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Call Guidelines

Biology and Medicine of Prevention AECC 2027



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CALL SUMMARY

Objective	Promote high-quality research projects focused on the biology and medicine of cancer prevention
Applicant Profile	Group leader
Center	A public or private nonprofit organization qualified to carry out scientific research in Spain
Funding	Max. €300,000
Duration	3 years

Opening 12/11/2026 Closing 04/02/2027	**Application Submission**
march to may 2027	**Evaluation and Selection process**
july 2027	**Award Decision**
july to november 2027	**Grant Agreement**
deadline 01/12/2027	**Grant Start Date**

**Tentative dates*

Please, carefully read the call guidelines. The delivery of incomplete documentation may imply the denial of the application.

It is recommended to consult the documents "Frequently Asked Questions" (*Preguntas frecuentes*) and "How to Prepare a Successful Application" (*Cómo preparar una solicitud exitosa*).

1. Scope and objectives of the call

The purpose of this call is to award financial support from the Scientific Foundation of the Spanish Association Against Cancer (hereinafter, the Foundation) to high-quality research projects focused on the biology and medicine of cancer prevention, to be carried out entirely in Spain and of interest to the Spanish Association Against Cancer (hereinafter, the Association) and cancer patients.

This call includes the participation of the AECC Patient Advocacy Program, composed of cancer patients, their families and caregivers.

All management related to the call will be conducted through the Foundation's Grant Management System (hereinafter, GMS platform), where all associated documentation can be found.

2. Definitions

- **Applicant (group leader applying to this grant)**: This will be the group leader responsible for submitting the application in the current call. The Foundation will sign the specific annex of the grant agreement for the financial support of the research project activities with the research center to which the main applicant is affiliated. This center will be responsible for the scientific direction and communication with the Foundation. The leader may not participate in more than one proposal within this call.
- **Collaborators** (if applicable): These are group leaders who make significant contributions to the proposal and receive part of the budget granted through the call. They must have completed a doctoral thesis and have a demonstrable research career. Each collaborator will be responsible for the scientific and

technical direction of their part of the work, contributing to the achievement of the objectives set out in the grant. Collaborators may not participate in more than one proposal. They must carry out their research in healthcare or university institutions, public research organizations, or other non-profit research centers in Spain. Collaborations with international groups may be included, but these groups will not be eligible to receive direct funding from this call.

- **Research center of the applicant**: This is the institution with which the Foundation will sign the framework agreement and its specific annex to formalize the awarded grant. This institution will be responsible for the scientific direction and communication of the research activities to the Foundation, the distribution of the awarded funds, monitoring, and the overall management and follow-up of the research program.

3. Call requirements

Applicant requirements

- Hold a PhD degree.
- Be contractually affiliated with a public or private non-profit entity qualified for scientific research in Spain. The research project must be carried out within this entity, which must be specified in the application.
- Publications:
    - 2 research articles published or accepted for publication as last author or corresponding author in a peer-reviewed international scientific journal ranked in the first quartile (JCR or SJR) at the time of application. Publications dated after the submission will not be accepted.
    - Only original research articles will be considered; reviews, book chapters, or patents will not be counted.

Proposal requirements

- Proposals must focus on research areas that deepen the understanding of the biology and medicine of cancer prevention. The aim is to understand the biological mechanisms and etiology of cancer to develop precision prevention interventions. Topics may include epidemiology, risk factors, incidence and its modification, survival, and cancer prevention strategies.
- Proposals must focus on **primary prevention**. Proposals aimed at secondary or tertiary prevention fall outside the scope of this call.
- Proposals must generate evidence and consider the long-term continuity of the project, including regulatory aspects that facilitate its future implementation. In all cases, a description must be provided explaining why the project is of interest to the Association and to cancer patients.

Research center

- For the purposes of this call, a research center (hereinafter, the "Center") shall be understood as any public or private nonprofit organization qualified to carry out scientific research in Spain. Projects carried out in industrial research laboratories will not be accepted. Applications from research centers receiving donations from private companies will be eligible.

4. Characteristics of the grant

Duration

The grant will have a duration of **3 years** from the signing of the specific annex to the framework agreement that governs the specific conditions of the awarded grant.

Funding

This grant provides a maximum of **€300,000 over 3 years,** with a maximum of **€100,000 per year** for the execution of the project.

The eligible cost items are detailed in the annex "Guidelines on Eligibility and Expense Justification" (*Guía de elegibilidad y justificación de gastos*) available in the documentation section of the call.

The Foundation, in its capacity as an obliged entity under Law 10/2010 of 28 April on the prevention of money laundering and terrorist financing, is required to apply the due diligence and verification measures that may be applicable to the natural or legal persons awarded its grants. Accordingly, the award of any grant shall be subject to the prior submission, review and validation by the Foundation of all documentation and information required to comply with its legal obligations regarding the prevention of money laundering and terrorist financing.

Compatibility/Incompatibility framework

- The person who was placed in a substitute position in the previous call may apply to this new call.
- The awarding of this grant is compatible with any other AECC Project Grants from current or previous calls.
- Awardees of an AECC Project Grant from the Foundation may also have two AECC fellowships within their laboratory (Postdoctoral, Researcher, Senior Clinical) provided that one of them has passed the second-year review.
- The group leader applying for this grant, and any collaborators, may only participate in one application with an associated budget within the Biology and Medicine of Cancer Prevention AECC 2027 call.
- This grant is compatible with participation in an AECC Excellence Program, provided that the objectives are not redundant.
- Members of the Foundation's Board of Trustees may not participate in these grants as applicants or collaborators.

The applicant must inform the Foundation of any cause of incompatibility.

For more information, refer to the "Frequently Asked Questions" (*Preguntas frecuentes*) document available in the call documentation on the GMS platform.

5. Application

Applicants may submit only one proposal for this call. If the same project is submitted by different applicants, both applications will be rejected.

If not selected, the applicant may reapply in future calls, if changes have been made to the submitted project or the research lab, in accordance with the comments from the evaluation report.

Applicants are informed that the Foundation reserves the right to retain the scientific proposal of submitted projects for a period of five (5) years, to ensure that projects are not resubmitted periodically without modifications, and that any resubmissions include significant changes that justify re-evaluation in future calls.

Research projects must comply with ethical principles and current legal regulations.

The use of artificial intelligence (AI) tools is permitted to support the drafting, translation, language enhancement, code generation or review, idea structuring, and other tasks related to the preparation of the application. Applicants shall remain fully responsible for the final content submitted and must ensure its accuracy, completeness, and compliance with the terms and conditions of the call. Wherever possible, applicants are encouraged to disclose the use of such tools.

Application content

Scientific and technical documentation must be submitted in **English** (CVA and scientific proposal), in PDF format. Administrative documentation may be submitted in **Spanish** or **English**, also in PDF format.

Each application must include the following documents, using the provided templates where applicable:

- **Scanned copy of the applicant's valid ID**, both sides, or a valid residence permit or passport.
- **Abbreviated Curriculum Vitae** (CVA) of the applicant (Applicant CVA) from FECYT/MICIU (maximum 5 pages), generated using the online editor https://cvn.fecyt.es/editor/ in English, AEI/ISCIII format, PDF.

- Achievements and contributions must be clearly stated, especially publications (indicating author position), research projects, and patents. Articles published in the last 5 years in any thematic area will be considered.
- The CVA must include a brief career summary (narrative CV), in which applicants should highlight their main contributions, achievements and any relevant circumstances that may have influenced their professional career, such as maternity or paternity leave, periods of professional activity outside academia, or other similar situations. Assessment will take into account not only scientific knowledge generation, but also other aspects such as training and supervision of personnel, scientific evaluation activities, outreach and dissemination activities, among others.

