

We walk this path with open minds and linked hands

ICREA is an institution created by the Catalan government in 2001 to meet the specific needs of our research system.

ICREA's mission is to attract outstanding researchers from all over the world to increase the impact and global visibility of Catalan universities and research centres.

Science is a universal human enterprise, and each research system must find its own path to success.

ICREA has succeeded in bringing together one of the most influential research communities in the world.

Freedom to explore

ICREA brings together a global community of more than 300 researchers and empowers them to strive for excellence, free from political pressures or external influences.

Throughout their careers, these researchers are regularly evaluated by an external, independent promotion committee.

303

ICREA Research Professors

144

in universities

128

in CERCA centres

16

in CSIC centres

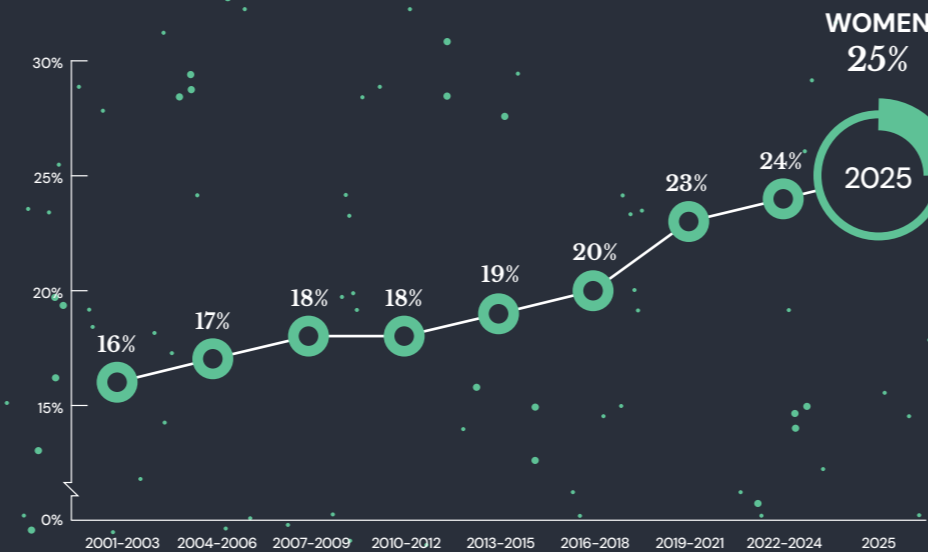
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in other institutions

Equality fosters progress

ICREA is an institution committed to diversity and inclusion, increasing opportunities for women in science and welcoming researchers from all backgrounds to foster a diverse, equitable and inclusive research system.

Women at ICREA

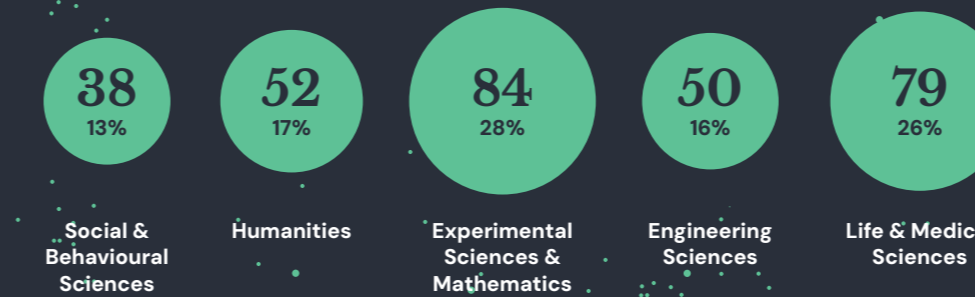


Diversity and scope

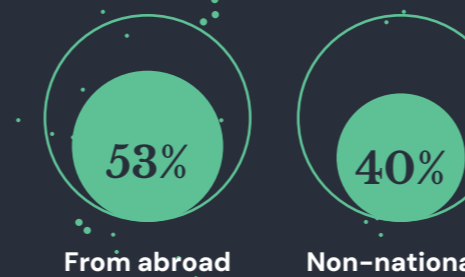
Every year, ICREA offers tenured positions to talented researchers from all over the world to come and work in Catalonia.

In fields ranging from philosophy to astrophysics, these positions have become benchmarks of global academic excellence.

