

9th Call for Applications - 2025

Three-Year Fellowship

From the Mari Paz Jimenez Casado Foundation (FMPJC) to Support Sarcoma Research in Collaboration with the Spanish Sarcoma Research Group (GEIS)

CALL RULES

The Mari Paz Jiménez Casado Foundation, as part of its strategies to stimulate and enhance the development of translational research projects in sarcomas, is launching, in collaboration with the GEIS, the "9th Triennial Mari Paz Jiménez Casado Foundation Grant for Research in Sarcomas." The objective is to present original research project proposals that contribute to the advancement and improved understanding of sarcomas and that will lead to better diagnosis and treatment.

The Mari Paz Jiménez Casado Foundation collaborates in the awarding of these grants, and its active support of research into sarcomas in particular and cancer in general is one of its founding objectives and, along with its commitment to helping patients, its main reason for being. This call will cover a three-year grant of €75,000 (€25,000 per year), including €5,000 for indirect expenses associated with the project.

The Spanish Sarcoma Research Group, in its commitment to research and support for new projects, will collaborate on the rules of the call, dissemination of the grant, and the establishment of the external evaluation committee, composed of two researchers with significant international leadership in the field of sarcomas, plus the Scientific Committee of the FMPJC, as well as the monitoring and dissemination of the research project.

The purpose of this call is to award a grant for original translational research projects in the field of sarcomas, which will be developed at a national center, although they may be part of a larger international project.

The financial endowment will be awarded to the winning individual and/or team, or to the managing entity they request, and will be used to carry out the winning research project.

BASES

1.- REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANTS

To participate in this call for proposals, applicants must meet the following requirements:

1. The principal investigator of the submitted project must hold a bachelor's degree in Medicine and Surgery (although a doctorate will be considered positively), specializing in one of the following medical areas: Medical Oncology, Radiation Oncology, Pathological Anatomy, Orthopedic Surgery, Plastic Surgery, Thoracic Surgery, General Surgery, and other medical specialties related to sarcomas. Graduates in Biology, Biochemistry, or Pharmacy are also eligible for the grant. Candidates must be affiliated with a healthcare or research center capable of developing the proposed scientific project.
2. The specific work submitted must be initiated at the time the grant is awarded and must be completed within a maximum of 3 years.
3. The grant period will be 36 months.
4. The research project must be focused on the field of sarcomas and may have an epidemiological, translational, or preclinical nature, answering questions of interest that can lead to easy translation to the clinic and may lead to an increase in the survival or quality of life of patients with sarcoma.
5. Special support will be given to studies involving cooperation between several hospitals in the group, seeking to achieve greater research synergy.
6. The candidate must be a member of GEIS.
7. Full-time dedication to the submitted research project is not required.
8. The principal investigator of the winning project must be present at the scholarship award ceremony when they will be notified in writing of the award and must give a 15-minute presentation of the winning project. For justified reasons, and after notifying the FMPJC at least 7 days prior to the meeting, a previously identified member of their team will be allowed to attend the award ceremony on their behalf. If this criterion is not met, the scholarship will be awarded to the runner-up.
9. The Principal Investigator of the winning project must present the project results at the FMPJC Annual Meetings in 2026, 2027, and 2028.

2.- INCOMPATIBILITIES

- a) The project may be co-funded by additional grants and/or research projects.
- b) Each researcher may only compete with one project, whether as principal investigator or associate.
- c) This grant is compatible with other grants or aid, both public and private, provided that the FMPJC and the GEIS do not consider the project to be sufficiently funded.
- d) The principal investigator/coordinator of a project that wins a FMPJC Triennial Grant may not apply as principal investigator/coordinator for a new edition of this Triennial Grant until three years have passed since the application for the previously awarded triennial grant.

3.- DOCUMENTATION

Along with the application form available on the FMPJC and GEIS websites, applicants must submit the following documentation in English (PDF format), which will be included in the application form available on the GEIS website:

1. Project title and summary (maximum 1 page), in English and Spanish.
2. Project report in English and Spanish (maximum 5 pages), with the following sections:

Introduction (background of the proposed research project).

- Project objectives.
- Materials and methods.
- Statistical plan.
- Project utility.
- Timeline: Development stages and distribution of tasks for the research team.
- Detailed breakdown of budget/expense items, specifying the resources for inventory and consumables to be used. Personnel and equipment may be included.
- Bibliography.
- Report from the Ethics and Clinical Trials Committee of the center where the project will be carried out. If the type of research requires it, the corresponding animal experimentation report will also be required.
- Resources available for carrying out the project

3.- Photocopy of the DNI and the specialist title or corresponding title of the Principal Investigator of the Project.

