



"la Caixa" Foundation

**CaixaImpulse Health Innovation
Call 2026**

Welcome pack

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We boost health research and innovation to *promote social progress*

Congratulations and welcome!



We know it has not been an easy journey, but finally your project has been selected in our **CaixaImpulse Health Innovation** Call for proposals.

Congratulations, you are now a valued member of our community.



"la Caixa" Foundation community is a network of talent and excellence comprising more than 1000 researchers, physicians and innovators working in different health and biomedicine disciplines in more than 100 research centers, hospitals and universities.



"la Caixa" Foundation Investigators, project leaders (PLs) and partners, excel in their fields.

They achieve outstanding results and novel solutions in research and innovation to promote better health and social progress.

**You are and always
will be a great
inspiration for your
colleagues
and for society**

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CaixaImpulse Programme Officers



This is where you will find the **Programme Officers**, key members of the **CaixaImpulse Health Innovation Programme**.

You can contact them at any time.

Programme Officers will help you with any doubts, let you share your thoughts and concerns and give you information about the results of your project.

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Communication and visibility of the CaixaImpulse award

COMMUNICATION OF THE AWARD

Once your project is selected, you and your project will become "la Caixa" Foundation awardees.

You will join the network of **"la Caixa" Foundation Investigators**, researchers and physicians of recognised national and international prestige, leaders in their fields.

We will prepare a press release with information about the awarded projects and "la Caixa" Foundation Investigators and will inform you and your institution of the date on which the press and media will be informed. **Please do not make any communication about your award before that date.**

In order to prepare the communication of CaixaImpulse awardees to the general public and media, we need you to **send the following to your programme officer**:



Portrait photographs of PLs and partners, and document of image rights authorization signed.
More indications in **Annex 1**



Contact details of PLs, partners (if applies) and your institution's Communication Officer.



Revision of a **lay summary** about your project.

VISIBILITY OF CAIXAIMPULSE - "LA CAIXA" FOUNDATION

As your project has been awarded a grant by "la Caixa" Foundation, you will have to include the **"la Caixa" Foundation name and logo and a reference to the CaixaImpulse Health Innovation Programme** (where possible) in **all materials and communication activities** arising from your CaixaImpulse award (i.e. brochures, PDFs, videos and other graphic material, oral and written communications, webpage of your project/institution, press releases, publications, equipment, etc.).

Please see **Brand Book and communication materials** here:
<https://caixaresearch.org/en/caixaimpulse-health-innovation-call-materials-dissemination>

Any **scientific papers and articles published** as a result of the CaixaImpulse award must contain the following text, together with *your project code* (LCF/PR/C1xx/xxxxxxxxx):

"The project that gave rise to these results has received funding from "la Caixa" Foundation under the grant agreement < your project code>".*

** and FCT, I.P. (in case of FCT co-funded projects)*

This **text must be applied to any infrastructure, equipment or scientific or intellectual property generated** by the research and innovation funded by the CaixaImpulse Programme.

Please let us know in advance about such papers, activities and materials, for information purposes and adequate institutional representation, where necessary. In the case of name and logo applications, please send the communication materials to your Programme Officer and to marca@fundaciolacaixa.org for prior approval.

Please send this information to your Institution's Communication Officer.

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Obligations and good practices principles



THE HOST ORGANIZATION (HO) MUST:



Provide all the documentation from the Host Organization, complete and sign the Grant Agreement (legal representative of the HO and PL).

Provide a **current account at any CaixaBank or BPI** branch office where the payments will be deposited.



Manage and administer the budget of the project, being responsible for the distribution to the other Organizations, where applicable.

As a "la Caixa" Foundation Investigator, please **take the following issues into account**:



We encourage you to participate in the post-award activities described in **section 5**. Among others, these activities may include **events and surveys** promoted by the CaixaImpulse Programme Office.



Complete the required information in the online system, including follow-up information.



As a "la Caixa" Foundation Investigator, you must take into account the **"la Caixa" Foundation Research Integrity policy**.

Please, visit our policies page at: [Responsibility principles "la Caixa" Foundation](#)

We also recommend: <https://rri-tools.eu/>

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Grant agreement and follow-up process

The Grant Agreement process will be **performed through the online system:**

Initially, the Organization Manager (OM) of the Host Organization (HO) must **accept the grant in the online system** <https://grants.lacaixafoundation.org/> **and must provide the required documentation** from their organization.



A template of the agreement can be accessed and completed using change tracking. Once revised by both parts, it can be **signed and uploaded into the system.**



The **Project Agreement must be signed by the HO, legal representative and PL.** If possible, it should be signed digitally.



The **initial payment of the budget** can be completed after the **Project Agreement** is signed. The remaining payments will be made when specific milestones are reached.



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Project agreement and follow-up process

The project follow-up process includes **several important steps**:

1 Post-award management:

there are several important reports in the online system to be completed throughout the project.

Change request form:

please complete in the platform to describe any important change in the project. The CaixaImpulse Programme Officer will validate its acceptance.

