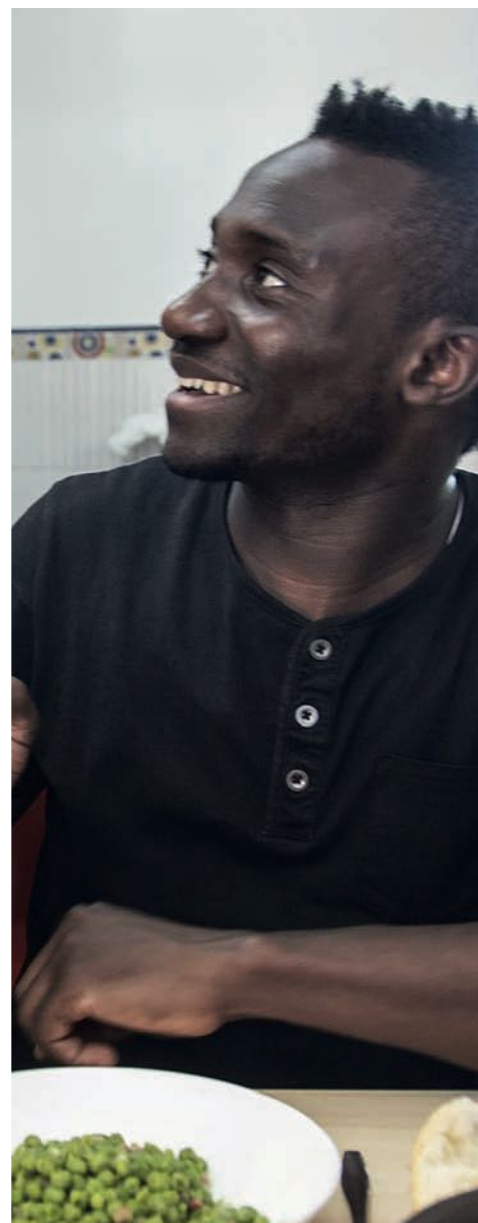


365 DAYS

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.



RESEARCH



Leading the way in health and biomedical research

”la Caixa” Foundation supports scientific progress and excellence in research as key elements in finding solutions for the main challenges in health.

This year, 23 initiatives of scientific excellence with great potential value and social impact were selected from the Call for Health Research Grants. The aim of this open, competitive call is to promote projects of excellence in the fight against diseases with the biggest world impact. The call therefore offers grants in 5 thematic areas: cardiovascular and associated metabolic diseases, neurosciences, infectious diseases, oncology and enabling technologies linked to some of the aforementioned areas. This last area is in fact new and was incorporated into the call this year. ”la Caixa” Foundation allocated more than 15 million euros to this call.

Finally, it should be noted that ”la Caixa” Foundation this year consolidated its collaboration with Portugal’s Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia, as well as Luzón Foundation. Both institutions this year contributed more than one million euros to help finance 3 of the 23 projects selected. —



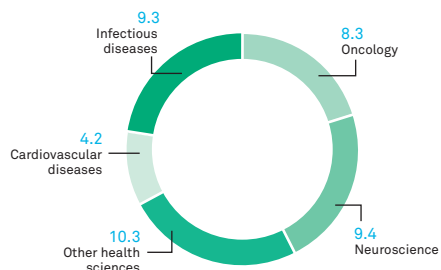
25 initiatives of scientific excellence were selected in the Call for Health Research Grants in 2019.

”la Caixa” Foundation consolidates its collaboration with Portugal’s Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia

→ RESEARCH AND INNOVATION (2019)

TOTAL INVESTMENT
41.5M€

DISTRIBUTION OF INVESTMENT (IN M€)



Strategic alliances

Alongside the various programmes developed to promote research, "la Caixa" Foundation maintains strategic alliances with benchmark research centres that are leaders in their fields. These include the **Barcelona Beta Brain Research Centre**, which specialises in research on Alzheimer's disease; **IrsiCaixa**, a benchmark centre for research on HIV and other infectious diseases; **Is-Global**, which specialises in research linked to public health and infectious diseases such as malaria, and the **Vall d'Hebron Instituto de Oncología (VHIO)**, one of the leading centres in research and development of innovative treatments for cancer.

Personally speaking



NEGLECTED DISEASES Health Research Grant 2019

Studying the mechanisms underlying vascular malformations in order to identify new therapies. **Mariona Graupera**, Bellvitge Institute for Biomedical Research (IDIBELL), Barcelona, Spain.

UNIVERSAL IMMUNOTHERAPY Health Research Grant 2019

Producing a universal immunotherapy to fight cancer. **Bruno Silva-Santos**, Institute of Molecular Medicine (IMM), Lisbon, Portugal.



PANCREATIC CANCER Health Research Grant 2019

Curing and preventing the recurrence of pancreatic cancer. **María J. Vicent**, Príncipe Felipe Research Centre (CIPF), Valencia, Spain.

Support to benchmark institutions

Strategic alliance with Hospital Clínic in Barcelona: As a result of a framework agreement signed in 2019, "la Caixa" Foundation will allocate a grant of 6 million euros to set up the "la Caixa" Cancer Immunotherapy Research Unit at Hospital Clínic, among other actions until 2022.

Immunotherapy against cancer: Thanks to the support of "la Caixa" Foundation, Hospital de Sant Pau in Barcelona this year presented a unique clinical trial of immunotherapy for lymphatic cancer.

Pioneering project in endoscopy: Thanks to a contribution from "la Caixa"

Foundation of more than 4 million euros until 2022, the Vall d'Hebron Hospital has acquired the world's first radiological robot to be used in an endoscopy service. The grant will also help the Vall d'Hebron Barcelona Digestive Endoscopy Service (Wider) to be expanded. This will mean attending 1,200 more patients a year.

Migrain Adaptive Brain Centre: This year, the Vall d'Hebron Hospital inaugurated the Migraine Adaptive Brain Centre, a pioneer in the research and treatment of migraine. The centre is led by Dr Patricia Pozo-Rosich, who in 2003 obtained a grant from "la Caixa" Foundation to conduct research on this pathology in the US.



Exoskeleton for the DACER Foundation in Madrid: In 2019, "la Caixa" Foundation signed a collaboration agreement with the DACER Foundation in Madrid, helping it to acquire an exoskeleton for the rehabilitation of patients with acquired brain damage.

Isidro Fainé, Chairman of the "la Caixa" Banking Foundation, and Dr Josep Maria Campistol, Director of Hospital Clínic, at the signing of the framework agreement.

SUPPORT FOR RESEARCH CENTRES (2019)

265
RESEARCHERS
HIRED

EVOLUTION OF INVESTMENT (IN M€)

