"la Caixa" Foundation will triple its investment in research

Up to 90 million euros per year by 2019

With the aim of changing lives and building futures, “la Caixa” Foundation has spent over 100 years striving to meet the challenges posed by society at any given time. Its work has focused on three broad strategic areas: social, scientific research, and culture and education. The Banking Foundation will invest 2,060 million euros in these areas over the next four years.

“la Caixa” Banking Foundation’s Strategic Plan for 2016-2019 further consolidates this commitment to people and to improving their quality of life, with research as one of its top priorities. To this end the Banking Foundation will triple the resources it allocates to research, going from the current investment of 30 million euros to 90 million by 2019.

The lines of investment in this area and the evaluation of the results will be carried out by a committee of 14 research experts of international renown such as the oncologist Dr. Josep Baselga and other outstanding figures such as the cardiologist Dr. Valentín Fuster and the ethicist Dr. Victoria Camps.

A top Foundation in the world as well in Research and Innovation

“la Caixa” Banking Foundation is among the global top foundations by assets and by yearly expenditure (500 M€). With a yearly budget of 90 million euros, from 2019 its research and innovation programme will also become one of the biggest R&I philanthropic programmes in Europe and the world.

The Research and Knowledge Area concentrates its efforts on giving support to excellent research centres, mainly in biomedical and health sciences, on promoting outstanding scientific careers and fostering innovation and technology transfer.

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We support the following research lines and institutions, among others:

- Infectious diseases: Institute for AIDS Research (IrsiCaixa) and Barcelona Institute for Global Health (ISGlobal).
- Oncology: Vall d’Hebron Institute of Oncology (VHIO) and Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center.
- Neuroscience: Pasqual Maragall Foundation.
- Cardiovascular: National Cardiovascular Research Centre Carlos III (CNIC) and the Dr. Josep Trueta Girona Biomedical Research Institute.
- Experimental science and mathematics: Institute of Chemical Research of Catalonia (ICIQ) and the Mathematics Research Centre (CRM).
- Social sciences and humanities: Barcelona University, Autonomous University of Barcelona, Pompeu Fabra University, Autonomous University of Madrid and the University of Navarra.

The Foundation also runs several different programmes that support careers in research such as the Doctoral Fellowship programme InPhinit (www.inphinitacaixa.com) devoted to attracting international Early-Stage Researchers to the top Spanish research centres in the areas of Bio and Health Sciences, Physics, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. It also fosters innovation through the CaixaImpulse open call (www.caixaimpulse.com) which helps to transfer projects in life and health sciences by offering 20 grants a year, as well as a whole programme of training and mentoring for technology transfer.

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