



**Joint decision of the Vice-Rector for Research and Knowledge Transfer and the Vice-Rector for Internationalization of the University of Granada calling for contracts for the training of doctors within the framework of the Arqus Talent Fund programme**

**Aimed at:** members of the UGR teaching and research staff (PDI) who are currently employed for the duration of the predoctoral contracts, and persons who, at the time of their incorporation, meet the requirements for admission in an official doctoral programme of the University of Granada, in accordance with its regulations.

**Phase 1 application period:** from 28 June 2024 to 22 July 2024

**List of successful applications:** 29 July 2024

**Phase 2 application period:** from 2 September 2024 to 23 September 2024

**Provisional decision:** 30 September 2024

**Complaint period:** from 1 October 2024 to 14 October 2024

**Final decision:** 18 October 2024

**1. SUBJECT AND PURPOSE**

The Vice-Rector for Research and Knowledge Transfer and the Vice-Rector for Internationalization of the University of Granada, by virtue of the UGR Resolution, of 28 July 2023, on the Delegation of Powers of the Rector, have launched a competitive call for the award of 2 full-time contracts for the training of doctors. The purpose of the contracts is to promote the development of their research skills within the framework of the Arqus European University Alliance and, consequently, to increase the number of UGR research staff, through the completion of doctoral theses in international co-supervision (cotutelle).

This action is part of the research dimension of Arqus and is complementary to the training programmes for teaching and research staff (PDI) of the Spanish and Andalusian research plans and to the UGR Research and Knowledge Transfer Fund (PPIT).

Each doctoral thesis must be co-supervised by two researchers, one of them from the UGR and another one from another university of the Arqus Alliance.

This call for applications comprises two selection phases:

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- **Phase 1 (selection of theses co-supervisors):** Expressions of interest by members of the UGR teaching and research staff (PDI) who are currently employed for the duration of the predoctoral contract, and who wish to participate in this call as doctoral thesis co-supervisors for phase-2 applicants.
- **Phase 2 (selection of students):** Applications by those who wish to develop a doctoral thesis on one of the subjects and with the co-supervisors shortlisted in phase 1.

## 2. APPLICABLE REGULATIONS

This call for applications is governed by the following regulations:

- Spanish Organic Law 2/2023, of 22 March, of the University System (LOSU).
- Legislative Decree 1/2013, of 8 January, approving the Consolidated Text of the Andalusian Universities Act (LAU).
- Decree 231/2011, of 12 July, approving the UGR Statutes (Official Gazette of the Regional Government of Andalusia [BOJA] no. 147, of 28 July 2011).
- Spanish Law 39/2015, of 1 October, on the Common Administrative Procedure of Public Administrations.
- Spanish Law 40/2015, of 1 October, on the Legal Regime of the Public Sector.
- University of Granada Budget Enforcement Provisions for the 2024 Financial Year, approved by the UGR Social Council.
- Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council, of 27 April 2016, on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation [GDPR]).
- Spanish Organic Law 3/2018, of 5 December, on the Protection of Personal Data and Guarantee of Digital Rights.
- Spanish Royal Decree 99/2011, of 28 January, regulating Official Doctoral Studies, as amended by Spanish Royal Decree 576/2023, of 4 July.
- Consolidated text of the UGR Regulations on Official Doctoral Studies and Doctoral Degree Certificates (UGR Official Gazette [BOUGR] no. 65, of 11 May 2012), modified in ordinary sessions of the Governing Council on 30 October 2013 (BOUGR no. 75, of 31 October 2013), 25 February 2020 (BOUGR no. 153, of 9 March 2020), 3 May 2021 (BOUGR no. 168, of 6 May 2021) and 21 May 2024.
- NCG135/1: Regulations on International Cotutelles of Doctoral Theses (UGR Official Gazette [BOUGR] no. 135, of 5 October 2018).

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### 3. FUNDING

#### 3.1. Budget allocation

Funding for the positions in this call comes from proprietary funds of the Vice-Rectorate for Research and Knowledge Transfer of the University of Granada.

#### 3.2. Amount per beneficiary and payment procedure

The amount per beneficiary will be €17,820 a year for the first two years of the contract. This amount will be spread over twelve 12 monthly payments, including the additional month's salary, in accordance with the Spanish Statute of Predoctoral Research Staff in Training (EPIF).

This amount will be updated in accordance with that of the predoctoral contracts from the UGR Research and Knowledge Transfer Fund (PPIT).

The contracts will have a term of three years, extendable to four years, subject to favourable report from the theses co-supervisors.

Payments will be made to the beneficiaries' bank accounts in Spain.

The beneficiaries will be obliged to inform the Vice-Rectorates responsible for this call of any variation in the conditions considered for the awarding of the contracts, as described herein.

#### 3.4. Incompatibilities

The contracts are incompatible with any other aid, grant, income or resource for the same purpose, coming from the University of Granada, the European Union or any regional, national or international body.

