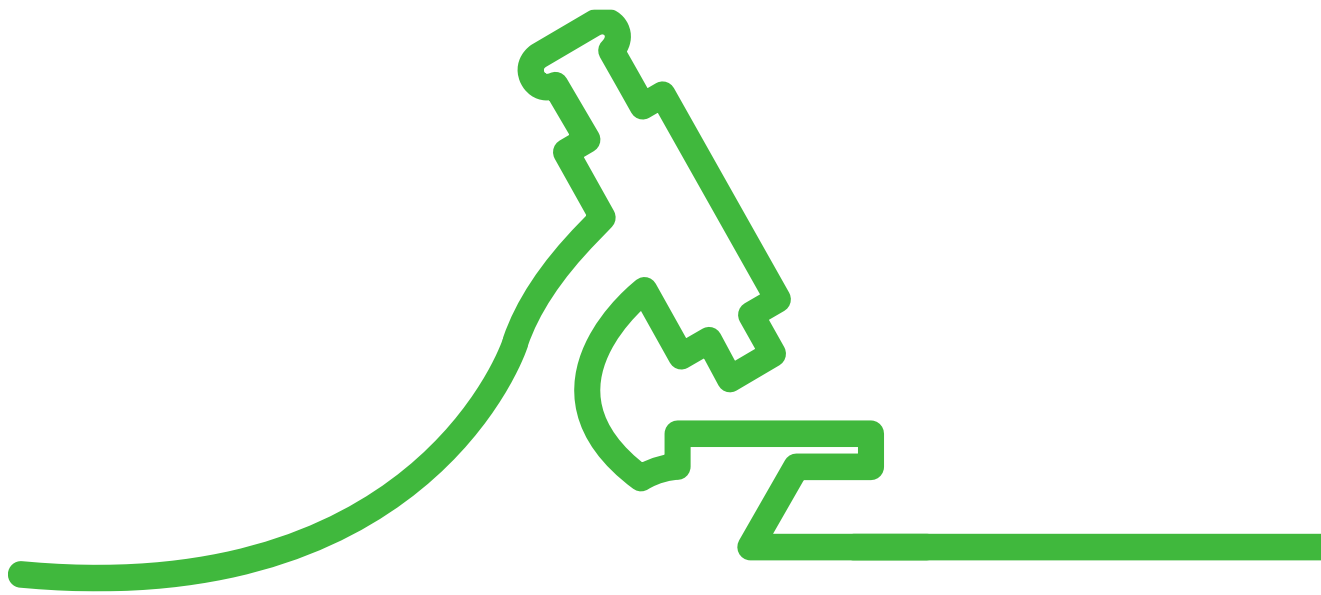


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1. What is AECC TALENT?

1.1 About the program

AECC TALENT is a **unique opportunity for postdoctoral cancer researchers** across the globe to carry out their research projects in selected host cancer research centres in Spain endorsed by the [FCAECC via the Scientific Foundation Centre Accreditation](#).

With AECC TALENT, the Scientific Foundation of the Spanish Association Against Cancer (hereafter FCAECC) extends its current fellowship programmes to an international level with the aim of attracting the most talented experienced researchers to Spain from all over the world. **AECC TALENT will contribute to improving prevention, early diagnosis, disease monitoring and treatment of cancer patients**, which are key intervention areas of the Horizon Europe Cancer Mission.

Host research centres participating in AECC TALENT have been identified by FCAECC as excellent in cancer research by means of a rigorous assessment process that guarantees their quality, impact, and leadership in cancer research at national and international level. Fellows will have a wide choice of entities and multidisciplinary teams in which to carry out the project of their interest, following a bottom-up approach. The host organisations report a high number of international collaborations and participation in European and international projects; moreover, they endorse the principles of the Charter & Code for Researchers.

In addition to enjoying an **excellent research environment and working conditions** AECC TALENT fellows will be able to carry out **international, intersectoral and interdisciplinary secondments**, that may range from one month to one year, through which they will boost their networking opportunities and expand their interdisciplinarity.

