undertaken at the IISPV Host Group facilities. IISPV guarantees effective and durable professional integration for a period of, at least, the duration of the project. The projects that are already ongoing are not eligible for financing in this programme.

Incorporating the applicant during the first year of the grant will augment the host group's research results and the candidate will be able to acquire the necessary skills to play





a leading role in the investigation, ultimately allowing his/her own line of investigation at the end of the contract.

The candidate must be a potential applicant for the grants offered by “Miguel Servet” Program ([ISCIII](#)), “Ramón y Cajal” Program ([MINECO](#)) or similar.

Applications must inform IISPV of the research organization that the candidate's host group belongs to, and where the postdoctoral work will be carried out. **The receiving group and the candidate must jointly present the project proposal to IISPV.**

**The application must be completed in English.**

Postdoctoral proposals will be selected from an open competition. Selection will be made through a *peer review* process that is independent, and based on excellence, using a series of transparent, predetermined criteria. The Evaluation Committee will consider only the strongest candidates with leadership skills and the prospect of future research within IISPV. A panel of scientists will rigorously evaluate each proposal, the Host Group and the training environment, and the nature and viability of the proposed project.

The Applicant and the Host Group must clearly establish that the potential outcome of studies will have a direct impact on biomedical research, innovation and development. **Applicants have to meet the following conditions** in order to be subjected to *peer review* and final selection by the **IISPV Scientific Committee of Appraisers**:

- Applicants have to have a Doctoral degree. IISPV accepts applications from candidates who do NOT have more than 10 years of postdoctoral experience at the time of the deadline for submission of the application (*December 2013*), or have been awarded the title of doctor no more than six years before the application deadline. Applicants who have 10 or more years of postdoctoral experience are NOT eligible, with the exception of MD applicants, not including the residence years, or one year for each maternity leave.
- **A candidate can only apply for ONE group.**
- **Each IISPV Consolidated Group can only present ONE candidate.**
- There are no restrictions on nationality.
- The IISPV post-doctoral programme is compatible with permanent academic posts. Anyone with an academic post at the URV is NOT eligible (teacher, associate teacher, assistant teacher or lecturer).
- **Mobility rules:**
  - IISPV will not consider applicants who already have a grant or a contract with another IISPV group, or who have received pre-doctoral or post-doctoral training at IISPV in the preceding 5 years, or who have had contracts with any of the IISPV patrons in the preceding 5 years.
  - An applicant has to have spent at least 24 months abroad within the last 5 years, **preferably** before the deadline for the submission of proposals. Short stays, such as holidays, are not counted.
  - An applicant must not have had any links with the IISPV, nor its patrons, during the last 5 years immediately preceding the deadline for the submission





of proposals. There should not be a single publication in common in the last 5 years between the candidate and / or his group of origin.

- As a general rule, the project has to be carried out at the IISPV facilities. Researchers cannot spend more than 10% of the contract term outside IISPV unless such a stay is essential to the project.

The post-doctoral programme offers contracts of up to 2 years. At the end of the first year, an external panel will review the progress of the programme and will recommend an extension to a 2nd year.

The programme includes financing for a researcher and the project, as follows:

1. **Salary:** 30,000 € gross per year (2 year work contract with social security according to *Spanish Law 14/2011, of 1 June, on Science, Technology and Innovation*).
2. Supplies, equipment, general expenses, management costs: 10,000 € in the first year.
3. **Accommodation:** 5,000 € annual in student residences of the *Universitat Rovira i Virgili* or similar.
4. **Exclusions:** Recruitment of technical personnel for the project or the travelling expenses are not available.

Costs of research and accommodation will be paid directly by IISPV upon receipt of the corresponding invoices. These payments are additional to the annual salary for research aid. IISPV does not pay traveling expenses either for the researcher or his/her family, or for the cost of transportation of personal goods. The research expenses will be paid by IISPV on receipt of the corresponding invoices.

