



# Fundación Jesús Serra Research Awards

2<sup>nd</sup> edition

The Fundación Jesús Serra announces the 2nd edition of the Fundación Jesús Serra Research Awards, which aim to promote, showcase and disseminate research of excellence in Spain about food, nutrition and health, recognizing the dedication of scientists and the progress made in these fields.

As has been noted for many years, the main external factor that contributes to the normal development of health at all ages is food. This direct link has been consolidated to the point of confirming that lifestyles and eating habits are able to prevent and improve the clinical situation of some illnesses.

## 1. Fundación Jesús Serra

The Fundación Jesús Serra is a private non-profit entity created in the name of Jesús Serra Santamans, a renowned businessman and patron, founder of Grupo Catalana Occidente, which aims to support initiatives in culture, business, teaching, music, sports, charity and research.

*“The Foundation works to help achieve a better society for all, always guided by values such as solidarity, hard work and team work, inspired by the humanitarian awareness that characterized Jesús Serra Santamans, founder of Grupo Catalana Occidente.”*

**Federico Halpern, President, Fundación Jesús Serra.**

### Origins

Fundación Jesús Serra was born in the heart of Grupo Catalana Occidente in 1998, with the aim of channelling the sponsorship and patronage work that the insurance company had been developing over the last century.



## 2. Call for submissions

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The FJS is announcing the 2nd edition of the Fundación Jesús Serra Research Awards in order to recognize the excellence and the level of research of Spanish and international researchers in the fields of nutrition, food and health, awarding the research career of two of them.

**Two categories award researchers' careers:**

1. Basic research
2. Clinical research

### When to submit applications?

Completion and submission of applications must take place between 3 December 2018 and 28 February 2019, inclusive.

Additional information about the process:  
[www.fundacionjesusserra.org](http://www.fundacionjesusserra.org)  
[investigacionfjs@fundacionjesusserra.com](mailto:investigacionfjs@fundacionjesusserra.com)

## 3. Candidate Profile

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Candidates must meet each and every one of the following requirements:

- Be under the age of 45 at the date of application.
- Be a Spanish and/or foreign researcher with a minimum of 3 years of research in Spain.
- Be a researcher\* in the field of health, nutrition and/or food and be seconded, or belong to a research centre or Spanish university of recognised prestige.
- Have been nominated by people linked to universities, hospitals or research centres in Spain.

\* Researcher is taken to mean a person who carries out research and analysis in order to increase the knowledge of a specific subject.

## 4. The awards

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The FJS Research Awards recognise research excellence in the fields of food, nutrition and health in their basic and clinical aspects, meaning there are two awards categories:

1. **Basic research:** that which seeks to generate new knowledge or improve existing knowledge with respect to molecular mechanisms, cellular or genetic, possibly involved in the health-disease process.
2. **Clinical research:** in which people, data or human tissue sample are studied in order to understand health and disease.

The research under consideration may be carried out in any of the following fields of activity:

- Clinical Nutrition
- Metabolism
- Epidemiology
- Genetics and Molecular Biology
- Food Science and Technology

## 4. The awards (Cont.)

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### Evaluation criteria

In order to ensure the winners are chosen under the most objective and impartial terms, the following attributes will be assessed in the selection:

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Education of the researcher	Innovative characteristics	Impact of research	Social benefits	Scope of research
The prizewinner should have an excellent academic background and/or professional experience. Researchers who have received academic recognition, or those who have previously spent time abroad, will be highly valued.	One of the features to look for in candidates and their research career will be any distinctive elements in the subject matter of their research or the technology and methods applied.	The candidate's number of publications and their scope will be taken into account.	The jury will assess the contribution of their research to the creation of a high added-value to society. That is, the field of research should address a relevant societal problem with a direct link between food and health.	One of the research characteristics to assess will be whether it contains key elements, such as potential international reach.

## 5. The jury

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The jury comprised of selecting the winners is comprised of five members with recognised prestige in the field of medicine and biology from major national and international research centres. The jury expands each year with the two winners from the previous edition. There will also be one representative of the Fundació Jesús Serra acting as secretary, without the right to vote. As such, the jury is made up of a total of eight members.

### The jury's decision:

**Simple majority:** The final decision on the candidates to be awarded in each category will be made once a simple majority has been reached. The decision is final and must be sufficiently reasoned.

**Conflict of interest:** Members of the jury cannot endorse candidates. In the event of any conflict of interest, the jury member must abstain from the vote.

**In-person and non-delegable vote:** Jury members' votes must be made in person at the time of the vote, and are non-delegable.

**Un-awarded prizes:** In the event that none of the candidates under consideration meet the requirements or objectives of the awards, the jury reserves the right not to award any prizes.