Moreover, AECC TALENT will provide a **comprehensive training programme** to its fellows with yearly sessions that will range from specific courses and seminars on research skills to non-research oriented transferable skills, innovation and leadership courses provided by experts in the corresponding fields.

The current call will fund up to **19 fellowships** with a duration of **3 years**. More information about the programme can be found [on its website](#).

1.2 About the hosting institutions

The **participating host organisations endorsed by FCAECC** belong to different sectors (public and private research centres and hospitals) and work in different research areas, including basic, applied/translational, pre-clinical and clinical research. Fellows will have the opportunity to pursue **research on topics covering the entire cancer progression pathway**, including prevention, early detection, diagnosis, treatment, cancer data monitoring, as well as quality of life of cancer patients and survivors. Among host organisations, some of them are **monographic cancer centres** and the others **have cancer among other research scientific priorities**, including immunology, epidemiology, public health, biomedical informatics, neurosciences, cardiometabolism and system pathologies, i.e. This diversity of research areas will facilitate the interdisciplinarity needed to tackle the cancer challenge. Therefore, fellows will have a wide choice of excellent entities and research areas in which to carry out the project of their interest, following a bottom-up approach. The centres undergo a periodic evaluation by FCAECC and thus, the list of endorsed centres may change over time. The updated list of eligible centres will always be available on AECC TALENT website.

1.3 Characteristics of the fellowship

Duration: The fellowship will have a duration of **3 years**. Those awardees who are on maternity/paternity leave during the period of the fellowship will see the duration of the fellowship extended for a period equivalent to their leave. This situation must be communicated to the FCAECC as soon as it becomes known.

Funding: The AECC TALENT programme will provide excellent fellows with 3-year employment contracts, including Spanish social security coverage. including if applicable the costs of contract termination after the 3 years of fellowship. The maximum total fellowship amounts provided for the benefit of the researcher and for the hosting organisations will be of 259.200€ broken down in the following allowances:

- Living allowance: 162.000€ distributed at a rate of 54.000€/year that will cover salary, Spanish social security costs. arising from the employment of the beneficiary, Therefore, costs arising from severance payments in other cases, claims of any kind or any other surcharge or penalty imposed on the research

centre due to incorrect or improper contribution of the beneficiary or any other cause will not be financed.

- Mobility allowance: 21.600€ distributed at a rate of 7.200€/year to cover private mobility-related costs (i.e. travel and accommodation costs).
- Family allowance: 21.600€ distributed at a rate of 7.200€/year only for those fellows with family obligations during the fellowship duration, i.e. persons linked to him/her by (i) marriage, or (ii) a relationship with equivalent status to a marriage recognised by the legislation of the country where the relationship was formalized, or (iii) dependent children who are being maintained by the researcher.
- Research, training and networking costs: These costs of 54.000€ distributed at a rate of 18.000€/year will be managed by host organisations and will fund activities foreseen in the Career Development Plan that contribute directly to the researchers' career development: travel for training/event workshops, conferences and secondments, publication costs, IP protection costs and other costs of the fellows' project (i.e., lab material). These quantities shall be justified and approved by the FCAECC. Expenses that are not approved will be returned to FCAECC.

Please note that the figures listed above are the maximum total fellowship amount including social security contributions and any other payments made by the employer. The remaining gross annual salary will depend on the candidate's civil status, exact figures may change over time and slightly differ in the different research centres and provinces. In any case, the minimum annual gross salary to be offered to the fellow by the host institution must be €44,000€.

1.4 Research, training, and secondments:

In addition to fostering excellent research in cancer, AECC TALENT will capacitate its fellows through mandatory **international, intersectoral and interdisciplinary secondments** that will last from **one month to up to one year**. Fellows may be seconded to an entity of a different sector in Spain or abroad.

Fellows must indicate the proposed secondments when submitting their applications to the AECC TALENT call. Fellows may indicate additional secondments of interest during the lifetime of their fellowship, as their research develops. The

programme will fund mobility and research, training, and networking costs during secondments. Fellows are also encouraged to carry out short visits to entities that may help them to successfully carry out their projects.

