

FRANCESC SANTACANA GRANT

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The Barcelona Metropolitan Strategic Plan (PEMB) Association announces the first edition of the “Francesc Santacana Grant”, in memory of its first General Coordinator, with the aim of supporting research and dissemination of issues related to urban and metropolitan strategies in the 21st century, especially in the metropolitan sphere of Barcelona.

1. Purpose of the award:

The grant shall be based on the autonomous work of a research project linked to reflection, design and promotion of any aspect of urban/metropolitan strategies (social, economic, town planning, mobility, environmental...), with particular interest for the case of Barcelona or the municipalities which make up the metropolis, from a supramunicipal view. This project shall be undertaken between 1 September 2018 and 30 September 2019 and shall culminate with a document which shall be presented publicly. The research proposals must be individual, original and unpublished.

2. Amount:

The grant is worth €7,000 gross. The Jury may declare the award to be null and void, or may distribute the grant between two candidatures, if it considers this to be appropriate. The sum of the grant shall be paid in three parts, the first of which shall be paid immediately after the award is announced. On being income which is not exempt from personal income tax, the corresponding withholding shall be made.

3. Prospective candidates:

Candidates applying for the grant must be currently enrolled in postgraduate (master's degree or Ph.D.) studies on an official university programme. The members of the Jury, members of the governing bodies and the people who work in the technical office of the PEMB may not participate as well as their first and second-degree relatives.

4. Procedure:

Candidates must fill in the [application form](#) and send the following documentation to the e-mail address becasantacana@pemb.cat:

- CV of the applicant.
- Photocopy of university enrolment form.
- Letter of recommendation from a university lecturer.

The deadline for receipt of proposals shall be Thursday 31 May 2018, at 23.59.

5. Jury:

The jury shall be designated by the Executive Committee of the PEMB and shall consist of five people:

- Two people with a present or past link to the PEMB
- Two people with an academic link to one of the Barcelona region universities
- The General Coordinator of the PEMB, who shall act as secretary

6. Assessment:

The jury shall take the following aspects into account:

- Alignment with the subject of the call for proposals.
- Connection to the challenges and needs of Barcelona (understood as a metropolis).
- Consistency, methodological rigour and viability of the research.
- Innovation, new perspectives of knowledge and originality of the approach.
- Results, conclusions, contribution made to the field of research.

The Jury may possibly ask to meet the people who have presented candidatures in person in order to assess the proposals in greater depth.

7. Decision of the award:

The Jury shall make its decision on the award during the first fortnight of July 2018. The award shall be posted within this period on the PEMB website.

The decision shall be notified personally to the award winner/s.

The Jury's decisions shall be final.

8. Monitoring committee:

With the aim of collaborating with the award winner, especially as regards the quality and scientific consistency of the work, the Jury shall create a monitoring committee, formed by two of the members of the Jury, one of them being the General Coordinator of the PEMB.

This committee shall meet the candidate at least twice during the research implementation period. This committee's decisions shall be binding in relation to authorization of payment of the remaining amounts.

9. Presentation of the work:

The work may be presented in Catalan, Spanish or English. In any case, it must include an abstract with a maximum of 300 words and a list of keywords in all three languages.

The approximate length of the text shall be between 40,000 and 50,000 characters (no spaces). The work may include original tables, charts and images, in addition to duly referenced citations and bibliography.

In any case, the work must include a section of conclusions and/or proposals which provides guidance for the Barcelona metropolitan strategic plan.

The beneficiary shall make a public presentation of the results of the work, on a date and in a place to be agreed upon with the organization.

10. Intellectual property and image rights:

The beneficiary of the grant assigns the reproduction rights of the work to the PEMB free of charge, regardless of the medium, for a period of 10 years. The awarding of the grant implies that the beneficiary authorizes the PEMB to advertise their name, and to publish their image in photographs and videos (taken at the grant award ceremony, at the public presentation or at other times). The images may be disseminated using any regular means of communication or on the social media.

11. Early termination of the grant:

The PEMB may decide to terminate the grant early, with the consequent loss of the related financial rights, in the following cases, after hearing the opinion of the monitoring committee and of the beneficiary:

- Breach of the commitment to deliver the work, the intermediate documents or the public presentation of the results.
- Detection of plagiarism or other practices contrary to good academic customs.
- Falsifying details on the grant application.

12. Calendar:

April 5th: Approval of Requirements for the Francesc Santacana Scholarship by the PEMB Governing Council

April 26th: Start circulation of Scholarship Requirements

May 7th: Opening for application submissions

May 31th: Deadline for receiving applications

July 16th: Deadline for Jury's decision

September 1th: Beginning of the scholarship holder's research

September 30th, 2019: Deadline to submit the investigation

October 2019: Public presentation of the research

