

INCENTIVES FOR RESEARCH PROGRAM 2025

Mobility grants associated with IRTA PhD fellowships

Background

In the context of the Incentives for Research 2025, several actions have been created to promote the research activity at IRTA, including Mobility grants for PhD candidates holding an IRTA contract without an associated budget for mobility actions.

Objective

First Stage Researchers on payroll at IRTA that develop the doctoral project under an IRTA Sponsored Fellowship contract or other PhD grants without mobility budget, have limited possibilities for mobility actions. Therefore, to promote and assist the mobility of these researchers in pursuing research at a host research centre outside Catalonia, mobility grants are announced.

Eligibility of IRTA researchers

- R1 Researchers with a contract under an IRTA Sponsored Fellowship or other PhD grants that (i) do not have a mobility budget associated, (ii) are on payroll at IRTA, (iii) are formally enrolled in a doctoral program at a Catalan University and (iv) have not benefited from this mobility grant (Incentives for Researcher Program) in the previous years.
- Only candidates beyond the first year of PhD can apply.

Duration, stipend, and coverage

The IRTA Mobility grant is a short-term fellowship, which lasts from three (3) up to four (4) months encouraging the fulfilment one of the requirements of the “International/European mention” of the PhD degree. However, shorter stages (minimum 1 month) can also be funded when they are strategically justified. The grant covers travel (e.g., tickets for bus, train and flights) and living expenses (e.g., accommodation and travel allowance) up to a maximum of 10,000 €. Assigned monthly (and daily) living expenses are subject to the country of the host institution (see **Annex 1**). If the country you would like to travel to does not appear in Annex 1, please contact comite.cientific@irta.cat.

The grant does not cover bench fees at the host institution, attendance fees for conferences or symposiums, nor the personal expenses of participants. The grantee will keep 100% of the salary of the IRTA contract during the mobility period, thus will have the health and accident insurance covered.

Funding, payments and schedule

In 2025 the top applications selected (see selection criteria) will be funded until budget is exhausted. IRTA Scientific Direction will cover 100 % of the requested budgeted.

The grant will be available immediately after the successful grantees are informed. Travel cost can be charged in advance. Ten percent (10%) of the grant will be retained and will be paid after delivery of a satisfactory final report (**Annex 3**). The grantee should complete the funded research visit by December 31st, 2025.

Applications

- Documentation:
 - **Research proposal** (in English), maximum two pages (Arial 10, single space, 2.5 cm margins), according to the attached model (**Annex 2**). This document in pdf format will be signed by the PhD supervisor/s and the Head of the Program.
 - **Letter of acceptance** from host supervisor mentioning agreeing the research project and the mobility period, including the signature and contact details of the supervisor and Head of the Department.
 - **Curriculum Vitae** of the R1 applicant (CVA format, template available [here](#), though other formats are accepted, max. 4 pages).

The required documentation must be sent **in one single document in pdf format** (saved as SURNAME_NAME_Proposal.pdf), which will be sent before the deadline using the SharePoint form at [Mobility Action PhD candidates APPLICATION FORM](#)¹. If you have any questions about the call, you can contact us at comite.cientific@irta.cat.

Deadline for the presentation of applicants: 30th of June 2025.

Approval procedure

The selection procedure for the grants will consist of the following stages:

1. IRTA Scientific Coordination team will evaluate the project proposals submitted by the applicants in order of reception. The proposals approved need to fulfil the following criteria:
 - a. Scientific-technical quality and impact of the research project.
 - b. Alignment with [IRTA Strategic Plan 2024-2027](#).
 - c. Approval of the Head of the Program.
 - d. Mobility grants of at least 3 months will be prioritized.
2. Applications fulfilling the above-mentioned criteria will be selected for funding until the available budget is exhausted.

¹ In case the link does not work, copy this one: https://irtacat.sharepoint.com/sites/INTRA_InfCorp/SitePages/Presentem-el-Pla-Estrat%C3%A8gic-2024-2027.aspx. and paste it to the browser.