Moreover, all AECC TALENT fellows will be part of a **comprehensive training programme** with yearly sessions provided by field experts, with the final aim of boosting their careers and employability.

- Welcome and orientation session (FCAECC)
- Research Career Management and Open Science (by FECYT)
- Communication and public engagement (by Scienseed and FCAECC)
- Lab Leadership (by EMBO)
- Knowledge transfer, intellectual property rights and entrepreneurship (by Elzaburu and FCAECC)

More information about the secondments and training can be found on AECC TALENT website.

2. Who can apply? Eligibility

2.1 Eligibility criteria

AECC TALENT is an individually driven mobility programme fellowship, **open to applicants of any nationality** willing to join an excellent Spanish host organisation in cancer research. **Applicants will freely propose a research project** to be carried out at one of the available host organisations of their choice, following a bottom-up approach.

The subject of the **proposed project** must fall within the research areas defined in FCAECC Strategic Plan, that covers all types of cancer research, **including basic, translational, clinical, and innovative research in the areas of prevention, screening and early diagnosis, treatment, and cancer patient care**, in line with the key intervention areas of the European Mission on Cancer.

To be eligible for this call, applicants must meet the following requirements:

1. **Experienced Researcher (ER):** at the deadline of the programme's call, applicants must hold a doctoral degree and have a maximum of 8 years of experience in research, after PhD, following the criteria outlined for MSCA postdoctoral fellowships. AECC TALENT is willing to support applicants with career breaks, thus if applicants hold a doctoral degree for over 8 years, they due to justified reasons (e.g., maternity/paternity leave, long-term sick leave) a more flexible experience rule will apply [following the guidelines of the European Research Executive Agency](#).
2. **Mobility rule:** applicants may not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in Spain for **more than 12 months in the 36 months immediately before the programme's call deadline**. AECC TALENT is willing to support applicants with special needs or displaced by conflicts, therefore a more flexible mobility rule will apply in these cases. FCAECC will request applicants to provide proof of complying with this mobility rule.
3. **English proficiency:** Applicants must have a demonstrable C1 level of English (both speaking and in writing). In the absence of a recognised language certificate, a University Degree or Doctoral certificate issued in a country where English is the first language, or English is the official language of the programme may also be accepted as proof of adequate level of English. Language proficiency may be further assessed in the personal interviews of invited applicants. Native English speakers are exempt from this requirement.
4. **Publications:** Applicants must have at least a research article published or accepted within the last 5 years as first author (or co-first) in a first quartile peer-reviewed international journal at the time of application. Articles published in new journals that do not yet have an impact index and in any area of knowledge will be accepted. Only original research articles will be considered, so reviews, book chapters or patents will not be accepted. Publications accepted after the application date will not be considered.
5. **Availability:** Applicants must be available full-time at the established start date indicated by their chosen hosting institution for a minimum period of 36 months.
6. **A complete application** must be submitted before the deadline November 21st, 2024, at 15h CET. Incomplete or late submitted proposals will not be considered.

2.2 Incompatibilities

Applicants

- The fellowship will require **exclusive dedication** to carry out the funded research project. Additionally, there is the possibility of carrying out teaching activities if this work does not exceed 60 hours per year and is previously notified and accepted by the FCAECC. This fellowship is **incompatible with the receipt of funding from any other source** (public and/or private) for the same purpose.
- Applicants may **submit only one proposal** for this call. If the same project is submitted by different researchers both applications will be discarded. In the case of not being awarded, the applicant may reapply for the AECC TALENT fellowships in subsequent calls, provided that changes have been in accordance with the comments of the evaluation report.
- Applicants applying to AECC TALENT fellowships **may not apply to any other FCAECC national grants or fellowships simultaneously** (e.g., Postdoctoral AECC, Investigador AECC). Should a candidate apply to two fellowships simultaneously, both applications will be automatically rejected.
- The researcher must inform FCAECC of any possible cause of incompatibility.

