

ANNOUNCEMENT
19/2024, of 25 November 2024

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE ECONOMIC HISTORY RESEARCH GRANTS PROGRAMME

The Banco de España has for some time been pursuing a range of initiatives aimed at promoting research into economic history, particularly on financial and banking-related matters, and above all research drawing on the archives of the Banco de España itself.

To give continuity to this initiative, at its Executive Commission meeting **of 25 November 2024**, the Banco de España adopted a resolution to announce a new call for applications for the economic history research grants programme. This programme is annual and seeks to subsidise activities commencing in 2025, in line with the following:

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1 AIM OF THE CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The aim of the call for applications is to select economic history research projects, particularly those concerning economic and financial issues of interest to a central bank.

Once projects have been selected, the Banco de España will enter into cooperation agreements with Spanish and foreign universities and research centres with their own legal personality, in line with the template attached to this call for applications.

The agreement will make express reference to the specific research activities to be pursued and to the amounts to be contributed to each activity by the Banco de España and the partner institution. These research activities may include collaborations between researchers from both institutions.

2 CONTENT OF THE COOPERATION AGREEMENTS

The purpose of the cooperation agreement will be the performance of research projects on any of the matters described in Term 1, the results of which are disseminated in the form of articles or books published in journals or by publishers of recognised academic excellence.

The research projects will last one year at most. Any publications detailing the results of a research project, or the activities pursued in this connection, shall expressly acknowledge the financial backing of the Banco de España.

The Banco de España will contribute €15,000 to the agreement, payable as follows: one-half of the approved contribution on commencement of the partnership and the other half once the term of the agreement has elapsed.

The extent to which the agreement executed has been performed will be monitored, and the continuity or otherwise of the grant initially allocated will depend on the result. The follow-up

evaluations will be by a committee appointed by the Banco de España, to which the partner university or research body may appoint a representative.

3 PROPOSED COOPERATION AGREEMENTS

Any cooperation agreements arranged under this programme shall include, at least, the Banco de España and one renowned Spanish or foreign university or research body. Agreements may be executed between the Banco de España and consortia involving several renowned universities or research bodies. Any persons designated by the partner institution to take part in projects and activities under the agreement shall consent to the tasks assigned to them in the proposal submitted.

The contribution of the Banco de España may take the form of monetary contributions and research staff, while the partner institution is expected to assign teaching and research staff to the projects and activities detailed in the agreement.

4 APPLICATIONS AND DEADLINE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

Parties interested in this call for applications must send the following documentation to per.investigacion.becas@bde.es by **14:00** (Central European Time) on **20 January 2025**:

- a) Application form, available on the Banco de España website <https://bde.es/wbe/es/sobre-banco/trabajar-banco/becas-investigacion-ayudas-bde/convocatoria-del-programa-de-ayudas-a-la-investigacion-en-historia-economica.html>
- b) Detailed report on the activities to be pursued under the agreement. It may be submitted in Spanish or English.
- c) CVs of the personnel involved, whether the teaching staff to be engaged or the personnel involved in the research projects. These may be submitted in Spanish or English.

5 SELECTION OF PROPOSALS

The applications received will be assessed by a committee of experts appointed by the Banco de España.

A maximum of two economic history projects will be selected. The projects chosen will be announced before **15 March 2025**.

Projects submitted will be assessed on the basis of the following criteria:

- i) Suitability in terms of the subject matter and aims detailed in the call for applications.
- ii) Scientific and technical expertise assessed on the basis of prior experience in the programme's subject areas of the persons directly involved in the activities proposed. Regard will be had in particular to excellence in research of the persons proposed by the partner institution to perform the projects.

- iii) Scientific and academic standing of the university or research body submitting the application, above all in the specific areas or subject matters of the programme.
- iv) Scientific and professional impact of the expected results of the activities proposed in the agreement.

Once the proposals have been selected, the Banco de España will enter into the relevant agreement with the university, research centre with its own legal personality or consortium of universities/research centres, and not with the departments or centres attached to them. The Banco de España's contribution will be delivered to the university, research body or consortium, which shall ensure that it is used for the purposes envisaged in the agreement.

6 INFORMATION

Any requests for information or queries concerning the matters regulated in these terms and conditions must be addressed to:

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The Banco de España may resolve any issues arising over the course of this call for applications, without further appeal.

THE GENERAL SECRETARY.