ICREAs in every field



Internationalisation



Citations and impact

One third of publications by ICREA researchers rank in the top 10% of the most cited.



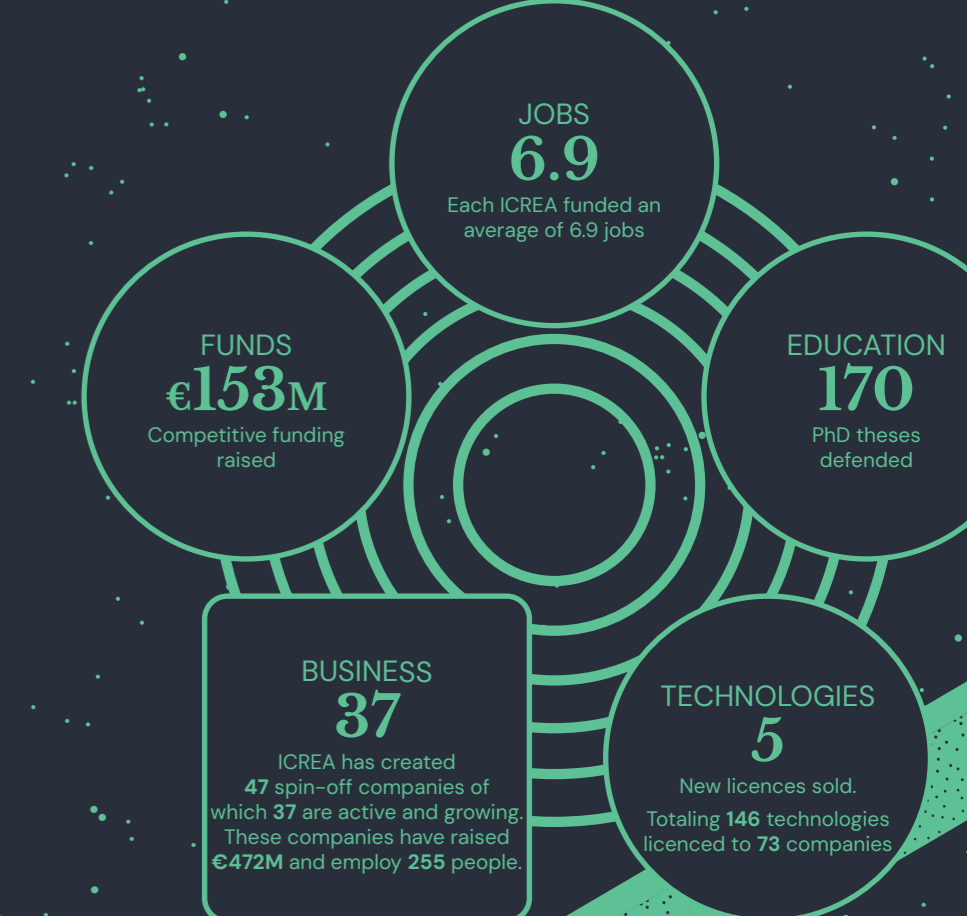
ICREA researchers are able to pursue their work at the host institutions that best match their research interests. Full respect for freedom of research allows ICREA scientists to push back the frontiers of knowledge and find new paths to progress.

ICREAs ranked among the top 1% most cited researchers worldwide by Clarivate



Research that matters

There is no dividing line between pure and applied science; there is only science, which changes the way we understand ourselves and the universe – and transforms the way we live.



Honours and awards

These are some of the ICREA Research Professors who received awards in 2025



Antonio Acín
Premio Rei Jaume I – 36a Edició
– Investigació Bàsica



Ricard Alert Zenón
Premio Investigador Joven en
Física Teórica de la Real Sociedad
Española de Física –
Fundación BBVA



Verónica Benet
Wegner Theoretical
Innovation Prize



Damián Blasi
Schmidt Sciences
Polymath Award



Jan Eeckhout
Premio Rei Jaume I – 37a Edició
– Economia



María Escudero Escribano
Premio Fundación Real Academia
de Ciencias al Joven Talento
Femenino en la categoría de
Física, Química y Ciencias Afines



Jose Garrido Ariza
Premi Ciutat de Barcelona.
Ciències Experimentals i
Tecnologia: 2024