Project Director

The Project Director must be based on one of the selected host research centres and may endorse various AECC Talent applicants and other researchers on his/her team with national FCAECC fellowships (projects and personnel e.g., Postdoctoral, Investigador AECC) or be an awardee of other FCAECC grants.

3. How to apply

3.1 Required documents

1. **Valid national ID** (Spanish applicants) **or passport** (all nationalities) scanned on both sides.
2. **Scanned Doctoral Degree:** (no older than 8 years by the time of application deadline on November 21st 2024. Applicants that do not meet this requirement

due to justified career breaks (e.g., maternity/paternity leave) must state this in the application form and attach the supporting document together with the degree (generating a PDF with both documents).

3. **Scientific proposal:** A description of the research project to be submitted using the provided template. The proposal will include abstract, keywords; lay public summary; background; objectives; methodology; work plan; impact of the proposed work in oncology; ethical implications; dissemination and exploitation plan including outreach activities; proposed international, intersectoral and interdisciplinary secondment(s); social impact of the proposed project; initial draft of the career development plan; description of the host organisation and scientific record of the receiving group that the applicant intends to join. To do this, applicants must reach out to their potential project director (based in one of the selected hosting institutions) to propose and agree on a project idea to be submitted. Reports longer than 10 pages will imply the rejection of the proposal.
4. **Sworn Statement of Compliance with Mobility Rule:** compliance with the mobility rule described above is an imperative requirement for participation in this call. Please fill in the form that you will find on GMS and provide proof of compliance according to your personal situation. Please note that FCAECC may request further additional documentation later in the process.
5. **Letter of motivation:** where applicants explain their adequateness for the project.
6. **Ethics issues table:** using the provided template from the European Commission's COFUND programme and if needed be, an ethics report from the Ethics Committee of the host organisation.
7. **Curriculum Vitae of the applicant:** - maximum 4 pages- using the provided template. The merits and contributions should be clearly reflected, especially in publications (indicate position in the list of authors and quartile of the journal), research projects and patents. CVs exceeding the page limit, with incomplete information and/or in languages other than English may imply the rejection of the application.
8. **Curriculum Vitae of the Project Director.** - maximum 4 pages- using the [CVN online editor from FECYT](#). The merits and contributions should be clearly reflected, especially in publications (indicate position in the list of authors and

quartile of the journal), research projects and patents. CVs exceeding the page limit, with incomplete information and/or in languages other than English may imply the rejection of the application.

The templates for the above-mentioned documents will be available on the submission platform, online Grant Management System. More details on the application and submission process can be found below.

3.2 Submission of applications

Applicants must register and log in FCAECC's [online Grant Management System](#) (hereafter GMS)

After completing the registration process, applicants will be able to proceed with the application and access all the documentation and templates required available for the call. A platform [user manual is available to guide applicants in this process](#).

All documentation must be **submitted in English**. If the documents uploaded to the application platform were issued in a language other than English, a translation into English, must be attached.

Submission of **applications and documentation will only be accepted through this channel** and will not be accepted through any other.

In addition, the [Frequently Asked Questions section can be consulted on the website](#).

In case of technical issues with GMS please contact soporteGMS@contraelcancer.es

In their personal area of the FCAECC GMS, applicants will be able to check at any time the status of their applications.

During the application review process FCAECC may require additional information to be provided by the applicant.

FCAECC reserves the right to keep the scientific reports of the projects submitted in each call for a period of five (5) years, in order to ensure that the resubmitted projects are properly improved for evaluation in new calls.

Projects involving animal experimentation shall comply with the provisions of the ethical principles and legal regulations in force.

3.3 Deadline for submission of applications

The deadline for submission of applications is 21st November 2024 at 15h (CET/GMT+1). The system will not accept submissions after this date.

Once the application is completed, the applicant will validate all information before submission. The applicant is responsible for all the information contained in the documentation provided and guarantees its veracity. If the application is sent correctly, the user will receive a confirmation email from the e-mail address noreply@smartsimple.ie or noreply.fundacioncientifica@smartsimple.ie. Please note that this may land in the spam folder.