Status reports and meetings:

a short report to describe the scientific and economic status of the project must be completed 7 days before the meeting with the CaixaImpulse Programme Officer. The next payment can then be requested linked to the achievement of the corresponding KPI.

Final report and meeting (at the end of the project):

once the project is completed, a final report containing a scientific and economic summary of the project must be completed 7 days before the meeting with the CaixaImpulse Programme Officer. The final payment of the project can then be requested.

Outputs and results data:

this information can be completed at any time of the project; however, it must be updated yearly by the 31st of December.

- Scientific and translational outputs.
- Methods and data outputs.

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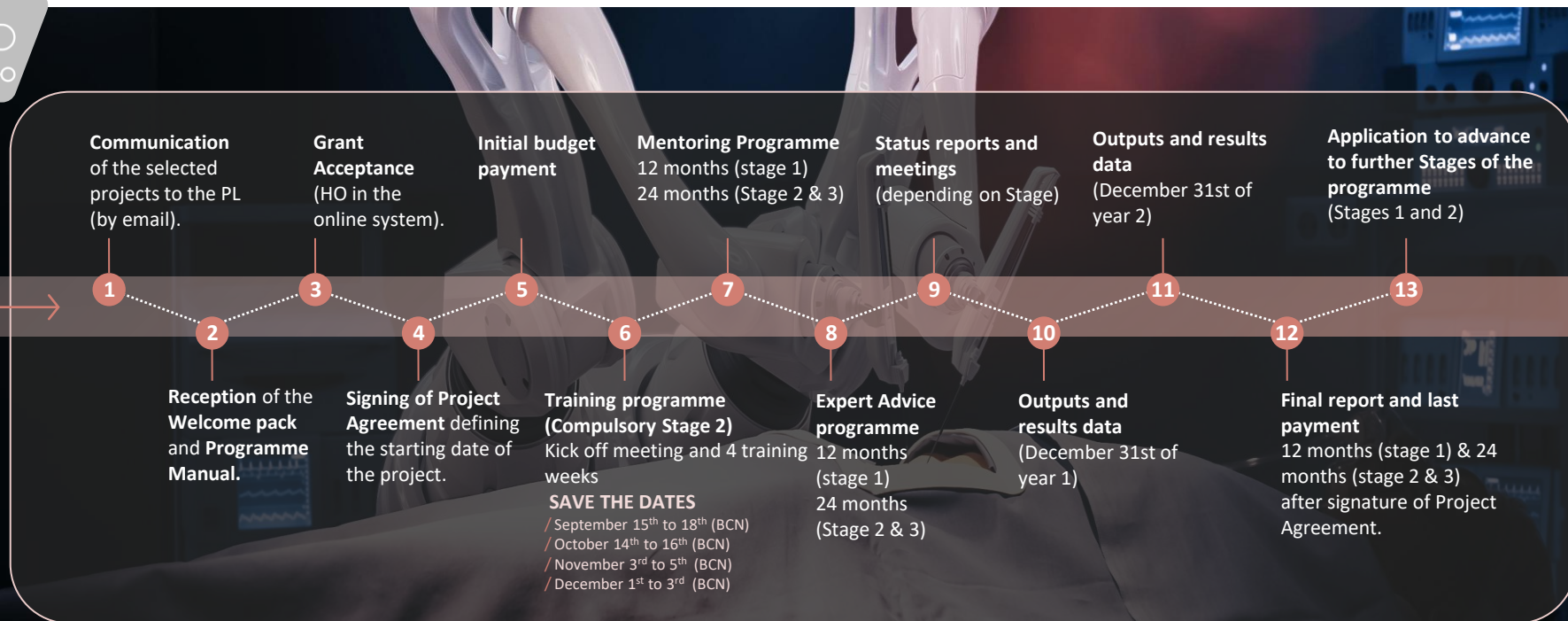
Finally, throughout the project and beyond, surveys, networking events and workshops will be organized by the CaixaImpulse Programme Office.

We encourage you and your team to participate and enrich the "la Caixa" Foundation ecosystem.



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Timeline of the CaixaImpulse award management



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In addition to the financial support, the "la Caixa" Foundation provides CaixaImpulse awardees with a variety of **resources during the execution of the grant**.

You will receive a detailed Programme Manual. Please, review it carefully.



Training Programme (Compulsory for Stage 2)

The training programme is a useful set of training sessions, workshops, and other activities planned specifically to develop business skills and methodology and provide the tools necessary to attract financing.

A maximum of 3 attendees per project are allowed.

Please provide their name, mail and position.

The participants must be also registered in the [link](#). (ONLY STAGE 2)

Please, save the following dates:

Entrepreneurship: **15th to 18th (Barcelona)**

Fundamentals for a successful project: **October 14th to 16th (Barcelona)**

Understanding the market: **November 3rd to 5th (Barcelona)**

Navigating the market: **December 1st to 3rd (Barcelona)**



Mentoring Programme

A mentor will be assigned to each project in order to assist them during the execution of the grant. The mentor is responsible for:

- / Guide the "La Caixa" Foundation Investigators during the programme.
- / Support the teams with the definition of their development/business plans.
- / Provide a valuable network for the projects.
- / Monitor the progress and quality of the projects.



