

PhD Scholarships

The main constraint for starting a PhD in Spain is funding (we won't support students without funding, as it is impossible to complete a PhD within the time limits without full time dedication). Below I explain a few scholarship schemes available for students who want to study in Barcelona with us. The three main scholarships are the Catalan scholarships (FI), the Spanish scholarships (FPU) and the INPhINIT fund of La Caixa foundation. The results are typically made public 6-7 months after the call, with contracts starting 2-3 months after the announcement.

The FI (Catalan) scholarships typically open in September and the candidate has 2-3 weeks before submitting her or his application. Funding is for three years, with a salary in the order of 1100-1200 Euros per month. You are eligible only if you have finished (or you are finishing) a masters' degree, and this degree must have been completed **maximum two years** before the publication of the call. For example, to apply in September 2018, you will need to have a masters granted from the 1/1/2016 to 31/12/2018 (if you are still completing your degree). Your CV and your University grades count a lot. For more information and details, check: <http://bit.ly/2ckhTEO>

The FPU (Spanish) scholarships are published typically in December or January with a few weeks window to apply. They are four years long and they pay roughly 1200 Euros per month, 14 months per year. To apply you will need to have a masters' degree, and a bachelors' degree that has been completed four years or less before the publication of the call (the scheme targets young graduates), for example if you are applying to the January 2020 call, you are **not eligible** if you received your BSc **December 2015 or before**. You will need an excellent academic record (>7.5 (BSc) >8.5 (MSc) for 1-10 system). Unless you are a native Spanish speaker, or have studied in a Spanish-speaking University, you will need a **diploma B2** of Spanish language by the time you apply (this is because the scholarships involves teaching in Spanish). You can apply while you are still enrolled in a masters program. For more information, see an older call at: <http://bit.ly/1lpXZvL> (calls and requirements do change from year to year).

The INPhINIT call is every February and is extremely competitive. The call does not include social sciences, so you will need to have some science or engineering in your CV/studies to be competitive for this call. There is a mobility rule and a maximum time of previous stay in Spain. You can find detailed information at <https://obrasociallacaixa.org/en/investigacion-y-becas/becas-de-la-caixa/doctorado-inphinit/descripcion-del-programa>

To find additional scholarships and funding visit the UAB scholarships and financial aid page. <https://www.uab.cat/web/beques-i-ajuts-1276168992788.html?language=en>