Applicants are required to visit the platform frequently to check changes in the status of the application or requests from FCAECC that are made through the platform.

The system will not accept submissions after the closing date of the call, and only those applications that have been submitted within the application deadline will be evaluated. FCAECC encourages applicants to submit applications in good time to avoid any type of incident with the web platform.

If the application submitted is incomplete or does not comply with the requirements of this call for applications, it will be rejected.

4. Application and evaluation process

4.1 Steps and timeline

Applications will undergo a six-step process from submission to admission. The table below (Table 1) summarises the **key tentative dates** for AECC TALENT 2025 please note that **these may be subjected to change**.

PLEASE NOTE: Updated dates will be published on the programme's website and GMS.

Step	Description	Timeframe
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Online application	Applicants will submit their applications via the available online portal	26 th September – 21 st November 2024
Eligibility check	FCAECC team will evaluate whether the submitted applications meet all the eligibility criteria (listed in section 2.1)	December 2024
Evaluation	Eligible applications will be subject to a scientific-technical evaluation by the Spanish State Research Agency (AEI) ensuring transparency and equal opportunity to all applicants	January – March 2025
Interview of shortlisted applicants	Applicants will be interviewed by a Selection Committee in the presence of FCAECC representatives	May 2025
Final ranking and award	After the evaluation process has been completed the final ranking list will be elaborated and ratified by the Board of Trustees from FCAECC for its public communication.	July 2025
Admission	Awardees will sign acceptance letters and confirm their starting date with FCAECC team. Collaboration Agreements will be signed with the host organisations to formalise the terms and conditions of the grant by latest December 1st 2025 .	September 2025

Table 1 AECC TALENT 2025 tentative deadline

All applicants will be able to check the status of their application at all times through GMS and are encouraged to regularly check its email section (where the communications from the platform are received). Applicants will be officially informed about the resolution of the call through this channel. The final resolution of the fellowship may additionally be published on AECC's website.

After award, the beneficiaries will be **required to send a formal signed letter of acceptance** (FCAECC template, PDF format). **In case of renunciation or non-acceptance of the fellowship on time, the fellowship will be offered to the first applicant on the reserve list.**

Appeal procedure

Applicants rejected at any step of the evaluation and selection process will be informed of the reasons for rejection by FCAECC. In case of justified disagreement, applicants will have the **right appeal within two weeks after the notification of rejection**. To do so applicants must complete a request for redress via GMS. All requests for redress will be **treated in confidentiality**.

The FCAECC team, shall revise the appeal and send an answer to the applicant within 10 days. **The redress process cannot be used in any case as an opportunity to submit additional documentation** that was missing in the original application before the call deadline. The redress procedure will be used to address procedural and administrative errors, but not to question the evaluation panel's decisions, ratings, or comments. The selection and evaluation processes themselves will not be changed if the applicant does not agree with the evaluation score in any case.

4.2 Evaluation criteria

To ensure transparency and equal opportunity to all applicants the proposals will undergo a **two-step evaluation process**. First, they will be **peer reviewed by a panel of independent experts of the AEI** that will rank the applications according to their excellence, impact, and implementation. After that, shortlisted applicants will be invited to **personal interviews** to assess their professional career, motivation, potential and impact of their project.

Weights will be applied to each criterion as indicated in the table below (Table 2.) The maximum score in each evaluation phase will be of 100 points. **Applications should reach a minimum of 80 points to be eligible for the face-to-face interview phase**. Up to 30 applicants with the highest scores above this quality threshold will be invited to the interview phase. AECC TALENT 2025 fellowships will be awarded to up to **19 applicants with the highest rank order after both evaluation steps**.

In case of *ex-aequo*, and following MSCA recommendations, the prioritising criteria will be: 1) scores awarded for the criterion "**Excellence**", and if these scores are equal,

priority will be based on scores for the criterion “**Impact**”, 2) if necessary, the **gender balance** among AECC TALENT fellows will be used as a factor for prioritisation, 3) if a distinction still cannot be made, the Board of Trustees of FCAECC may provide further recommendations to further prioritise by considering other factors such diversity aspects in the research activities, participation of the non-academic sector, geographical diversity or international collaborations. These factors will be documented in the final evaluation report. The Selection Committee will also provide a ranked reserve list of candidates, to be used if any of the appointed fellows resign.