ANNEX 1. Overview of the monthly and daily assigned living expenses regarding the country of the host institution. The grant covers travel (e.g., tickets for bus, train and flights) and living expenses (e.g., accommodation and travel allowance) up to a maximum of 10,000 €, regardless of the length of the research stage.

Country of destination	Max. monthly living expenses (€)	Max. daily living expenses (€)
Germany	2.577	83,13
Saudi Arabia	2.349	75,77
Argentina	2.453	79,13
Australia	2.289	73,84
Austria	2.395	77,26
Belgium	2.765	89,19
Brazil	2.650	85,48
Bulgaria	2.150	69,35
Cape Verde	2.378	76,71
Canada	2.355	75,97
Chile	2.387	77,00
China	2.219	71,58
Cyprus	2.173	70,10
Colombia	2.624	84,65
South Korea	2.410	77,74
Costa Rica	2.182	70,39
Croatia	2.242	72,32
Cuba	2.150	69,35
Denmark	2.554	82,39
Ecuador	2.173	70,10
Egypt	2.395	77,26
United Arab Emirates	2.413	77,84
Slovakia	2.349	75,77
Slovenia	2.225	71,77
Spain	1.500	48,39
USA	2.676	86,32
Estonia	2.453	79,13
Finland	2.520	81,29
France	2.557	82,48
Greece	2.173	70,10
Hungary	2.430	78,39
India	2.320	74,84
Iran	2.453	79,13
Ireland	2.332	75,23
Israel	2.369	76,42
Iceland	2.332	75,23
Italy	2.586	83,42
Japan	2.886	93,10
Latvia	2.225	71,77
Lithuania	2.225	71,77
Luxemburg	2.574	83,03

Country of destination	Max. monthly living expenses (€)	Max. daily living expenses (€)
Malta	2.150	69,35
Morocco	2.320	74,84
Mexico	2.254	72,71
Norway	2.678	86,39
New Zealand	2.162	69,74
The Netherlands	2.572	82,97
Peru	2.387	77,00
Poland	2.332	75,23
Puerto Rico	2.182	70,39
Qatar	2.413	77,84
United Kingdom	2.805	90,48
Czech Republic	2.349	75,77
Romania	2.447	78,94
Russia	3.100	100
Singapore	2.294	74,00
South Africa	2.193	70,74
Sweden	2.722	87,81
Switzerland	2.661	85,84
Taiwan	2.150	69,35
Tanzania	2.162	69,74
Turkey	2.173	70,10
Uruguay	2.150	69,35

Annex 2. Predoctoral Mobility Action PROPOSAL

(Two pages max, Arial 10, single space, 2.5 cm margins)

Call:	Predoctoral Mobility Action PROPOSAL			
Project title (acronym):				
Applying R1 researcher:				
PhD supervisor/s:				
IRTA Program:				
Host research group and supervisor/s				
Host institution (City, Country)				
Mobility period	Total duration (months):		From (dd/mm/yy):	To (dd/mmd/yy):

Motivation of the mobility action, alignment with the research activity at IRTA and the [IRTA Strategic Plan 2024-2027](#)

Goals and expected impact on the PhD project

Work Plan

References

Signatures:

Applying R1 researcher (name):	PhD Supervisor/s (name/s):	Head of the Program (name):
Date:	Date:	Date:

Annex 3. Predoctoral Mobility Action REPORT

(Two pages max, Arial 10, single space, 2.5 cm margins)

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Applying R1 researcher:			
PhD supervisor/s:			
IRTA Program:			
Host research group and supervisor/s			
Host institution (City, Country)			
Mobility period	Total duration (months):		From (dd/mm/yy): To (dd/mmd/yy):

Motivation and Objectives of the mobility action

Methodology of the research carried out

Major results of the research carried out

Impact and significance

Benefits for the granted researcher and the PhD project (*skills or techniques gained, knowledge expanded, collaborations and future perspective, etc*).

Signatures:

Applying researcher (name):	Head of the Program (name):
Date:	Date: