Social Research Call

Rules for participation

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Important considerations before applying to the 2024 Social Research call

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Please **read the entire rules** for participation document before submitting your application.

Proposals that do not fulfill the research **requirements** and format criteria will be rejected.

Decisions made in the evaluation of this call **cannot be appealed** so we recommend you review these rules carefully.

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1. What is the Social Research Call

1.1 Objetives

1.1.1 The Social Observatory of "la Caixa" Foundation is a space for analysis, debate and reflection that studies the changes taking place in society and disseminates social science knowledge to contribute to an informed public debate.

Social Research is one of the three calls for social science research launched and funded by the Social Observatory of "la Caixa" Foundation. The other two are Connect and Flash.

The **objectives of the Social Observatory's research calls** are:

1. To support new research that addresses issues of relevance in the current socio-economic context.

2. To study society as a whole and the social impact that a given phenomenon may have.

1.1.2 Social Research is a driver of human progress, and it plays a powerful role in broadening our understanding of society, improving the lives of individuals and communities, and informing political decision-making. As a society, we are facing many urgent, complex, systemic, and highly interconnected challenges. In order to tackle these challenges, we need conceptual clarity and evidence-based analysis, together with open-mindedness and originality.

1.1.3 This call will fund **social research projects that propose sound quantitative data analysis** to produce reliable evidence for policy makers and practitioners, thereby building bridges between research and society. We are particularly interested in **projects with a two-way public engagement plan involving non-academic stakeholders from the very beginning.**

1.2   Funding

> The grant will fund projects for up to EUR 115,000 each.

1.2.1   The grant can be used in a flexible way, as long as it is fully allocated to cover costs directly derived from the project. However, any deviation by expenditure category from the presented budget of more than 10% that aims at being compensated with a reduction in another expenditure category should be requested to the call manager prior to incurring the expense.

- **Eligible direct costs:** costs which are identifiable as specific costs directly linked to the development of the project and which can therefore be attributed to it directly.

  The grant allows for coverage of:

  - the employment costs of the PL
  - researchers and other staff
  - travel expenses
  - goods and services
  - subcontracting (services that could be performed by the HO but are outsourced to another institution)
  - equipment.

  Within these eligible direct costs, **a maximum of 10% of the grant can be used as additional remuneration for the PL**.

  All staff costs should be clearly described, including the number of weekly hours and the hourly rate of the person hired.

  Expenses in goods and travel above EUR 5,000 cannot be made during the last year of the execution of the project unless it has been requested and approved by the call manager.

  Eligible indirect costs: up to 10% of the total direct costs requested can be assigned to overheads.

1.3   Topic

1.3.1   Proposals must be **focused on researching social sciences and humanities** and provide new knowledge to understand current and emerging social issues. As well, they must be focused on the social aspects and not on the clinical, preventive, diagnostic and technical aspects.

1.3.2   The geographic scope must be **Spain** and/or **Portugal**.

2. To whom is it addressed?

2.1 Who can participate?
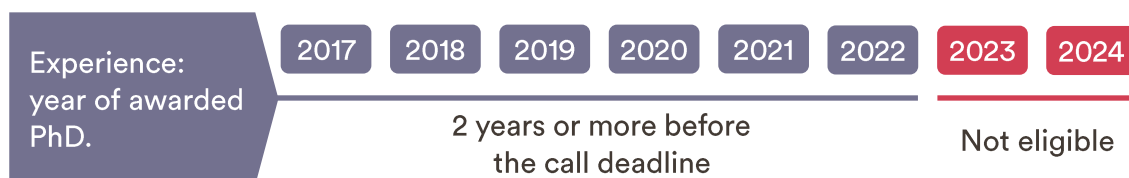
2.1.1 Project leader

The call aims to support proposals led by ***project leaders*** ("**PLs**") of any nationality who conduct their research activity at a public or private university, or a non-profit research-performing organization legally based in Spain or Portugal.

ⓘ A project leader is the principal investigator from the host organization, responsible for presenting the proposal to the call and coordinating the overall execution of the project.

Project leaders must hold a PhD awarded more than 2 years before the call deadline (i.e. before 22 January 2023).

Project leader requirements

Experience: year of awarded PhD.	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
	2 years or more before the call deadline						Not eligible	

2.1.2 Host organization

The host organization ("HO") must be a public or private university, or a non-profit research-performing organization, legally based in Spain or Portugal.

The HO will sign the grant agreement with "la Caixa" Foundation, together with the applicant, as PL of the project. As such, the PL needs the agreement of the HO to be able to submit the proposal. This endorsement process will be completed online on the "la Caixa" Foundation's call online management system.

The **HO is required to offer the PL independence to manage the project**. The HO must be willing to support the PL and the team members, if necessary, throughout the project period, providing an appropriate scientific and administrative environment for the project to be conducted.

Should the project be awarded the grant, the PL must be legally linked to the HO, either by statute, work contract or another type of collaboration by the time the project starts and throughout the whole duration of the project.

2.1.3 **Organization Manager**

An Organization Manager is the person appointed by the Host Organization as their representative. The Organization Manager will upload and verify documentation and accept the submission of proposals on behalf of the HO on the "la Caixa" Foundation calls online management system.

Specifically, **the Organization Manager will certify their endorsement** of the proposed project and their commitment to sign the grant agreement with "la Caixa" Foundation, should the project be funded.

2.2   Which projects can be submitted?

2.2.1   All requirements listed in this document are considered obligatory. Applications that do not fulfill these eligibility requirements will be rejected.

Eligible
• **Data-driven methodology**: This call will fund data-driven research projects that help to broaden the understanding of current and emerging social challenges using **quantitative methods**. The projects funded by this grant must generate new evidence-based knowledge. Specifically, the research must involve either existing data (including longitudinal, cross-national, administrative data); new data generated by this research project and/or new forms of data (such as internet data derived from social media and other online interactions or geographical information systems).

• **Innovative proposals**: The call encourages pioneering proposals introducing innovative approaches in terms of

    A. the proposed methodology,

    B. the production or re-use of quantitative data and

    C. the social challenge to be analysed.

• **Defined scope:** Projects submitted to this call can address any issues that are socially relevant to the context of Spain and/or Portugal.

• **Social research:** Social challenges are complex and require converging spheres of knowledge to provide comprehensive and innovative answers. As such, this call is open to proposals from all disciplines in social sciences and humanities. The

research needs to be socially driven: the core of the analysis must concern current or emerging social challenges, shedding light on social phenomena and providing a better understanding or assessment of social issues.

- **Public engagement:** We are looking for applicable research that can be used to address social challenges. As such, a well thought out two-way public engagement plan involving non-academic stakeholders (including experts from outside of academia and/or those affected by the issue you are studying) is essential. Public engagement activities should aim to incorporate knowledge from relevant stakeholders through- out the project in addition to dissemination initiatives for research results.
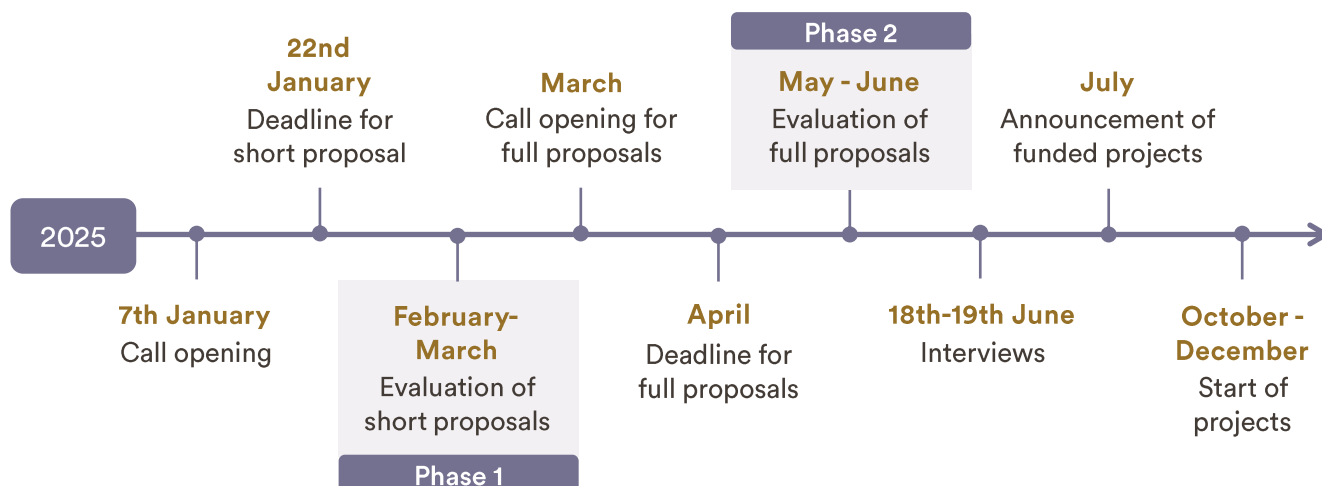
Non eligible

- Social research projects without an empirical approach based on real data.