- **Abbreviated Curriculum Vitae (CVA) of the collaborators** (Collaborator CVA) who receive part of the budget (if applicable), from FECYT/MICIU (maximum 5 pages), generated using the online editor https://cvn.fecyt.es/editor/ in English, AEI/ISCIII format, PDF.
  - Achievements and contributions must be clearly stated, especially publications (indicating author position), research projects, and patents. Articles published in the last 5 years in any thematic area will be considered.
  - The CVA must include a brief career summary (narrative CV) highlighting the collaborator's main contributions, achievements and any relevant circumstances that may have influenced their career progression, such as maternity or paternity leave, periods of professional activity outside academia, or other similar situations. The assessment will consider not only scientific achievements and knowledge generation, but also activities such as training and supervision, scientific evaluation, outreach and dissemination.

  NOTE: When submitting the application, **only those group leaders who have an associated budget should be invited as collaborators** within the proposal. Collaborators who will not receive direct funding from the project must be included in the scientific proposal and, if the proposal is awarded, must also

be listed under the Research Team section, along with the rest of the individuals involved in the project, once the annex to the framework agreement has been signed.

- **Two research articles** of the applicant published or accepted as last author (or corresponding author) in a peer-reviewed international journal ranked in the first quartile (JCR or SJR) at the time of application.
    - This information must be entered separately in the GMS platform during submission to verify that the applicant meets the eligibility criteria.
    - Only the publications listed in the applicant's CVA will be evaluated.
- **Scientific proposal**, using the Foundation's template, PDF format, including the updated declaration of responsibility.
    - Any other type of funding or support obtained or requested from public or private sources related to the submitted proposal must be disclosed. If this information is clearly omitted during the selection, award, or monitoring process, the Foundation reserves the right to reject the application or revoke the grant and request the return of any unused funds.
- **Budget**, using the Foundation's Excel template, distributed over three years, justifying the cost items for which the grant is requested. Eligible cost items are detailed in the annex "Guidelines on Eligibility and Expense Justification" (*Guía de elegibilidad y justificación de gastos*) available in the documentation section of this call.
- **Scientific video,** in MP4, MOV, or AVI format, with a maximum duration of 5 minutes, summarizing the project's objectives and expected scientific outcomes, in English. Please, consult the document "How to Prepare a Successful Application" (*Cómo preparar una solicitud exitosa*) available in the documentation attached to this call for applications.
- **Dissemination video**, in MP4, MOV, or AVI format, with a maximum duration of 5 minutes, summarizing the project's objectives and expected outcomes for a general (non-scientific) audience, in Spanish, to be evaluated by members of the AECC Patient Advocacy program. It is recommended to include at least one photo of the research team to show the scope of the project, infographics,

a description of the project's background (if it builds on a previous one), the population that may benefit, the project's impact, etc. Please, consult the document "How to Prepare a Successful Application" (*Cómo preparar una solicitud exitosa*) available in the documentation attached to this call for applications.

- **Dissemination report,** using the Foundation's template, PDF format, written in non-scientific language and in Spanish, for evaluation by members of the AECC Patient Advocacy program.
- **Letter of support from the Center of the applicant**, using the Foundation's template, PDF format, signed by a legal representative of the Center where the project will be carried out.
- **Environmental sustainability criteria in the design and conduct of the research** (GMS field). Description of the measures planned to minimize the environmental impact of the project, considering aspects such as resource use, procurement, travel, waste management, energy, etc.

During the application review process, the Foundation may request additional information, which must be provided by the applicant.