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PHASE	CLOSING DATE	WHO	WHO RECEIVES IT	INSTRUCTIONS
<b>1-DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b>	12/31/2013	<b>CONSOLIDATED IISPV GROUP</b>	IISPV TECHNICAL OFFICE	The IISPV groups that want to put forward candidates have to take part in this first phase of applications, completing the form in <b>APPENDIX 1</b> and sending a copy to <a href="mailto:europa@iispv.cat">europa@iispv.cat</a> <i>Appendix 1 will be used to advertise the offers internationally</i>
<b>2- PUBLICITY</b>	<i>Published up to 02/10/2014</i>	IISPV TECHNICAL OFFICE	<b>CONSOLIDATED IISPV GRUP</b>	Advertising of the offer with the information in <b>APPENDIX 1</b> . The advertisement is withdrawn after the closing date.
<b>3- CONTACT BETWEEN THE CANDIDATES AND THE HOST GROUPS</b>		<b>CANDIDATE</b>	<b>CONSOLIDATED IISPV GRUP</b>	The applicant is in direct contact with the host group director. The group is responsible for contacting with the best candidate
<b>4- PRESENTATION OF APPLICATIONS</b>	<i>02/10/2014 at 15:00h</i>	<b>CANDIDATE and CONSOLIDATE IISPV GROUP</b>	IISPV TECHNICAL OFFICE	The Director will send all of the information to the candidate that is necessary to access the application form. Each Director will present the candidate named by the group. The Candidate and the Director are responsible for completing the application form: <b>APPENDIX 2</b> and for sending it with a confirmation to: <a href="mailto:europa@iispv.cat">europa@iispv.cat</a> , before 15:00h on the closing date. <i>A detailed description of the project must be made available. A detailed CV of the candidate. Two letters of recommendation, together with additional documents, such as a summary of their thesis, summary of articles, research programme and training for the proposal presented, etc. This documentation must not be more than 20 pages long.</i>

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<b>5- EVALUATION AND SELECTION OF CANDIDATE</b>	During February 2014	IISPV TECHNICAL OFFICE and EVALUATORS	IISPV TECHNICAL OFFICE	<p>The review and selection of the finance request is a process of several stages:</p> <p>Applications are reviewed first at the IISPV the office. An initial review of all applications will ensure that all documentation has been completed and meets the eligibility criteria. A listing will be posted of accepted and rejected applications. (APPENDIX 1, APPENDIX 2 and additional documents).</p> <p>The successful applications will be further reviewed by two or three independent experts to evaluate their scientific quality, and must have the go ahead of the IISPV External Committee.</p> <p>For more information about our selection criteria, see the <b>criteria</b> document, which will be available on the website.</p>
<b>6- RESULT and PUBLICITY</b>	In the middle of March 2014	IISPV TECHNICAL OFFICE		<p>IISPV will inform all applicants and the project manager of the result of the process (priority and candidates in reserve), which will also be available on our website: <a href="http://www.iispv.cat">www.iispv.cat</a></p> <p>Contracts can be activated up to three months after the decision, but no later than one year after the resolution date.</p>

Any doubts or queries can be clarified through the following email address: [europa@iispv.cat](mailto:europa@iispv.cat).

Answers will be posted on this website.



**IISPV CONSOLIDATED GROUPS THAT CAN APPLY – HOST GROUPS**

1. [SIPOMICS - Signal Processing for Omic Sciences \(metabolic platform\)](#)
2. [Human Nutrition Unit](#)
3. [Research group into metabolic diseases and insulin resistance the physiopathology of obesity \(GEMMAIR\)](#)
4. [Diabetes and metabolic associated diseases research group](#)
5. [Paediatrics, Nutrition and Human development Research Unit](#)
6. [Biomedical research center](#)
7. [Lipids and atherosclerosis research unit \(URLA\)](#)
8. [Cardiovascular Research Group](#)
9. [Oncology Research Unit](#)
10. [Psychiatry research group \(GIP\)](#)
11. [Sepsis & Severe Respiratory Infection](#)
12. [Infectious diseases and HIV/AIDS research group](#)
13. [TecnATox - Toxicology and Environmental Health Laboratory \(LTSM\)](#)
14. [MICOLOGY – Micology and Environmental Microbiology Unit](#)
15. [Primary healthcare research group](#)
16. [Oncology and Bioinformatics Pathology Research Group](#)

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