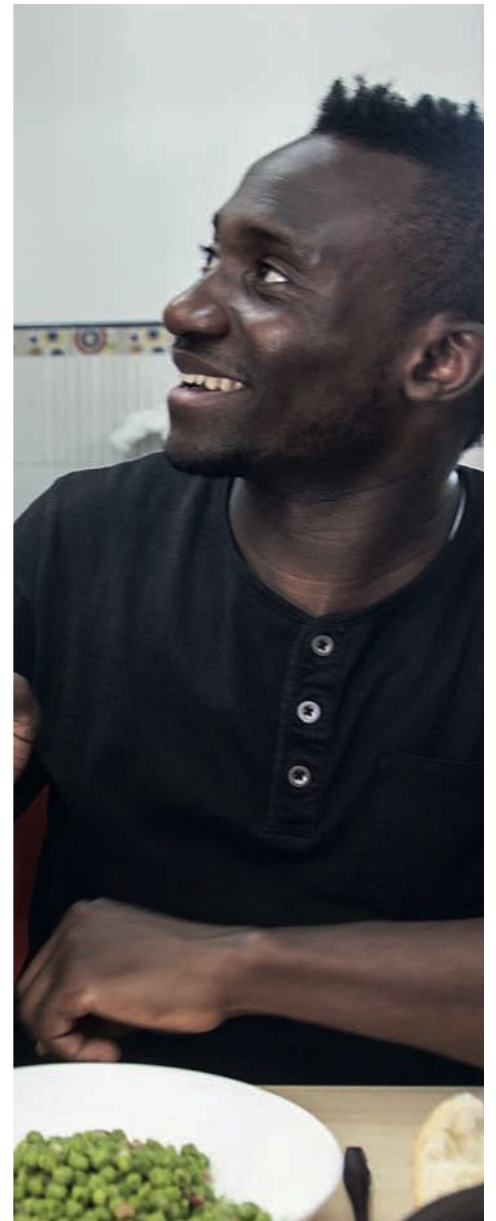


365 DAYS

PERSON BY PERSON



"la Caixa" Foundation

1st philanthropic research entity in Spain and Portugal

“la Caixa” Foundation promotes training excellence, research and knowledge, in addition to the transfer of scientific advances to society in its commitment to people’s welfare, social progress and ability to imagine a better future.



INNOVATION



From the laboratory to designing products in the interest of health

The CaixaImpulse programme has promoted 102 initiatives since its launch, 32 of which have become spin-offs, providing solutions that benefit people's health.



The CaixaImpulse programme transforms the scientific knowledge arising in the laboratory into products of value for society.

CaixaImpulse launched a second category of calls in 2019 under the name Consolidate. These new grants are aimed at biomedical innovation projects in advanced stages of development, while its Validate grants, which were launched in 2015, are awarded to incipient projects that still need to define a valuation plan.

Although both categories are aimed at biomedical institutions, the latter (Consolidate) also accepts projects incorporated in spin-offs, provided that they are led by hospitals, universities or non-profit research centres. Grants are up to 300,000 euros.

“la Caixa” Foundation offers a personalised support programme for those receiving grants from both CaixaImpulse Validate and Consolidate. The aim is for the projects to acquire enough value to attract private investment to make the leap into the market.

In this way, the CaixaImpulse programme transforms scientific knowledge born in the laboratory into products capable of generating value for society. This is done by creating new companies or through technology transfer agreements, such as licences.

The CaixaImpulse programme is supported by Caixa Capital Risc and the European Institute of Technology (EIT Health). —

The programme this year launched a new call for CaixaImpulse Consolidate grants

CaixaImpulse also offers specific training to researchers.



Personally speaking



REGAINING NEAR VISION

CaixaImpulse Validate 2019

Revolutionising the treatment of presbyopia and cataracts by restoring the eye's accommodation power. **Susana Marcos**, Institute of Optics. Higher Council for Scientific Research (IO-CSIC). Madrid, Spain.

BREAKING THROUGH THE BRAIN'S BARRIERS

CaixaImpulse Validate 2019

Improving the delivery of drugs to the brain. **Meritxell Teixidó**, Institute for Research in Biomedicine (IRB Barcelona). Barcelona, Spain.



MORE RECOMBINANT PROTEINS

CaixaImpulse Validate 2019

How we can use new molecular tools that will benefit the biotechnology industry. **Alexandra Moreira**, Institute of Molecular and Cellular Biology (IBMC). Porto, Portugal.

The training needed to introduce an asset into the market

A molecule can become a medicine, a new prototype can be transformed into a medical device, a software solution can be applied in precision medicine... But how? In addition to financing, CaixaImpulse provides specific training to researchers so that they are able to introduce their assets from the laboratory into the market. It also provides participants with a series of entrepreneurial mentors to guide them through the process with the aim of ensuring qualitative improvements in projects. Participants also have access to a network of experts in different areas of innovation advising them on business opportunities.

➔ CAIXAIMPULSE (2019)

BUDGET
2.8 M€
IN AID GRANTED

137
SUBMITTED
PROJECTS

24
PROJECTS