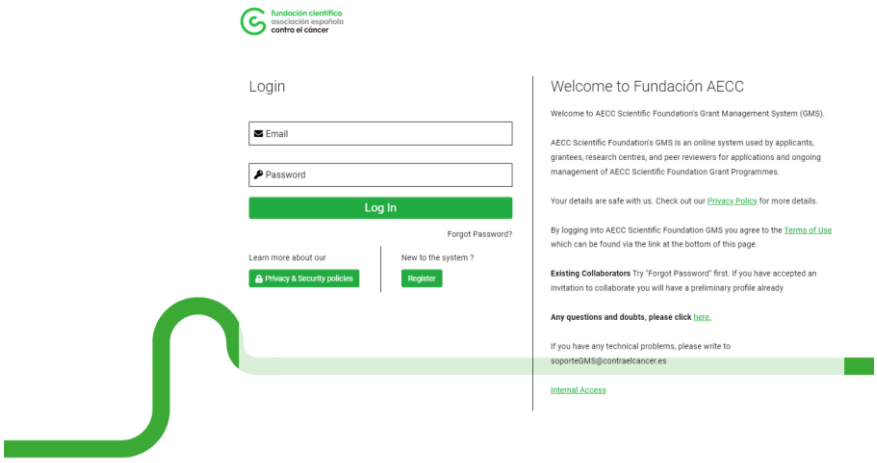
Applicants are kindly requested to complete all required information in detail. Only the information provided in these documents will be considered for evaluation.

Submission of documentation that differs from the specified requirements, exceeds the allowed length, is in the wrong format, or lacks required signatures may result in rejection of the application.

Submission of applications – GMS platform

Applicants must register on the GMS platform https://grants-fundacioncientifica-aecc.smartsimple.ie/s_Login.jsp

To register, click on "*New to the System? Register":*



Once logged into the GMS platform using their email address and password, applicants will be able to consult the "GMS Manual for External Users – Application Management" (*Manual de GMS para usuarios externos – Gestión de solicitudes*), as well as the call documentation (guidelines, templates, and related documents).

Documentation will only be accepted through this channel; submissions via any other means will not be accepted.

Deadline for submission of applications

The application submission period begins on **November 12, 2026,** and ends on **February 4, 2027, at 3:00 p.m. (peninsular time).**

The system will not accept submissions after the deadline, and only applications submitted within the official submission period will be evaluated. **It is strongly recommended to submit applications well in advance to avoid any issues with the GMS platform.**

Once the application is completed, the applicant must validate all information before submitting. The applicant is responsible for all information provided in the documentation and guarantees its accuracy. If the submission is successful, the user will receive a confirmation receipt from the email address noreply@smartsimple.ie.

It is recommended to check the spam folder, and if the confirmation email is received there, adjust the settings to ensure future emails are delivered to the inbox. The status of the application can be checked at any time through the GMS platform. It is advisable

to visit the GMS platform regularly to monitor status updates or requests from the Foundation made through the system.

If the submitted application is incomplete or does not meet the requirements of this call, it will be rejected, and no opportunity for correction will be provided.

6. Evaluation and selection

All applications will be reviewed by the Foundation to ensure they are complete and meet the requirements of the call. All applicants will be able to check the status of their application through the GMS platform.

The Foundation may use artificial intelligence-based tools to support certain application review tasks, as well as other administrative and management activities related to the call. Such tools will serve an exclusively auxiliary role and will not participate in the evaluation of applications or in any decisions regarding their eligibility, assessment, selection, or the award of grants. The evaluation of proposals and all decisions related to the call will at all times be carried out by the relevant reviewers, committees, and competent bodies.

For evaluation purposes, only the information contained in the documents submitted electronically before the application deadline will be considered. It will not be possible to update the information in these documents after the deadline.

All correctly submitted applications will undergo a scientific and technical evaluation by an ad hoc panel of experts. The expert review panel will be constituted in accordance with gender balance principles, whenever the availability of suitably qualified experts across the different project types permits. Based on this evaluation, the prioritization order of the applications will be established by the chairs of the expert review panel. Proposals will also be assessed by members of the AECC Patient Advocacy Program.