Experts advice

CaixaImpulse awarded projects have at their disposal a set of experts which will assist the grantees with specific queries that will emerge while developing and executing the grants.



Events and activities

During execution of the grant, "La Caixa" Foundation Investigators and project team members will be invited to participate in different networking activities. The main objectives of these activities are to **encourage networking and the feeling of relevance among awardees** and to collect and disseminate the most notable project results.

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Communication of results, channels and social media



The results of your research and innovation project are **important in your field** and are also relevant **for society as a whole**.

Please let us know in advance when your results are nearing publication (notify your Programme Officer).

We are **fully committed to maximizing the visibility and impact of your findings**. Our team will make every effort to effectively disseminate your results **through various media channels and social networks**, ensuring they reach a **wide audience**.



Keep up-to-date with the **latest news** from the **"la Caixa" Foundation** community by following us on social media.

The "la Caixa" Foundation community is active on these platforms:

/ **Bluesky** <https://bsky.app/profile/caixaresearch.bsky.social>.

Handle: @caixaresearch.bsky.social

/ **X** [CaixaResearch \(@CaixaResearch\)](#) / X Handle: @CaixaResearch

/ Hashtags: #InvestigaciónFundlaCaixa #FundlaCaixaResearch #CaixaImpulse #InvestigadoresFundlaCaixa #FundlaCaixaResearchers followed by #FundaciónlaCaixa or #FundaciólaCaixa or #laCaixaFoundation

/ **News blog**: <https://blog.caixaresearch.org/>

/ **Newsletter**: As a member of the "la Caixa" Foundation Researchers Community you will be receiving our monthly newsletter. Are your project members or colleagues also interested? They can receive it by **signing in here**.

/ In addition, you will receive the "la Caixa Foundation" Researchers Newsletter.

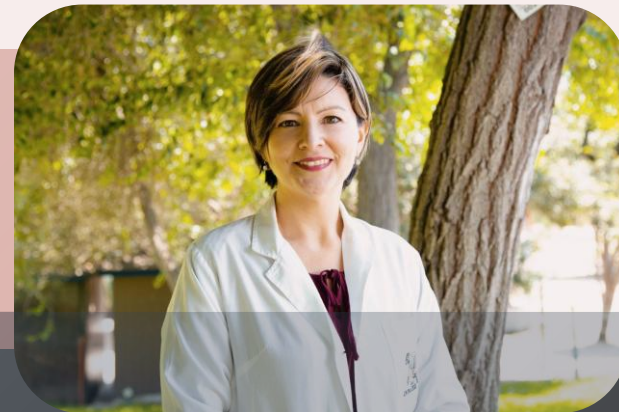
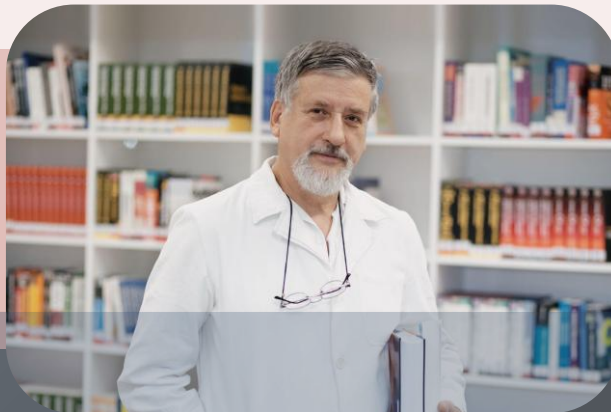
/ **Private LinkedIn group**: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/9801171/>
We invite you to join the group and share it with your team, so you can all share your progress with the community.

We are waiting to hear your news and project results to become one of the main characters of our blog, newsletters and twitter.



ANNEX 1.

Guidelines for Portrait Photos



Technical specifications

We recommend you send us an image that has a **minimum width of 1900 px**, to ensure photos have the highest possible quality.

Photos should be taken **horizontally**.

Use a tripod or have someone take the photo for you. Please **do not take selfies**.

Please send us the **original file, without filters and in colour**.

Background

We recommend a **plain background, without too many distractions**.

If you want, you can take the photo **in your workplace**, or you can include an item that is related to your work or that characterises you.

Photography shot

Please take a **medium shot** (from your head to your waist). **Leave space on the sides and above your head**. Do not zoom in, as this could enlarge or distort the image.

If you are sitting down, take your waist as a reference point. **Please do not take a close-up**.

Lightning

Make sure to take the photo in **natural light**, where possible, without the light hitting you from the front or back, to avoid the backlight effect.

If you cannot take the photo in natural light, use artificial light to illuminate the scene. We recommend using two lamps and placing one on each side.



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