

We boost health research and innovation to *promote social progress*

Congratulations *and welcome!*

We know it has not been an easy journey, but finally your project has been selected in our CaixaResearch call for proposals.

Congratulations.

CaixaResearch Investigators, a network of talent and excellence comprising more than 250 researchers and physicians working in different health and biomedicine disciplines in more than 100 research centers, hospitals and universities.

CaixaResearch Investigators, project leaders (PLs) and partners, excel in their fields.

They achieve outstanding results and novel solutions in research and innovation to promote better health and social progress.



You are and always will be a
*great inspiration for your
colleagues and for society*

CaixaResearch

CaixaResearch *Programme Office*

This is where you will find the **Programme Officers**, key members of the **CaixaResearch Programme**.

You can contact them at any time.

Programme Officers will help you with any doubts, let you share your thoughts and concerns and give you information about the results of your project.

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Communication and visibility of the *CaixaResearch* award

COMMUNICATION OF THE AWARD

Once you are selected in a call you and your project will become CaixaResearch awardees.

You will join the network of **CaixaResearch Investigators**, researchers and physicians of recognised national and international prestige, leaders in their fields.

We will prepare a press release (around the first week of September) **with information about the awarded projects and CaixaResearch Investigators**, and will inform you and your institution of the date the press and media communication will be made. **Please do not make any communication about your award before that date.**

In order to prepare communication of the CaixaResearch awardees to the general public and media, we need you to **send the following to your programme officer** :



Portrait **photographs of PLs and partners, and document of image rights authorization signed**



Contact details of PLs, partners (if applies) and your institution's Communication Officer

VISIBILITY OF CAIXARESEARCH - "LA CAIXA" FOUNDATION AWARD

As your project has been awarded a grant by "la Caixa" Foundation, you will have to include **"la Caixa" Foundation and CaixaResearch names and logos** (where possible) in **all materials and communication activities** arising from your CaixaResearch award (i.e. brochures, PDFs, videos and other graphic material, oral and written communications, webpage of your project/institution, press releases, publications, equipment, etc.).

*Please see **Annex 1. CaixaResearch Brand Book and communication materials.***

Any **scientific papers and articles published** as a result of the CaixaResearch award must contain the following text, together with *your project code (LCF/PR/CCxx/5xxxxxx)*:

"The project that gave rise to these results has received funding from "la Caixa" Foundation under the grant agreement < your project code>".

This **text must be applied to any infrastructure, equipment or scientific or intellectual property generated** by the research and innovation funded by CaixaResearch.

You must also previously inform your Programme Officer about such papers, activities and materials, for information purposes and adequate institutional representation, where necessary. In the case of name and logo applications, please send the communication materials to your Programme Officer and to fundaciolacaixa@normativa.eu for prior approval.

Please send this information to your institution's Communication Officer.

Obligations and *good practices principles*

THE HOST ORGANIZATION (HO) MUST:



Provide all the documentation from the Host Organization, complete and sign the Grant Agreement (legal representative of the HO and PL).

Provide a **current account at any CaixaBank or BPI** branch office where the payments will be deposited.



Manage and administer the budget of the project, being responsible for the distribution to the other Organizations, where applicable.

As a CaixaResearch Investigator, please **take the following issues into account:**



You will participate in the post-award activities described in *section 4*. These activities may include your participation in the **events and surveys** promoted by the CaixaResearch Programme Office.



As a CaixaResearch Investigator, you must take into account "**la Caixa**" **Foundation Research Integrity policy**.

Please, visit our policies page at: <https://fundacionlacaixa.org/en/caixa-research-principles-responsibility>

We also recommend: <https://rri-tools.eu/>



Complete the required information in the online system, including follow-up information and Output Management Plan.

Project agreement *and follow-up process*

The project Agreement process will be **performed through the online system:**

Initially, the Organization Manager (OM) of the Host Organization (HO) has to **accept the grant and must provide the required documentation** from their organization.



A template of the agreement can be accessed and completed using the track changes. Once revised by both parts, it can be **signed and uploaded in the system.**



The **Project Agreement must be signed by the HO legal representative and PL.** If possible, it should be signed digitally.



The **initial payment of the budget** can be completed after the **Project Agreement** is signed.



Project agreement and follow-up process

The project follow-up process includes **several important steps**:

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Post-award management:

there are several important reports in the online system to be completed throughout the project.

Change request form:

please complete to describe any important change in the project. The CaixaResearch Project Officer will validate its acceptance.

Interim reports and follow-up meetings:

interim reports must be completed 7 days before the follow-up meeting with the CaixaResearch Project Officer. Pending payments will be performed depending on fulfilment of the key performance indicators (KPIs) that are described in the Project Agreement. Once brief minutes of the follow-up meeting have been signed and uploaded in the system, the corresponding payment of the project can be requested.