**Interpretation of the rules of submission:** The jury has the authority to solve, together with the Management of the Fundació Jesús Serra, any other question regarding the interpretation of the rules of submission which may arise.

**The jury's decision will be announced on the website:** [www.investigacionfjs.com](http://www.investigacionfjs.com) in April 2019.

For more information about the professional profiles of the jury members, visit the website: <http://investigacionfjs.com/es/jurado/>

## 6. Submission of applications

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### Each proposal must consist of:

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#### Application form

Completion and presentation of applications must be done in Spanish or English, and must be submitted through the website:  
[www.investigacionfjs.com](http://www.investigacionfjs.com)

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#### Supporting letter

All applications should be supported by a letter of support for the candidate.

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#### Candidate's CV

All applications must be accompanied by the candidate's CV in PDF format. For example: URL

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#### Research project

All applications must be accompanied by a relevant research project, either in progress or finished, by the candidate. For example: URL

Candidates who have not won in previous editions may re-submit their application. If they wish to retrieve information previously submitted in electronic forms for this edition, they may contact the Awards secretary via the email: [investigacionfjs@fundacionjesusserra.com](mailto:investigacionfjs@fundacionjesusserra.com)

Candidates will guarantee, with total indemnity for the Fundación Jesús Serra, the veracity of information provided, as well as the authorship, ownership and exploitation rights vis-a-vis third parties of all graphic materials, trade names and other information included in the documents on which the application is based. The

application must not have been submitted in parallel to any other competition for which the result is yet to be announced.

The Awards organisation undertakes to maintain the confidentiality of all data and not to disclose the identity of the candidates until the jury makes its decision.

## 7. Awards ceremony

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### Awards ceremony

The awards ceremony will take place in Madrid on 22 May 2019. The prizewinner is required to attend this event.

### Prize money

The prize money for the Jesús Serra Research Awards is 30,000 euros for each category. The value of these is subject to current tax legislation and is considered to be 30,000 euros net of any applicable withholdings.

### Specific conditions

Attendance of the awards ceremony may not be delegated.

The winners agree to participate in the activities of the Fundación Jesús Serra, such as debates, talks and/or meetings. The Fundación Jesús Serra may request the winners to make a brief annual report on their personal progress during the two years following the award. In this case, the report will be sent to the Fundación Jesús Serra through the email address: [investigacionfjs@fundacionjesusserra.com](mailto:investigacionfjs@fundacionjesusserra.com) or by regular mail to: Fundación Jesús Serra, Avda. Alcalde Barnils, núm. 63, 08174 Sant Cugat del Vallès.

## 8. Use of information

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### Information included in the form and personal data:

- Fundació Jesús Serra will be able to publicise the winning projects in the way it considers most appropriate for its dissemination.
- As such, participants expressly acknowledge and authorise that their data, as well as any images and/or sound recorded during the awards ceremony may be disseminated via any medium, publicity or media, including the website of the Fundació Jesús Serra and Grupo Catalana Occidente as well as their profiles on social media, in order to inform and publicise the Awards.
- Participants expressly disclaim any type of compensation, either financial or of any other nature, for the recording and use of their image and/or voice in the context of the current Jesús Serra Research Awards.

## 9. Data Protection

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### Information included in the form and personal data:

- The personal data provided in order to participate in the Awards will be stored in a file owned by the organisation, under the responsibility of the Fundació Jesús Serra, whose purpose is to manage the sponsored awards and provide publicity, both of the event itself as well as the corresponding sponsorship. In addition, this data may be transferred, for identical purposes, to the entities that make up Grupo Catalana Occidente (identified on the website [www.grupocatalanaoccidente.com](http://www.grupocatalanaoccidente.com)).
- The exercise of rights to access, rectification, removal, objection to processing, restriction of processing and data portability and cancellation, in accordance with the provisions of the General Rules of Data Protection, must be carried out by sending an email to [lopd@catalanaoccidente.com](mailto:lopd@catalanaoccidente.com) or via post to Fundació Jesús Serra (Avda. Alcalde Barnils, núm. 63, 08174 Sant Cugat del Vallès).

## 10. Acceptance and special conditions

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- The application of a candidate does not exempt the possibility of their participation in future editions.
- Submission of an application implies fully accepting these terms and conditions.
- Fundació Jesús Serra reserves the right to cancel all or part of this competition if, for reasons beyond its control, it becomes necessary, and such cancellation implies no responsibility for the FJS.
- Any queries regarding the Awards must be sent to the email [investigacionfjs@fundacionjesusserra.com](mailto:investigacionfjs@fundacionjesusserra.com)