#### 3.5. Evidence and breach of contract

Fulfilment of the contract terms shall be justified for the duration of the programme by means of a favourable annual report from the academic committee (CAD) of the relevant doctoral programme, or, if applicable, from the relevant doctoral school.

Failure to comply with the conditions may result in the loss of the rights associated with the contract, in the partial or total refund or reimbursement of the monthly payments received and in the loss of the right to academic recognition of the completed activities.

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#### 4. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Candidates must meet the following requirements:

##### 4.1. Phase 1:

- Be a member of the teaching and research staff (PDI) of the University of Granada, currently employed for the duration of the predoctoral contract.
- Meet the requirements for the supervision of doctoral theses established in Chapter V of the UGR Regulations on Official Doctoral Studies and Doctoral Degree Certificates.
- Have a previous co-supervision agreement with a member of the teaching and research staff of another partner university of the Alliance (<https://arqus-alliance.eu/members/>).

The persons expressing interest in phase 1 must have previously collaborated in the co-supervision or cotutelle of doctoral theses, joint scientific publications or research projects.

Applicants in phase 1 must be willing to accept the candidate selected in phase 2, in accordance with the provisions of this call, as long as the curriculum vitae of the candidate is suitable for the proposed doctoral thesis subject.

##### 4.2. Phase 2:

- Hold a degree which is appropriate for the doctoral thesis proposal.
- Hold a master's degree or equivalent at the time of signing the contract.
- Demonstrate a certified level of proficiency of at least B2 in the working language(s) of the doctoral thesis. The full list of language certificates accepted, as well as the way to prove language skills, is established in the Procedure for the Recognition of Foreign Language Competence at the University of Granada, approved by the Governing Council on 30 April 2019, which is available at the following link: <http://sl.ugr.es/0b4h>.

Those who are finally selected must meet the access and admission requirements to the doctoral programme in question, according to the provisions of Chapter III of the UGR Regulations on Official Doctoral Studies and Doctoral Degree Certificates.

#### 5. APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications must be submitted through the "Sede Electrónica" e-Administration Platform of the UGR ([sl.ugr.es/0cJM](http://sl.ugr.es/0cJM)). They must be addressed to the Arqus Institutional Coordinator at the University of Granada and accompanied by the mandatory documents for each selection phase:

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### 5.1. Phase 1:

- Application form (Annexe I), duly completed and signed by both co-supervisors of the doctoral thesis.
- Short CVs, limited to four pages, of both co-supervisors.

### 5.2. Phase 2:

- Application form (Annexe II), duly completed and signed.
- Official academic transcript of *grado* (bachelor's degree) or equivalent qualification.
- Accreditation of language skills, as established in article 4.2 of this call for applications.

## 6. DECISION PROCEDURE

The Vice-Rectorate for Research and Knowledge Transfer and the Vice-Rectorate for Internationalization of the University of Granada are responsible for the instruction on the procedure. By virtue of the UGR Resolution, of 28 July 2023, on the Delegation of Powers of the Rector, the corresponding Vice-Rectors will be in charge of the decision, after hearing the Selection Committee, which will be composed of:

- A representative of the University of Granada in the Arqus Research & Innovation Board,
- a representative of the University of Granada in the Arqus PhD Pursuit Working Group,
- a representative of the UGR Doctoral Schools,
- the Director of the Secretariat for Research Policy,
- the Arqus Institutional Coordinator at the University of Granada,
- a person responsible for the management of the Arqus Alliance at the UGR, who will act as Secretary,  
or their delegates.

In Phase 1, all applications meeting the requirements set forth in Article 5.1 shall be admitted.

In phase 2, the selection criterion will be the average grade in the official academic transcript of *grado* (bachelor's degree), *licenciatura* (full undergraduate degree) or equivalent qualification, appropriately standardised to allow for a fair comparison between all fields of knowledge. In the event of a tie, the accreditation of a language proficiency level higher than the minimum required will be considered as a tie-breaker, as will the accreditation of a level of B1 in other Alliance languages: German, Spanish, French, English, Irish, Italian, Lithuanian, Polish and Portuguese (B1-2.5 points; B2-5 points; C1-7.5 points; C2-10 points).

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Once the application period has expired and the applications have been assessed by the Committee, the Vice-Rector for Research and Knowledge Transfer and the Vice-Rector for Internationalization will jointly issue a provisional decision on the outcome of the selection process. A complaint period of ten working days shall be opened. Once the complaint period has expired and the complaints have been responded to, a final decision will be issued. The final decision exhausts all available administrative remedies, in accordance with Article 84.1 of the University of Granada Statutes, whose publication was ordered by Decree 231/2011, of 12 July (BOJA no. 147, of 28 July 2011), and with Article 38.4 of the Spanish Organic Law 2/2023, of 22 March, of the University System (LOSU). An internal appeal may be lodged with the Rector of the University of Granada against the final decision within a month from the day following its publication, in accordance with Articles 123 and 124 of the Spanish Law 39/2015, of 1 October, on the Common Administrative Procedure of Public Administrations. An administrative appeal can also be lodged before the Court for Contentious Administrative Proceedings of Granada within two months from the day following the publication of the final decision, in accordance with Articles 8.3 and 46.1 of the Spanish Law 29/98, of 13 July, regulating the Contentious-Administrative Jurisdiction (Official State Gazette [BOE] no. 167, of 14 July 1998).