More detailed information about the **evaluation committees and criteria** can be found in the Guide for Evaluation (available on AECC TALENT website).

Remote Evaluation (weight of 70% of the final score):		
Excellence (50%)	Implementation (20%)	Impact (30%)
Face-to-face interview (weight of 30% of the final score)		
Professional career and motivation (50%)	Applicant's potential (30%)	Impact of the project (20%)
	Score	
Fail	0 -9	The proposal fails to address the criterion or cannot be assessed (missing or incomplete information)
Poor	10-39	The criterion is inadequately addressed, or there are serious inherent weaknesses
Acceptable	40-59	The proposal broadly addresses the criterion, but there are significant weaknesses
Good	60-79	The proposal addresses the criterion well, but a number of shortcomings are present
Excellent	80-100	The proposal successfully addresses all relevant aspects of the criterion. Any shortcomings are minor

Table 2 Summarised AECC TALENT evaluation criteria and scoring.

5. General legal regime

FCAECC and the awarded centres (hosting institutions) where the projects will be developed will sign a general Framework Agreement that will regulate the terms and general conditions for the grants/fellowships awarded by the Foundation and for which the Centre is eligible during the period of validity of the Framework Agreement. Additionally, the parties will sign a Specific Agreement (referred to the Framework

Agreement) that will regulate the particular terms of the specific AECC Talent fellowship award as detailed below. The fellowship will be used entirely to finance an employment contract between the researcher and the hosting institution, in accordance with the legal regulations in force. The agreement will be signed telematically through the digital platform XOLIDO SIGN or equivalent and thus, officially **start by latest December 1st 2025**.

The contractual relationship of FCAECC with the research centre will not imply any type of contractual and/or labour relationship or link between FCAECC and the researcher. FCAECC is not responsible, under any concept or circumstance, for the obligations and formalities arising from the activity of the researcher, by way of illustration those of labour, administrative, tax, etc., as well as any liability arising from the breach of any rule that may be applicable.

In this sense, the hosting institution will undertake to hold harmless and not to claim against FCAECC for any type of claim, damage or harm caused by the internal relations arising between the institution and the researcher in the development of the research project.

FCAECC is not responsible for the actions of the researcher who has received the fellowship, nor for any damages that may arise from the activity that is the object of the fellowship, nor for those that may be caused to any third party.

5.1 Content of the Framework Agreement

The Framework Agreement will set out the general terms and conditions of both parties and will, inter alia, include the following points:

- Subject matter
- Relationship between the parties
- Content of the financial support
- Obligations of the centre
- Project monitoring
- Project results
- Duty of confidentiality
- Publications and dissemination of the project

- Duration of the Framework Agreement
- Cases of early termination
- Liability and indemnity regime of the Foundation
- Regulations
- Treatment of contact data and protection of personal data
- Scope and modifications of the Agreement
- Assignment
- Notifications and relationship between the Parties
- Principles of collaboration, applicable law and jurisdiction

5.2 Content of the Specific Agreement (referred to Framework Agreement)

Once the fellowships have been awarded, a Specific Agreement will have to be signed between FCAECC and the hosting institutions.

The Specific Agreement regulating the financing granted shall specify the rights and obligations of both parties and, among others, shall include the following points:

- Identity of the postdoctoral researcher.
- Identity of the Project Director.
- Starting and ending date of the project.
- Amount of funding granted and payment method.
- Fulfilment of the objectives indicated in the research project.
- Obligation to monitor the research project in the set terms

5.3 Payment

The financial endowment will be paid to and managed by the hosting institution. This gross amount will be used to finance the researcher's contract, to cover salary costs as well as to support research costs and contribute to the researcher's mobility and family expenses when applicable. Please see section 1.3 for more details about the characteristics and funding of the fellowship.