- Evaluation criteria
    - **Scientific quality and feasibility:** Clarity of the research hypothesis, traceable and appropriate sample and data analysis plan. Available resources and realistic planning. Adequate timeline. Risk management and contingency plan. (0–40 points)

- **CV of the group leader and research team capacity**: Experience, clearly defined roles. (0–40 points)
- **Relevance and impact on public health:** Significance of the problem addressed in terms of cancer burden (prevalence, incidence, mortality), potential for scalability and replicability in other regions or populations, expected impact on reducing risk factors or improving early diagnosis. Suitability of the project for the target population and context. Sustainability of the intervention or future integration into existing health systems. (0–10 points)
- **Innovation and originality:** Novelty of the preventive approach, intervention model, or use of technologies. Contribution to existing knowledge. Application of interdisciplinary or transdisciplinary approaches. (0–10 points)

- If an application has been submitted to this same call in previous years, applicants should bear in mind that the context may vary from one call to another in terms of the proposals received, the applicants' profiles and the reviewers assigned. Consequently, the score obtained may differ from that reflected in previous evaluation reports.
- The results will be communicated to all applicants via the GMS platform.

7. Call resolution

The final decision regarding the awarding of grants will be made by the Foundation's Board of Trustees, based on the evaluation reports and the strategic lines of the Association and the Foundation. This decision will be final and not subject to appeal.

The approximate date is included in the GMS platform along with the call details

All applicants will be informed of the outcome of the call through the GMS platform, following the Board of Trustees' grant award meeting. It is recommended to check the status of the application and the Email section, where messages sent from the GMS platform to the email address provided will be available. All applicants will have access to the evaluation report through the GMS platform after the grant resolution. Following the funding decision, all applicants will be granted access, through the GMS

platform, to the evaluation report. This report represents the aggregated outcome of the individual assessments carried out by the reviewers.

The grant resolution may be published on the Association's website www.contraelcancer.es/es/area-investigador.

Awarded applicants must submit a formal letter of acceptance (Foundation template, PDF format) via the GMS platform. They must also participate in the Association's Institutional Event, where the awarded grants will be presented.

The call may be declared void if the applications are deemed not to meet the minimum quality standards or alignment with the strategic principles of the Foundation.

8. Grant Agreement

Awarded applicants must begin the project no later than **December 1, 2027.**

General legal framework

The formalization of the grant will be carried out through the signing of a specific annex to the framework agreement signed with the Center.

Both the framework agreement and the specific annex will be signed electronically via the digital platform XOLIDO SIGN or an equivalent system.

To formalise the grant, the Center or, where applicable, the managing entity must have an up-to-date record on the GMS platform and provide any information and documentation required for its validation and for compliance with applicable legal obligations. This record shall include, among other information, identification and tax details, documentation relating to legal representation, and up-to-date financial and legal information.

Framework agreement

The Foundation and the Center where the project will be carried out will sign a framework agreement, if one is not already in place, which will govern the general terms and conditions of the grants awarded by the Foundation and applied for by the Center during the validity of the agreement.

The Center shall be responsible for ensuring that the provisions of this agreement are communicated to the parties signing the specific annex.

Specific annex

The formalization of the grant will be carried out through the signing of a specific annex to the framework agreement, which will regulate the particular conditions, such as the identity of the awarded applicant, the amount of the grant, its duration, and other relevant aspects.

The contractual relationship between the Foundation and the Center will under no circumstances create any contractual or employment link between the Foundation and the awarded applicant.

Any internal or coordination relationships that may arise between the applicant, the Center, and other participating institutions, as well as with employees of those entities, will not imply the creation of any contractual relationship between the Foundation and the teams or their members, nor between the Foundation and the other involved institutions or their employees.

In other words, the Foundation shall not be responsible, under any circumstance, for obligations or formalities arising from the activities of the awarded applicant, including but not limited to labor, administrative, or tax matters, nor for any liability resulting from non-compliance with applicable regulations.

In this regard, the Center agrees to hold the Foundation harmless and not to make any claims for damages or losses arising from internal relationships between the Center, the research group, and, where applicable, other participating institutions, as well as with their employees or any third parties or public administrations affected by the development of the research project.

The Center and other collaborating institutions listed in the awarded research projects will directly maintain the necessary legal relationships with the awarded applicants and the rest of the research team, regulating relationships with other institutions, research centers, and/or hospitals as deemed appropriate to manage the use of the grant funds and other obligations inherent to the research project, without any intervention from the Foundation.