All decisions related to this call for applications will be published on the webpages of the Vice-Rectorates responsible for the call. This will replace the individual notification to the selected candidates to the same effects.

### 7. PARTICIPATION COMMITMENTS

The employment contracts will be established as predoctoral contracts, in accordance with the provisions of the Spanish Law 14/2011, of 1 June, on Science, Technology and Innovation. The contracts will have a term of three years, extendable to four years, subject to favourable report from the corresponding thesis co-supervisors.

The successful applicants will be hired as research staff in training (PIF) in the department of their theses co-supervisors at the UGR.

The contracts may be terminated for any of the following reasons:

- End of the maximum duration period established,
- Withdrawal of the beneficiaries from the doctoral programmes,
- Obtention of the doctoral degree,
- Explicit renunciation by the beneficiaries.

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From the second year of the contract onwards, it will be an indispensable requirement to carry out at least one continuous research stay of a minimum of 6 months in the corresponding thesis co-supervisor's university. To finance this mobility, the beneficiaries may participate in any active call for international mobility grants for doctoral students that suits the purpose of their stay.

The beneficiaries will have the right to teach under the terms set forth in the call for predoctoral contracts of the Training Programme for University Teaching Staff (FPU), published by the Secretary of State for Education, Vocational Training and Universities (SEEF) of the Spanish Ministry of Education and Vocational Training (MEFP). They shall teach provided that they have the required skills in the corresponding language, in accordance with the UGR regulations.

In general terms, the beneficiaries will also have the following obligations:

- To sign their contracts within a maximum period of one month from the publication of the final decision and to join the corresponding departments.
- To take advantage of the different doctoral stages, such as thesis development and participation in the research projects that they may join.
- To adhere to the operating rules of the faculties or schools to which they have been assigned, in terms of study mode, tasks to be performed, schedules and holidays.
- To carry out their work in the faculty or school to which they have been assigned, and to know and comply with its occupational health and safety regulations within the framework of the Spanish Law 31/1995, of 8 November, on Occupational Risks Prevention.
- To request authorisation from the entity for any temporary absence.
- To communicate any incident that may affect the achievement of objectives, within ten days, to the corresponding unit of the faculty or school to which they have been assigned.
- To make public the reception of funds related to an Arqus Alliance call, in papers, conferences and other activities for the dissemination of the research results that are developed or obtained during the duration of the contract. To submit to the verification and financial control actions that may be carried out by the responsible bodies at a national and European Union level, by providing any required information to them.
- To collaborate in science dissemination campaigns within the framework of the communication policies of the assigned institution.
- To communicate their eventual renunciation to the faculty or school to which they have been assigned with a period of notice of 15 calendar days.

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8. PERSONAL DATA PROCESSING

The processing of personal data shall comply with the provisions of the current Spanish legislation.

9. ENQUIRIES

Any questions on the call must be addressed to the Arqus Institutional Coordinator at the University of Granada: [dirarqus@ugr.es](mailto:dirarqus@ugr.es).

10. APPEALS

This resolution exhausts all available administrative remedies, in accordance with Article 84.1 of the University of Granada Statutes, whose publication was ordered by Decree 231/2011, of 12 July (Official Gazette of the Regional Government of Andalusia [BOJA] no. 147, of 28 July 2011), and with Article 38.4 of the Spanish Organic Law 2/2023, of 22 March, of the University System (LOSU). An internal appeal against this resolution may be lodged with the Rector of the University of Granada within a month from the day following the publication of the call extract in the UGR Official Gazette (BOUGR), in accordance with Articles 123 and 124 of the Spanish Law 39/2015, of 1 October, on the Common Administrative Procedure of Public Administrations. An administrative appeal can also be lodged before the Court for Contentious Administrative Proceedings of Granada within two months from the publication date referred to hereinabove, in accordance with Articles 8.3 and 46.1 of the Spanish Law 29/98, of 13 July, regulating the Contentious-Administrative Jurisdiction (Official State Gazette [BOE] no. 167, of 14 July 1998).

In Granada, on the date of the electronic signature

By delegation of power, as established in the UGR Resolution, of 28 July 2023, on the Delegation of Powers of the Rector

(Official Gazette of the Regional Government of Andalusia [BOJA] no. 148, of 3 August 2023)

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