- Literature reviews.

- Purely theoretical approaches.

- Social intervention projects (unless the intervention(s) itself constitutes the research object of a quantitative analysis).

- Design of courses and materials and any other proposals that differ from drawing up a research question(s) and testing hypothesis.

- Proposals that imply the continuation of an ongoing project, or subsequent phases of projects whose results have already been totally or partially disseminated.

- Proposals dealing with clinical research or therapeutic interventions; validation of scales, questionnaires or other psychometric instruments; and prototype tests.

- Projects that have already received funding (either from "la Caixa" Foundation or any other third-party grants) will not be considered eligible at the time of submission and may give rise to rejection during the life cycle of the granted project.

- Projects can only have one project leader. It is not possible to have co-project leaders for projects in this call.

2.3 Duration

2.3.1   In this edition of the call, "la Caixa" Foundation will support social research projects of up to **24 months** in duration.

3. How and when to apply?

3.1 Call timeline

| | **22nd January** Deadline for short proposal | | **March** Call opening for full proposals | | **Phase 2** **May - June** Evaluation of full proposals | | **July** Announcement of funded projects |

2025

7th January Call opening — **February-March** Evaluation of short proposals **Phase 1** — **April** Deadline for full proposals — **18th-19th June** Interviews — **October - December** Start of projects

3.2 Submission of proposals

3.2.1 In order to optimize the workload of applicants and evaluators, the submission of proposals is structured incrementally in a two-stage procedure:

- **Phase 1:** a short proposal must be submitted within the established deadline through "la Caixa" Foundation's call online management system available on the programme website.

   http://grants.lacaixafoundation.org/

- **Phase 2:** successful preselected proposals are invited to submit a full proposal, budget, work plan, and two expertise documents (research and public/social sector) for the PL (and team if applicable).

ℹ Proposals selected in phase 1 that wish to withdraw from the selection process (and hence not be taken into account in phase 2) must notify the withdrawal to "la Caixa" Foundation within 24 hours of being notified. Failing to do so will prevent the concerned applicants from submitting a proposal in the next edition of the call.

3.2.2   Templates for each form will be available at the online submission platform as
        well as on the programme website. Proposals must strictly comply with the
        format criteria indicated in the templates.

> **ⓘ** Proposals **not abiding by the format guidelines will automatically be rejected.**

3.2.3   All requested documents must be submitted before the closing date of the call.

3.2.4   The PLs of selected projects will not be allowed to submit new proposals in
        subsequent calls of the grant during the time the funded project is still being
        executed.

        Within the same call, each applicant (PL) can only submit one proposal.
        Likewise, each proposal can only be submitted by one applicant.

3.2.5   Applicants whose short proposal obtains a 'C' score from 3 or more of the 5
        evaluators and no 'A' scores in phase 1.1 will not be able to submit a new proposal
        in the next edition of the call. For more information about the scoring scheme
        read the **Assessment of proposals** guide available on the programme website.

3.2.6   Similar proposals submitted by different applicants and applicants attempting to
        submit more than one proposal will be rejected from this call and the applicants
        concerned will not be allowed to participate in future calls and fellowships from
        "la Caixa" Foundation.