4. Curriculum vitae of the principal investigator and their team (top 10 publications).

5. Research Group's experience over the past 5 years (maximum 1 page).

6. Description of the research center chosen to carry out the project and available technical facilities (maximum 1 page).

7. A copy of the terms and conditions of this call with the signature of acceptance of the principal investigator and the head of the accredited Health Research Institute where the project will be carried out.

8.- Any other information the applicant deems appropriate to include (maximum one page).

Candidates must state in their application whether they have applied for or been awarded any other scholarship or grant, and the amount thereof.

If the application submitted is incomplete or does not meet the requirements of this call, the applicant will be given a maximum of seven days to correct the deficiencies or provide the missing documentation. Failure to do so within this deadline will result in the applicant being deemed to have withdrawn the application and it will be archived without further processing.

All documentation submitted to GEIS will be kept by GEIS and the FMPJC, which guarantee the confidentiality of the documentation

4.- PLACE AND DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF PROJECTS

Applications to participate in this call must be sent by email to:

- GEIS Group Technical Secretariat

secretaria@grupogeis.org

The deadline for submission is midnight on July 15, 2025. Late applications will not be accepted.

GEIS will forward a copy of the application form to the FMPJC as soon as it is received.

5.- JURY AND SELECTION OF CANDIDATES

The Jury will be composed of two researchers with significant international leadership in the field of sarcomas. As soon as they are nominated, the Scientific Committee of the FMPJC, the latter as a collegiate body, will be notified.

The GEIS will be responsible for monitoring the development of the winning project during its three-year implementation period.

The scoring of the projects will be based on the following guidelines: Principal Investigator and team (25 points) + project report (100 points) + clinical applicability (75 points).

The Jury's decision will be final and will be transmitted to the FMPJC Board of Trustees for formal approval of the winning project.

The three-year grant may be declared void if the submitted projects are deemed not to meet the appropriate standard.

Applicants agree to accept, whatever it may be, the decision of the Jury and the Foundation, which may not be revoked under any circumstances at the request of the applicants.

6.- CONCESSION RESOLUTION

The jury's decision will be officially announced during the 12th Annual Meeting of the FMPJC for the Dissemination of Sarcoma, to be held on September 20, 2025.

The principal investigator and the head of the accredited Health Research Center or Institute where the project will be developed will also formalize their acceptance in writing within a maximum period of 15 days.

NOTE: A COLLABORATION AGREEMENT or CONTRACT CAN BE SIGNED WITH THE MANAGING ENTITY (FOUNDATION OR CENTER) FOR THE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT OF THE PROJECT. If the grant will be managed by one of these entities, the manager must sign the application form in the CALL FOR APPLICATION RULES.

7.- ECONOMIC ENDOWMENT

The annual grant amount of 25,000 euros will be released as follows:

o 25,000 euros:

- 50% upon project approval and signing of the agreement.
- 50% upon report 6 months into the project (submission and evaluation of the report in the first year).

EUROS 25,000:

- 50% upon detailed report after one year of project execution (subject to presentation of a report).
- 50% upon report after 18 months of project execution (subject to presentation and evaluation of a report in the second year).

EUROS 25,000:

- 50% upon receipt of a detailed report two years into the project execution period (subject to presentation of the project report).
- 30% upon receipt of a report 30 months into the project execution period (subject to presentation and evaluation of the project report).
- 20% 36 months after signature, upon completion and submission of the final report and budget settlement.

The FMPJC will release the funds as soon as it receives a positive evaluation from the GEIS of the reports corresponding to the previous milestones.

Once the project is completed, it will submit the corresponding final report and budget statement.

If any other support is received for the project, the principal investigator must notify the GEIS, which will inform the FMPJC as soon as it is known.

8.- MONITORING AND PUBLICATIONS

The principal investigator and the accredited Health Research Center or Institute where the project will be developed undertake to carry out the research work in accordance with the scientific and financial report of their project, under the conditions of these rules, without changes to the research team, budget, or research to be conducted. In the event of modifications, the Research Institute must request authorization from the FMPJC for evaluation and approval, if deemed necessary.

Failure to comply with the rules of the call may result in a partial refund of the grant by the recipient.