For the Foundation's purposes, the awarded applicant and/or research group will depend solely and exclusively on the Center with which the Foundation signs the aforementioned framework agreement, and never on the Foundation, which will only provide financial support in the amounts approved for the research project.

Acceptance of the financial grant does not imply any legal or employment relationship between the individuals participating in the group, the awarded applicant, and the Foundation. The Foundation shall not be responsible, under any circumstance, for obligations or formalities arising from the activities of these individuals, including but not limited to labor, administrative, or tax matters, nor for any liability resulting from non-compliance with applicable regulations.

The Foundation shall not be held liable for the actions of the awarded applicants who have received the grant, nor for any damage or losses they may suffer as a result of the activities funded by the grant, nor for any harm caused to third parties.

9. Payment

The financial grant will be transferred directly to the Center and managed by it. The first payment will be made within the first month from the start date of the grant as indicated in the specific annex. Subsequent payments will be made only if the project has received the necessary approvals for execution, and upon submission of scientific and financial progress reports, followed by the Foundation's approval of these reports. If the progress reports are not satisfactory, if there are delays in execution, or if a redistribution of objectives is proposed, the Foundation may consider suspending the specific annex or delaying the payment for the next annual installment.

Given the origin of the financial support, these funds may not be used for indirect expenditures, nor for the payment of fees or any other management and/or administrative charges by the Center.

No payment, disbursement or transfer of funds shall be made until the Foundation has successfully completed the verification of all documentation required to comply with the regulations on the prevention of money laundering and terrorist financing.

10. Project monitoring

Progress reports must be submitted through the GMS platform. The awarded applicant will be notified in advance to complete the scientific, financial, and dissemination reports.

The Foundation reserves the right to audit the development of the research project at any time.

Scientific monitoring

The awarded applicant must submit an annual technical report to the Foundation describing the progress of the project.

At the end of the research project, the applicant must submit a final report detailing the scientific results and may be asked to present the most significant findings during a meeting organized by the Foundation.

Awarded projects must comply with the Foundation's Scientific Integrity Policy and Open Access Policy. All project outputs and results shall be openly shared in accordance with the requirements set out in the latter policy, unless a justified exception applies.

Computational, structural, mathematical, or artificial intelligence models developed within the framework of the project must be made available to the scientific community through deposition in appropriate public repositories, ensuring their accessibility, reusability, and reproducibility.

Biological models generated during the project (including animal models, organoids, cell lines, and other experimental resources) must be adequately preserved and made available to the scientific community through reasonable access mechanisms, taking into account any applicable technical, legal, ethical, economic, or intellectual property constraints.

Financial monitoring

At the end of each year, the Center must submit a financial justification of expenditures, as detailed in the framework agreement and/or specific annex that formalizes the grant award.

Dissemination monitoring

At the end of each year, and whenever requested by the Foundation, the awarded applicant must submit a dissemination report related to their project.

Project changes

Any change that may affect the development of the project must be notified and authorized in advance by the Foundation through the GMS platform, by submitting a Change Request.

11. Dissemination

At the beginning of the grant period, the Foundation will provide the awarded applicant with the required monitoring, dissemination, and communication instructions and guidelines through the Brand Guidelines, which will be available on the GMS platform and/or communicated by email.

As established, the awarded applicant must acknowledge the Foundation as the funding body of the research project in any scientific communication, whether oral or written, related to the project and/or to the results arising from the awarded grant (such as scientific publications or conference presentations). In communications addressed to the general public or the media, the support of the Association must also be acknowledged. The awarded applicant shall provide the Foundation with a copy of any scientific publication upon acceptance and prior to publication, to allow coordination of joint communication activities with the Center. **Failure to comply with this requirement may constitute grounds for early termination of the grant.**

As part of the Foundation's, the Association's, and its provincial headquarters' dissemination and corporate communication plans, these entities may use information relating to the selected project and its results. They may also request the

participation of the awarded applicant in events and/or activities aimed at promoting and disseminating the project and its outcomes, whether organized or supported by these entities, as well as in other initiatives, including mentoring programmes in which the Foundation is involved.