Proposal content

> Short and full proposals must be **anonymous** and entirely in **English.**

Phase 1	Phase 2
Short proposal (3 pages):	**Full proposal (15 pages):**
• Pitch your research question and hypothesis. • Outline the objectives of the project, its scope and social challenge(s) addressed. • Describe why your project is innovative and original. • Briefly define the quantitative data used and methodology behind. • The short proposal should not contain own references and **must be fully anonymous**.	• Describe your research project in detail. • Define the objectives of the project, its scope and social challenge(s) addressed. • Explain in detail why your project is innovative and original. • Trace with precision the research question(s) that your project is answering, describing the quantitative data and methodology you will use. • The full proposal should not contain own references and **must be fully anonymous**.
⚠ IMPORTANT: The short proposal must be written for a non-specialized audience. The selection process will incorporate stakeholders from outside of academia.	**Research expertise:**
Host organization's agreement: Online endorsement by the HO's Organization Manager on the call system.	• Demonstrate the experience and suitability of the PL, HO and the research team (if applicable) to carry out the project successfully. • Consider any potential cooperating organizations if pertinent. Explain synergies as well as individual performance.
Feedback: Please note that **no feedback will be provided for short proposals**.	**Public and social sector expertise:** • Describe the links that the PL, research team and HO have with relevant organizations outside of academia (public sector, social entities, etc). • Explain how these stakeholders will inform the research project and how, when the project is finished, the research will inform and positively impact upon these organizations.

3.2.7   Applicants who are invited to submit a full proposal will have to submit:

- a **budget** via the application platform (not in the full proposal document)

- a **Gantt chart** via the application platform (not in the full proposal document)

- a **research expertise document** and

- a **public and social sector expertise** document. This one must contain at least one advisor from outside of academia, linked to public and/or social sector entities, who will be involved in the research project. This document must also explain the PL and research team's previous experience working with organizations outside of academia and how the research results will be communicated and implemented outside of academic circles.

3.2.8   **Both short and full proposals will be blind-reviewed, therefore the short and full proposals must be anonymous** (also the Budget and Gantt chart) and hence must not contain any information by which the identity of the applicant (PL), research group or affiliation can be recognized. This includes references to bibliography and/or previous research projects. Proposals containing any information or references by which the identity of its members can be recognized will automatically be rejected.

3.2.9   **All documents submitted to this call must be written entirely in English.** The whole process of submission and selection of applications, including the interview, will be carried out in English.

3.2.10   Proposals must be complete and include all relevant information. Incomplete proposals and/or proposals not complying with all requirements stated in these rules will automatically be rejected.

3.2.11   At the request of "la Caixa" Foundation, the selected applicants will need to certify, with original or certified documents, the files and documents included in the application. Likewise, "la Caixa" Foundation may request the original certificates of any data mentioned in the application. Failing to provide such documents will automatically make projects ineligible even if they have successfully completed the entire selection process.

3.3 Acceptance of the rules

The submission of an application for this call **implies all the applicants' express acceptance of these rules for participation** as well as of the criteria and decisions that may be made by "la Caixa" Foundation should questions arise on how to interpret the terms and conditions.

3.3.1   The PL shall ensure that any parties (legal or natural) involved in the projects are informed of these rules for participation and respect them to the extent applicable to them (e.g. the dissemination policy must be communicated to co-authors of the dissemination article, if any).

3.3.2   The detection of non-compliance with these rules for participation, regardless of when they occur and the status of the application within the grant awarding process or the execution of the project, will entitle "la Caixa" Foundation to reject the application or withdraw the grant awarded.

Should the grantee not comply with the obligations established above, or with any other obligation included in these rules for participation, "la Caixa" Foundation reserves the right to act as it may deem appropriate, which may include requesting reimbursement of the grant amounts.

4. Evaluation of proposals

4.1 Criteria

4.1.1 The evaluation criteria considered in this call only concern the quality of the research proposal. For each evaluation phase, a certain set of criteria is considered, according to the reviewers' background and expertise. Reviewers will assess proposals considering the set of criteria for each phase as a whole:

- Novelty

- Scientific soundness

- Social relevance

- Feasibility

- Public engagement

For a more detailed description of the evaluation process, we recommend looking at the **Assessment of proposals** available on the website.

4.2 Evaluation process

4.2.1 To promote diversity and keep the value of the research ideas at the core of the evaluation, an innovative blinded multi-phase selection process has been designed to ensure biases related to gender and other factors play no role. The process is set up so that:

- **Applicants remain anonymous until the final stage** of the selection process (interviews).

- Research proposals and researcher profiles are **reviewed separately.**

- The evaluation of the researcher is reduced to **a binary judgment** as to whether or not they have the expertise and resources to implement the proposed research, and only at the final stage.