The **applicants who are awarded a fellowship will be required to become bank account holders in Spain**, which is where the host institution will deposit the monthly payments and any other amount included in the fellowship.

Considering the origin of the funding granted, these funds may in no case be used for indirect costs or to pay fees or any other management or administrative charge or expense incurred by the centre.

5.4 Project follow-up

During the 3 years of the contract duration **annual project progress reports** will have to be submitted to FCAECC. These will be submitted through the same web platform used for the submission of the application, GMS. The researcher will be notified in advance in order to complete the **scientific, economic and dissemination reports**.

FCAECC reserves the right to audit the development of the research project at any time. **More details about the project follow up will be given to the awardees after the project start, and be described in the Specific Agreement.**

5.5 Early termination of the fellowship

In case of **failure to submit information required by FCAECC** (such as letters from the Research Ethics Committees, follow-up reports e.g.), or in case of **false documentation or data inaccuracy** during the application process or the duration of the fellowship, FCAECC reserves its right to terminate the awarded fellowship at any point.

If major discrepancies between the initially proposed objectives and the project progress are observed during the monitoring of the research project (i.e., deadlines, performance, results), FCAECC will study the circumstances in which this has occurred, and take the legal actions deemed appropriate.

This also applies if the awardee and/or the research centre fail to meet their obligations set out in the agreement and employment contract.

If the hosting institution and/or the beneficiary receive approval for funding from another organization for the same purpose as the one provided by AECC TALENT they will be obliged to renounce in writing the AECC TALENT fellowship immediately. FCAECC reserves the right to request the return of the amounts provided in the event of non-compliance with this obligation.

Should the awardee present a waiver of the fellowship, this must be reasoned and in accordance with it, FCAECC will claim back the amounts contributed and not enjoyed until the corresponding date.

6. Protection of Personal Data

In accordance with current legislation, applicants are informed that the data provided will be processed by FCAECC whose contact details are as follows:

NIF: 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 FCAECC, as Data Controller ("Controller"), will process their data for the following purposes:

- Manage the participation of applicants in the call, the development of the same and the designation of the beneficiary.
- Manage the publicity of the call and its results through the websites, social networks owned by FCAECC and the Spanish Association Against Cancer (hereinafter "Association"), as well as on the website www.contraelcancer.es/es/investigacion where the official list of beneficiaries and alternates will be published.
- Comply with the legal and/or tax obligations that may be applicable to FCAECC in its capacity as organizer and funder.
- Manage the sending of information about activities, events and calls that FCAECC manages or in which FCAECC collaborates unless the applicant shows his/her opposition to such processing.
- To carry out anonymized analysis for statistical purposes.
- To carry out surveys of quality and satisfaction for improvement of FCAECC management.

According to the above, the analysed data processing activities based on the legitimate interest could be considered lawful, as long as it is performed in a proportionate manner for the purpose pursued.

According to its interpretation, the analysis of the proportionality consists of three elements:

- judgment of adequacy: whether the measure is likely to achieve the proposed objective.
- Judgment of necessity: Whether the measure is necessary, in the sense that there is no other more moderate measure for the achievement of such purpose with equal effectiveness.
- Judgment of proportionality: If the measure is weighted or balanced, in the sense that it derives more benefits or advantages for the general interest than harm to other conflicting goods or values.

For this reason, the FCAECC has carried out the appropriate assessment and if it is necessary to minimize the corresponding data, as well as to reinforce the corresponding administrative and security measures. In any case, you can consult more information to the Data Protection Officer through the indicated address.

The Controller will only collect the necessary data from applicants in order to carry out the call.

- Identification data: name, surname, ID card number, date of birth.
- Contact data: telephone number, postal address, e-mail address.
- Academic and professional data: professional career, training, degrees, student record, professional experience, membership in professional associations, employment status, etc.

However, if the applicant is selected, the Controller may request additional information in order to proceed with the signing of the agreement that will detail the contractual relationship between FCAECC and the beneficiary.

In case you are not selected as a beneficiary, the personal data recorded in the application form will be retained for a period of 1 year and may be used by FCAECC

in order to keep you informed about activities and news of FCAECC and the Association that may be of interest to the applicant.