Carl Hofer
Lakatos Award Expert
Workshop 2025



Manúel Irimia
EMBO Member



Kostas Kostarelos
Premi Ciutat de Barcelona.
Ciències Experimentals i
Tecnologia: 2024



Maciej Lewenstein
The BEC Lifetime Achievement
Award



Núria López-Bigas
Premio Rei Jaume I – 37a Edició
– Investigación Biomédica.
Premio Constantes y Vitales
a la Trayectoria Científica en
Investigación Biomédica



Rachel Lowe
Premi Ciutat de Barcelona.
Ciències Ambientals i de la Terra:
2024



Genoveva Martí
‘Distinción a una Trayectoria’
by the Society for Women in
(Analytic) Philosophy (Spain),
SWIP(A)



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Victoria Reyes García
Premio Rei Jaume I – 37a Edició
– Protección al Medio Ambiente



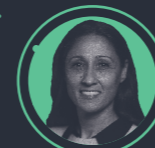
Alejo Rodríguez Fraticelli
EMBO Young Investigator



Carme Rovira
Membre electe de la Reial
Acadèmia de Ciències i Arts de
Barcelona – Secció de Química



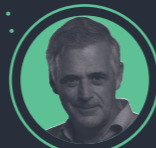
Xavier Ros Oton
Premi Nacional de Recerca al
Talent Jove 2024 ex aequo



Laura Soucek
Premi Ciutat de Barcelona.
Ciències de la Vida: 2024



Marcel Swart
2025 Dalton Horizon Prize by the
Royal Society of Chemistry



Luis Serrano Pubul
Premio Nacional de Innovación –
Trayectoria Innovadora.
Premio Rei Jaume I – 36a Edició
– Nuevas Tecnologías



Leticia Tarruell
The Junior BEC Award



Xavier Trepal
Premio Rei Jaume I – 36a Edició
– Investigación Biomédica

ERC grants awarded

Consolidator grants



Vladimir Asriyan
CREI



Rebekah Clements
UAB



Gergely Neu
UPF

Advanced grants



Marco Armiero
UAB



Jan Eeckhout
UPF



Leo Wanner
BSC-CNS

Synergy grants



Esteve Corbera
UAB



Frédéric Courbin
UB



José Ramón Galán Mascarós
ICIQ



Miguel Ángel González Ballester
UPF



Licia Verde
UB

One in four ICREA Research Professors has an active ERC grant

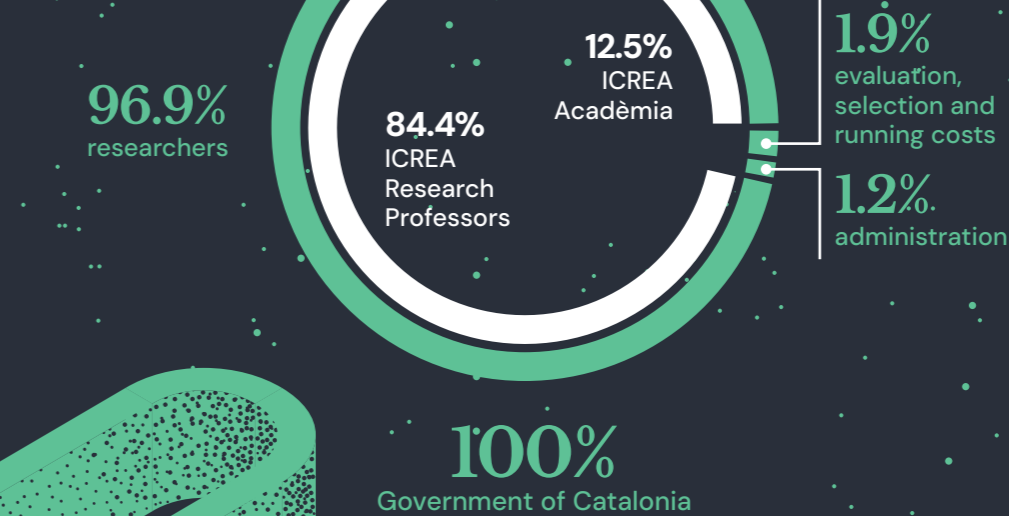


Transparency



Our funding comes entirely from the Catalan government.

We are proud of our transparent track record of using these funds in a careful and considered way to ensure that resources are channelled into what matters most: outstanding science.



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The path we walk together

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