Furthermore, during the grant period, the awarded applicant will be required to visit the corresponding provincial headquarters of the Association. The purpose of this visit is to provide an overview of the Association's mission, values, strategic activities, and programmes, while also strengthening the relationship between awarded applicants and the funding organization.

12. Early termination of the grant

The following shall be considered grounds for early termination:

- The manifest impossibility of any of the parties, especially the awarded applicant or collaborators, to carry out the project due to resignation, dismissal, death, serious illness, or any other circumstance that results in their disassociation from the proposal, unless the Foundation, at its sole discretion, agrees to a replacement upon a reasoned request from the parties involved in the project (awarded applicant and collaborators).
- Failure to submit information requested by the Foundation, such as progress reports.
- Falsification of documents or inaccuracy of the data provided.
- Failure to meet the initially proposed objectives in terms of timelines, performance, and results.
- Breach of labor, tax, or any other obligations by the Center.
- If the Center accepts another grant for the same purpose from any other public or private entity and does not immediately and formally renounce the Foundation's grant in writing.
- In general, failure to comply with any other obligations set forth in the framework agreement and its specific annexes.

In all such cases, the Foundation will assess the circumstances surrounding the breach and decide whether to revise the program or, if necessary, terminate the grant. The Center must return any funds received or not yet used. Additionally, the applicant may be penalized by being barred from submitting applications to the Association's next two calls for proposals, regardless of type.

If the awarded applicant voluntarily renounces the grant, the renunciation must be justified, and the Center must return any unused funds received to date. The Foundation will review the reasons provided by the Center and reserves the right to request the return of the full amount granted.

In the event of non-repayment, the Foundation reserves the right to take any legal action it deems appropriate.

13. Protection of personal data

In accordance with current regulations, applicants are informed that the data provided will be processed by the Foundation, as Data Controller ("Controller"), whose contact details are as follows:

TAX ID: G-28655033

Registered Office: Calle Teniente Coronel Noreña, 30, 28045, Madrid

E-mail: dpo_fc@contraelcancer.es

Participation in the call for proposals

By participating in this call, applicants agree that the Foundation, process their data for the following purposes:

- To manage the participation of applicants in the call, its development, and the designation of awarded applicants. For the performance of administrative and management tasks related to the call, the Foundation may use technological support tools, including artificial intelligence-based tools. Under no circumstances will such tools participate in the evaluation of applications or in any decisions regarding their eligibility, assessment, selection, or the award of grants. All such processing is based on the execution of the pre-contractual relationship with the applicant. If the applicant is selected as an awarded

applicant, the data provided will be processed on the basis of the execution of the contract to be signed between the parties.

- To manage the publicity of the call and its results through the websites and social networks owned by the Foundation and the Association, as well as on the website https://www.contraelcancer.es/es/investigacion/proyectos-aecc/ultimos-proyectos-adjudicados, where the official list of awarded applicants and alternates will be published. The information activities related to the publication of the call and its results through the websites and social networks owned by the Foundation and the Association are intended to ensure the transparency required of the Foundation. In this context, the processing of personal data is based on the execution of the pre-contractual and, where applicable, contractual relationship between the applicant and the Foundation.
- To comply with any legal and/or tax obligations applicable to the Foundation in its capacity as the entity responsible for the call.

Likewise, as explained in the GMS platform's privacy policy, applicants' personal data may be processed for other optional purposes that they may expressly authorize through the GMS platform, such as receiving information about projects, services and/or events in which the Foundation participates or which it organizes, as well as for purposes based on the Foundation's legitimate interest. Processing based on the Foundation's legitimate interest is carried out following an assessment of its suitability, necessity and proportionality, ensuring that data subjects' rights and freedoms are safeguarded at all times. Data subjects may request further information about this assessment by contacting the Foundation's Data Protection Officer.