4.2.2 Evaluation panels will be multidisciplinary and will be formed by independent experts combining both international and national profiles. With the aim of promoting social research that builds bridges between science and society, non-academic experts (stakeholders) will be incorporated in the first and final stages of the evaluation process.

Eligibility phase

Verification of documentation

All applications will be screened to ensure they fulfil the criteria published in the rules for participation of this call, as well as the format criteria detailed in the template.

Applications that do not comply with all of these requirements will automatically be rejected.

Evaluation of short proposals

Eligible short proposals will be remotely evaluated by **10 experts** in two consecutive phases:

Phase 1

Phase 1.1

Peer-review: 5 academic experts will assess the originality and novelty of the proposals as well as their scientific soundness.

Phase 1.2

Stakeholder-review: Proposals selected in phase 1.1 will subsequently be assessed by **5 non-academic experts** (practitioners and professionals who deal with social issues), taking into consideration the social relevance of the proposed projects.

Applicants whose proposals have been preselected for phase 2 will be notified and invited to submit a full proposal.

24h to withdraw your application.

Evaluation of full proposals

Phase 2.1

Peer-review: 5 academic experts will review the proposals and score them based on their novelty, scientific soundness, social relevance, feasibility and public engagement.

Phase 2.2

Interview selection panel:

The best-ranked proposals from phase 2.1 will be invited to pitch their projects in front of a mixed expert panel formed by **9 to 12 internationally renowned experts** including scholars and non-academic experts (2:1 ratio).

The interviews will be conducted in **English**.

Blind

Interview

In case any of the participants have special needs, measures will be taken to facilitate their participation in the interview.

Decisions made in the evaluation of this call cannot be appealed. The selection process will not be subject to redress nor will the technical and scientific assessment of the evaluators be called into question. The evaluation and selection processes themselves guarantee the independence and objectivity of the evaluation.

5. Selected projects

5.1 Obligations

5.1.1   The PL must **provide a scientific-technical summary and justification of the costs** incurred as well as any other additional information that "la Caixa" Foundation may request, if deemed necessary, from the PL or the HO, who will authorise each other for this purpose.

5.1.2   "la Caixa" Foundation may request HOs to provide an **audit report and/or statement** at any moment, as well as any additional information, documentation and/or clarification that the "la Caixa" Foundation may deem pertinent to allow its auditors and/ or advisors to evaluate the correct allocation of the grants awarded. The cost of this audit report and/or statement will be paid by the "la Caixa" Foundation, subject to prior approval of the corresponding budget, unless irregularities are detected as a result of it, in which case the HO would bear the cost.

5.1.3   Any cases of **scientific misconduct** that may arise during the evaluation of a proposal and throughout execution of the project and the project outputs delivery, must be communicated immediately by the Host Organization to "la Caixa" Foundation.

5.2 Responsibilities and guarantees

5.2.1   The funding scheme is highly focused on outputs that provide returns to society and research and that are of public value. Therefore, applicants who are awarded the grant are expected to commit to three main outcomes:

1. **Scientific article:** The results must be published in, at least, one scientific article in a peer-reviewed journal.

2. **Dissemination article:** In the form of a short article for lay audiences (Working Paper/Pre-print) that must be submitted to the Programme Office of "la Caixa" Foundation at the end of the project. "la Caixa" Foundation will be granted the right of publication of the dissemination article on the "la Caixa" Foundation website and/or newsletter and/or any other dissemination channels of "la Caixa" Foundation activities.

3. **Knowledge-brokering** activity: Applicants are expected to contribute to and participate in one knowledge-brokering activity led by the Social Observatory of "la Caixa" Foundation. The implementation of such activities will be decided ad-hoc towards the end of the project. The aim of this activity

encompasses two dimensions: first, knowledge brokering brings the results of research to practitioners, policymakers and other relevant stakeholders in order to help them make informed decisions. Secondly, it helps researchers to discern and drive research priorities towards the challenges that are shaping society.

5.2.2 "la Caixa" Foundation reserves the right to decide which of these three outputs is binding. In this sense, "la Caixa" Foundation will inform beforehand to the PL if he or she should elaborate or not a dissemination article and/or a knowledge-brokering activity.