The winning projects must become a GEIS project, with the Group participating in the resulting publications (the researcher being listed as a GEIS member) and in acknowledgments to the FMPJC and in subsequent stages of development.

The awardees will submit a detailed bi-annual project report (and annual report) and a final report upon completion. These reports must include journal publications and national and international conference papers resulting from the project. Grant recipients must commit to presenting the data derived from their analyses at conferences such as ASCO, CTOS, or ESMO. They will also commit to publishing the conclusions of their analyses in high-impact biomedical journals.

Publications or papers generated as a result of this grant must explicitly state the existence of support from the FMPJC. Failure to do so may be grounds for a claim by the FMPJC. Any opinions expressed in these publications or papers are those of their authors and do not reflect those of the Foundation, which will not be responsible for the criteria expressed therein.

Whenever requested by the FMPJC, through the GEIS, the principal investigator and the accredited Health Research Institute where the winning project will be developed undertake to report on the progress of the project through a status report.

The GEIS reserves the right to audit the progress of the research project at any time.

If, during the monitoring of the research project, failure to meet the initially presented objectives regarding deadlines, performance, and results is observed, the GEIS will review the circumstances under which this occurred and decide whether to modify the project or cancel the grant, which will immediately notify the FMPJC.

9. SEVERAL

The Award does not imply any contractual relationship between the awardee and the awarding entity.

The principal investigator and the accredited Public Research Center and/or Health Research Institute where the award-winning project will be developed will sign a

GEIS/FMPJC agreement that will regulate the details regarding the project's allocation and management.

Researchers, in any oral or written communication and/or publication on the results obtained from the award-winning project, must cite GEIS as the responsible entity and thank the Mari Paz Jiménez Casado Foundation for its support of the project.

As an essential condition for access to the scholarship, the recipients give their consent to the FMPJC and GEIS to allow their name and host universities or research centers to appear on the FMPJC/GEIS website, in the Activity Report, and/or any other FMPJC/GEIS publication.

Participation in this Call implies acceptance of these rules.

Basic information on data protection in accordance with the GDPR (EU) 2016/679 of April 27, 2016, and the LOPDGDD 3/2018 of December 5, 2018.

In accordance with the provisions of the General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of April 27, 2016, hereinafter GDPR, and Organic Law 3/2018 of December 5, 2018, on the Protection of Personal Data and the Guarantee of Digital Rights, hereinafter LOPDGDD, we inform you that the personal data and email address of the interested party will be processed by the MARI PAZ JIMÉNEZ CASADO FOUNDATION and GEIS (SPANISH SARCOMA RESEARCH GROUP), both of whom are Data Controllers. The processing is based on the legitimate interest of the controllers and for the purpose of managing the Scholarship. The interested party will be able to send you information, including electronic communications, about future activities of the Foundation and GEIS. These will be kept and duly blocked as long as neither party objects to this.

The interested party authorizes and gives their consent for their personal data and the accompanying documentation submitted with the Scholarship application to be communicated to organizations or individuals directly related to the controllers, the Foundation's Scientific Committee, and the International Jury that evaluates the Scholarships, for the purpose of analyzing applications for SARCOMA RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS and determining the winner(s). Your personal data will not be communicated to other third parties, except under legal obligation.

The personal data collected in the scholarship applications and in the accompanying documentation submitted with the application will be included in the corresponding Processing Activity Registers (RAT) of the MARI PAZ JIMÉNEZ CASADO FOUNDATION and GEIS (SPANISH SARCOMA RESEARCH GROUP), which will be periodically updated by both controllers in accordance with the provisions of the GDPR and the LOPDGDD (Spanish Data Protection Act).

We inform you that you may exercise your rights of access, rectification, portability, and deletion of your personal data, as well as the rights to restrict and object to their processing, by writing to the Data Controller at the following address: FUNDACIÓN MARI PAZ JIMÉNEZ CASADO C/ Zigia 28 | 28027 Madrid (Spain) or via email at

info@fundacionmaripazjimenez.org. You can also send a written communication to the Data Controller at GEIS (GRUPO ESPAÑOL DE INVESTIGACIÓN EN SARCOMA) at C/ Diego de León 47 | 28006 Madrid (Spain) or via email at secretaria@grupogeis.org.

In both cases, if you believe that the processing of your personal data does not comply with current regulations, you may file a complaint with the supervisory authority at <https://www.aepd.es>.