The Controller will only collect the data necessary from applicants to carry out the call for proposals:

- Identification data: name, surname(s), ID card number, date of birth, image and/or voice.
- Contact data: phone number, postal address, email address.
- Academic and professional data: professional career, education, qualifications, student record, professional experience, membership in professional associations or bodies, employment status, etc.

However, if the applicant is selected as an awarded applicant, the Controller may request additional information to proceed with the signing of the framework agreement and/or specific annex detailing the contractual relationship between the Foundation and the awarded applicant.

If the applicant is not selected, the personal data provided in the application form will be retained for a period of one (1) year and may be used by the Foundation to keep the applicant informed about activities and news from the Foundation and the Association that may be of interest.

As stated in the section "Application requirements," the scientific proposal, including the identification data of the professionals mentioned therein, will be retained for a period of five (5) years in order to ensure and verify that the project has not been previously submitted, or that it includes significant changes that justify its resubmission in a future call.

The personal data of awarded applicants will be retained for as long as necessary to fulfill the purposes for which they were collected. Afterwards, if required, the Foundation will keep the data blocked for the legally established period and will proceed with its effective deletion once that period has expired.

Obligation to provide the data

The requested data will be mandatory (unless otherwise indicated in the corresponding field) to fulfil the established purposes. Therefore, if the applicant **fails to provide the data or does not provide them correctly, the applicant will not be able to participate in this call**.

Communication of data

The applicant's data may be disclosed to Public Administrations when required by law.

Additionally, personal data may be processed by third parties necessary for compliance, without the Foundation losing its status as Controller, including the following entities:

- Members of the evaluation panel, for the purpose of assessing applications.

- Service providers necessary for the proper fulfillment of legal obligations and/or the purposes mentioned above.
- The Association, with registered office at Calle Teniente Coronel Noreña 30, 28045, Madrid, Tax ID: G-28197564; for the publication of information related to the call and its results through its websites and social networks, and to participate in audits deemed necessary, and carry out the administrative tasks required to fulfil the purpose of the framework agreement and the specific annex.
- Personnel involved in the evaluation of projects within the "Patient Advocacy AECC" program.

The recipients mentioned in this section may be located within or outside the European Economic Area. In the latter case, international data transfers will be duly legitimized.

The parties guarantee the application of appropriate mechanisms recognized by applicable data protection regulations. In cases where international data transfers are made outside the European Economic Area, the Foundation will carry them out only after regularizing such transfers through one of the mechanisms established in Regulation 679/2016 on data protection. For more information regarding the identification of third parties and the arrangements made to regularize international data transfers, you may contact: dpo_fc@contraelcancer.es.

Data security

The Foundation has implemented the necessary technical and organizational measures to ensure the security of personal data and to prevent its alteration, loss, unauthorized processing, or access, taking into account the state of technology, the nature of the stored data, and the risks to which it is exposed.

Applicant's responsibility

Applicants guarantee that the data provided, where applicable, are true, accurate, complete, and up to date, being responsible for any direct or indirect damage or harm that may result from failure to comply with this obligation.

If the data provided, if any, belongs to a third party, the Participant/Interested Party responsible for completing the application guarantees that they have informed said third party of the contents of these terms and have obtained their authorization to provide their data to the Controller for the purposes indicated.

If the personal data of those participating in the call is inaccurate, false, incomplete, or not updated, the Foundation reserves the right to reject the application and shall not be held liable in this regard.

Data subjects' rights

At any time, applicants may exercise their rights of access, rectification, erasure, restriction of processing, objection, revocation, data portability, and the right to withdraw consent, as provided for in the General Data Protection Regulation, by sending a written request to the Foundation, indicating the name of the call as a reference, to the following address: dpo_fc@contraelcancer.es. Likewise, if applicants believe that their rights are not being properly respected, they may exercise their right to seek protection from the Spanish Data Protection Agency.

14. Final

Circumstances or questions not foreseen or doubts that may arise in the interpretation of the terms and conditions of this call will be resolved at the discretion of the Foundation, and its decision will not be subject to appeal.

For the resolution of **doubts about the call** for applications, please contact:

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