5.2.3 The Project Leader and the Host Organisation are responsible, together with "la Caixa" Foundation, for the content and result of the project, including any documentation and information related to it, without prejudice to the methods used for its foundation (for example, artificial intelligence tools). In this sense, they guarantee:

- compliance with all current applicable regulations,

- non-infringement of third-party rights of any kind, and

- the application of best ethical practices.

Likewise, and within the framework of this call, they exempt "la Caixa" Foundation from any liability towards third parties, derived from non-compliance with the above.

Additionally, both the project leader and the coordinating and additional entities declare that they have not been sanctioned, through a final resolution, for violations of third-party rights or for the commission of crimes that may cause criminal liability of legal entities and/or natural persons.

5.2.4 All applicants (including, but not limited to, selected applicants) guarantee that the projects (including, without limitation, the scientific and dissemination articles) comply and will comply with the applicable regulations and that they do not infringe nor will infringe any rights of third parties, including, but not limited to, intellectual/ industrial property rights and/or prior commitments or agreements. In this regard, all applicants will hold the "la Caixa" Foundation harmless from and against any damages resulting from any breach of this guarantee.

5.3 Payment

5.3.1 The grant will be awarded to the host organization, which will be responsible for distributing the budget and justifying the destination of the funds received by "la Caixa" Foundation. No funding will be granted to an individual.

5.3.2   The payment schedule will be as follows:

- **50% of the grant at the start of the project.** The starting date will be the date of the signing of the Grant Agreement with the HO.

- **30% of the grant at the midline stage of the project**, further to a follow-up report submitted to the Programme Office of "la Caixa" Foundation.

   To request the second payment at least 50% of the first payment should be already spent. If this is not the case and the second payment is necessary to proceed with the execution of project, the PL should contact the Programme Office to explain why, in order to get the second payment authorised.

- **20% of the grant after delivery of all the outputs.** Hence, the final payment will be released after acceptance of the scientific article to the corresponding indexed journal, approval of the dissemination article by "la Caixa" Foundation, participation in one knowledge-brokering activity led by "la Caixa" Foundation, justification of all the project's expenses and approval of the final report by "la Caixa" Foundation. **"la Caixa" Foundation reserves the right to decide which of these outputs are binding.**

5.3.3   Applicants are allowed to use the grant in a flexible way as long as the expenses are incurred by the beneficiary and the funds are used to cover costs directly derived from the project. However, any deviation by expenditure category from the presented budget of more than 10% that aims at being compensated with a reduction in another expenditure category should be requested to the call manager prior to incurring the expense.

ⓘ   **In no case will the grant exceed the total costs of the project actually incurred by the HO.** Therefore, at the end of the project, "la Caixa" Foundation will calculate the balance and issue the payment, if due, of any remaining amount of the grant. **Accordingly, if the costs actually incurred in the project were below the amount of the grant received, the HO will reimburse the amount paid in excess.** If the costs incurred in the project were above the amount of the grant, no increase of budget will be granted by "la Caixa" Foundation.

5.3.4   Should the project require funding in excess of 115,000 euros, **applicants must submit a full budget** and clearly indicate which parts of the budget will be covered by the Social Research Grant. Applicants must also be able to

demonstrate they have sufficient co-funding to cover the other costs should they receive the Social Research Grant.

5.4 Allowances for long-term leave

If the project leader is affected by one of the following situations during the 24 months of their project an extension may be requested for the number of justified months:

A. Sick leave of three months or more.

B. Maternity or paternity leave.

C. Leave to care for first degree relatives of three months or more.

In order to be eligible for this extension, the PL must submit official documents certifying that they are on leave from work, at the beginning of the leave period.

5.5 Support

Successful applicants will be invited to participate in networking and training activities. The aim of these activities is to facilitate collaboration among researchers by organising events and training sessions for the exchanging of knowledge and best practices. The activities organised within this framework will be focused on important aspects of the researchers' ongoing and future projects, including specific training in dissemination and public engagement, with the ultimate goal to increase the impact of their research on policy decision making.

5.6 Acknowledgements and dissemination rules

5.6.1   In all dissemination and communication of the project, **"la Caixa" Foundation will be mentioned as the funding organization of the project.** This applies, wherever possible and unless "la Caixa" Foundation requests otherwise, to all dissemination and communication actions, disclosures and activities, as well as to all equipment, infrastructure and main results funded by the grant. Communication and disclosure materials must be submitted to "la Caixa" Foundation for prior review and approval in writing.