However, as we informed in the section "Application requirements", the scientific report, including the identification data of the professionals included in it, will be kept for a period of 5 years, in order to ensure and verify that the project has not been submitted previously and, if necessary, has significant changes that allow to resubmit the application to the new call.

The personal data of the beneficiaries will be kept for the time necessary to carry out the purposes for which they were collected. Subsequently, if necessary, FCAECC will keep the information blocked for the legally established periods, proceeding to the effective deletion after that period.

6.1 Obligation to provide the data

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

6.2 Legitimacy of the treatment

The processing of the applicant's data by the Data Controller is based on the execution of the precontractual relationship.

In the event that the applicant is selected as a beneficiary, the data provided will be processed based on the execution of the contract to be concluded between the parties.

The informative actions related to the publication of the call and its results through the websites, social networks owned by the FCAECC and the Association, with the purpose of due transparency to be offered by the FCAECC, the processing is based on the execution of the pre-contractual and, where applicable, contractual relationship between the applicant and the FCAECC,

The processing of your data for the sending of information on activities, events and calls managed or in which FCAECC collaborates, will be based on the legitimate interest recognized by the regulations in force.

The processing of data for anonymized analysis for statistical purposes will be based on the legitimate interest of FCAECC.

Likewise, the processing of data for carrying out surveys of quality and satisfaction for improvement of FCAECC management. will be based on the legitimate interest of FCAECC.

6.3 Communication of data

The applicant's data may be communicated to the Public Administrations as required by law.

Likewise, personal data may be processed by third parties necessary for such purposes, without the Foundation losing its condition of Data Controller, to the following entities:

- To the State Research Agency (AEI), for the purpose of assessing the applicant's request.
- To suppliers necessary for the proper fulfilment of legal obligations and / or the purposes indicated above.
- To the Association with registered office at Calle Teniente Coronel Noreña 30, 28045, Madrid, NIF: G- 28197564; to carry out the publications related to the call and the results through the websites and social networks of which it is the owner, as well as to participate in audits which FCAECC deems necessary.

The recipients indicated in this section may be located inside or outside the European Economic Area (hereunder "EEA"), and in the latter case, international data transfers are duly legitimized. and the parties ensure that the appropriate mechanisms recognized by the applicable data protection regulations are implemented. In this case, international data transfers that may be processed outside the EEA, the FCAECC shall proceed with the prior regularization of such transfers through one of the mechanisms regulated in the Regulation 679/2016, on data protection. For more information regarding the identification of third parties as well as the arrangements reached to regularize the international transfer of data you can contact through the mail dpo_fc@contraelcancer.es.

6.4 Data Security

FCAECC has implemented the necessary technical and organizational measures to ensure the security of your Personal Data and prevent its alteration, loss, unauthorized processing, or access, given the state of technology, the nature of the data stored and the risks to which they are exposed.

6.5 Applicant's Responsibility

Applicants guarantee that the data provided, if any, are true, accurate, complete, and up to date, being liable for any damage or loss, direct or indirect, that may be caused as a result of the breach of such obligation.

If the data provided, if any, belong to a third party, the Participant/Interested Party responsible for completing the application guarantees that he/she has informed said third party of the aspects contained in these rules and obtained his/her authorization to provide his/her data to the Responsible Party for the aforementioned purposes.

If the personal data of those who participate in the call were uncertain, false, or incomplete or not updated, FCAECC reserves the right to reject the application, being free from any liability in this regard.

6.6 Applicants' rights.

At any time, applicants may exercise their rights of access, rectification, deletion, limitation of processing, opposition, revocation, portability of their data, right to withdraw the consent given, as set forth in the General Data Protection Regulation, by sending a letter to FCAECC indicating as reference the name of the Call to the following email address: dpo_fc@contraelcancer.es. Likewise, if they consider that their rights are not being adequately addressed, participants may exercise their right to request the protection of the Spanish Data Protection Agency.

7. 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 FCAECC 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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