5.6.2   The **logo of "la Caixa" Foundation and the reference to the contribution of "la Caixa" Foundation must appear** in a way that is easily visible to the public and is sufficiently prominent (also taking into account the nature of the activity or the object). This is always subject to the prior revision and approval of "la Caixa"

Foundation in writing. For this purpose, "la Caixa" Foundation authorises the use of the logo and may provide it in a digital format upon request.

5.6.3   Scientific articles and any other scientific communication published as a result of the grant **must include the following text:**

"This research was funded by "la Caixa" Foundation's Social Research Call 2025 under the project code <CODE ASSIGNED TO AWARDED PROJECTS>".

5.6.4   PLs must notify "la Caixa" Foundation in advance of the publication of any such articles.

5.6.5   "la Caixa" Foundation reserves the right (but shall not be bound) to publish and disseminate the results generated under the projects awarded with the grant and, in particular, the dissemination article. In any case, the publication or dissemination carried out by "la Caixa" Foundation will observe the right of the authors to be acknowledged as such.

In order to enable the publication and dissemination, the grant agreement will include the granting of exploitation rights in favour of "la Caixa" Foundation to the extent necessary for publishing, disseminating and translating the dissemination article through the Social Observatory of "la Caixa" Foundation website and/or newsletter and/or any other dissemination channels of "la Caixa" Foundation activities, with no time limitation and on a worldwide basis.

5.6.6   Before applying for the grant, **the PL must ensure that there are neither prior commitments nor third parties' prior rights impeding compliance** with this dissemination policy and, in general, with these rules for participation.

5.6.7   Where appropriate, **successful applicants will be able to utilise "la Caixa" Foundation's venues** (i.e. Cosmo Caixa and CaixaForums) for public engagement activities.

6. Incompatibilities, acceptance of policies and privacy

6.1 Incompatibilities

The PLs of selected projects will not be allowed to submit new proposals in subsequent calls organised by the Social Observatory of the "la Caixa Foundation" during the time the funded project is still being executed.

6.2 Acceptance of policies

PL, HO and OM undertake to comply with the following "la Caixa" Foundation policies:

- Research results management and open access policy. With regard to scientific publications, HO and PL must follow the open access policy of the "la Caixa" Foundation.

- Principles of responsible research and innovation (RRI). These principles take into account gender equality in research and innovation (R&I), as well as other inclusion issues.

- Research integrity policy. These principles guide researchers in their work as well as in their engagement with the practical, ethical and intellectual challenges inherent in research.

- "la Caixa" Foundation Code of Ethics.

6.3 Privacy and data protection

The applicants authorize "la Caixa" Foundation to access, use and share the information of the proposals, including any and all documents referred to therein, whether submitted at the time of the application or at a later stage, for the purposes of this grant and to the extent necessary, including, but not limited to, the evaluation, selection and monitoring of the projects. The applicants confirm to "la Caixa" Foundation that such information and documentation can be shared and used for these purposes.

To the extent that the identifying and/or professional details of natural persons linked to the projects is provided in the application form and supporting documents, the applicants shall be understood **to have informed those individuals regarding the information indicated in this clause** and, where

applicable, to have obtained the necessary consent of those persons for their inclusion in the proposals.

"la Caixa" Foundation fully complies with the legislation in force in the field of personal data protection.

Any and all personal data collected within the framework of this call (including data submitted in the proposal) will be processed for the purpose of managing the participation of applicants in it, the basis of such processing being the management of the resulting relationship, and such data will be stored until the end of the applicable statutory limitation periods.

Personal data will only be communicated if required to comply with legal obligations. "la Caixa" Foundation uses service providers (of technological and evaluation services) located outside the European Economic Area, with all those guarantees required by the applicable regulations.

Data subjects can ask for more information and/or exercise their rights of access, rectification, erasure, restriction, portability and objection before the Data Protection Officer of "la Caixa" Foundation at the postal address Avinguda Diagonal 621 – 629, 08028 Barcelona, or at the e-mail address dpd@fundacionlacaixa.org. Data subjects are also entitled to lodge a complaint before the Spanish Data Protection Agency.

7. Questions and contact

If you require any further information about the process, please do not hesitate to contact us at

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Web:

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