Final report and meeting (at the end of the project):

once the project is completed, a final report containing a scientific and economic summary of the project must be completed 7 days before the meeting with the CaixaResearch Project Officer. Once brief minutes of the meeting have been signed and uploaded in the system, the final payment of the project can be requested.

Outputs and results data: this information can be completed at any time of the project, however it must be updated yearly by the 31st of December.

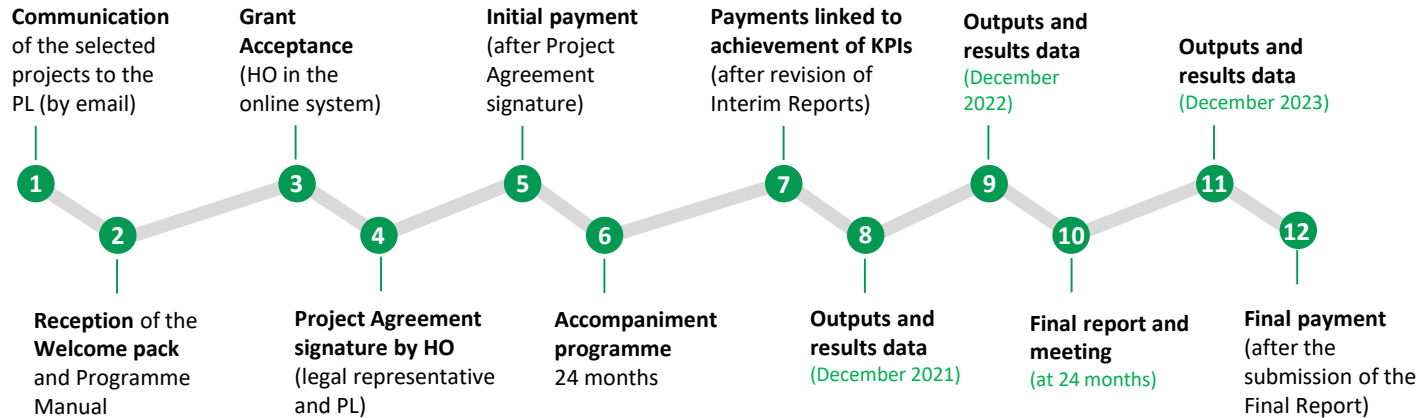
- Scientific and translational outputs.
- Methods and data outputs.

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Finally, throughout the project and beyond, surveys, networking events and workshops will be organized by the CaixaResearch Programme Office.

We encourage you and your team to participate and enrich the CaixaResearch ecosystem.

Timeline of the *CaixaResearch* award management



What we *offer*

In addition to the financial support, "la Caixa" Foundation offers CaixaResearch awardees a variety of **resources during the execution of the grant** as part of the personalized accompaniment programme.



Mentoring

A **mentor can be assigned to each project** in order to assist them during the execution of the grant. The mentor is responsible for:

- Guide the CaixaResearch Investigators during the programme
- Support the teams with the definition of their Development or Business plans
- Provide a valuable network for the projects
- Monitor the progress and quality of the projects



Experts advice

CaixaResearch awarded projects have at their disposal an Expert Advisors Directory in different fields of knowledge from both public and private organisations in order to assist the grantees with specific queries that will emerge while developing and executing the grants.



Events and activities

During execution of the grant, CaixaResearch Investigators and project team members will be invited to participate in different networking activities. The main objectives of these activities are to **encourage networking and the feeling of relevance among awardees** and to collect and disseminate the most notable project results.

Communication of results, *channels and social media*



The results of your research and innovation project are **important in your field** and are also relevant **for society as a whole**.

When you have **results that are about to be published**, please **inform your Programme Officer in advance**.

We will do our best to ensure **the results are made known and disseminated in the media and social networks**.



Keep up-to-date with the latest news from the **CaixaResearch** Programme and Calls and **CaixaResearch Investigators** via social media.

The CaixaResearch community is active on these sites and we recommend you follow them:

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/CaixaResearch>

Connect with us: [@CaixaResearch](#) and [#CaixaResearchFundlaCaixa](#)

Blog: <https://blog.caixaresearch.org/>

Newsletter: You will receive our monthly newsletter. Are your project members or colleagues interested?

They can **sign-in and find the latest newsletters** here:
<https://fundacionlacaixa.org/en/caixaresearch-results>



We are waiting to hear your news and project results to become one of the main characters of our blog, newsletters and twitter.

Annex 1.

CaixaResearch Brand Book and communication materials

Please send this information to your institution's Communication Officer.

After July 1st, you will find the entire Brand Book and communication materials in different languages at <https://fundacionlacaixa.org/es/convocatoria-consolidate-materiales-difusion> and you will be able to download the logos and templates. The following examples apply with our logos in Spanish.

CaixaResearch Consolidate is a Call

In collaboration with:  Caixa Capital Risc

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Press Release

La inhibición de dos proteínas activadas por el óxido nítrico revierte los aneurismas de aorta del síndrome de Marfan

- Investigadores del CNIC y el CSIC demuestran que altos niveles de actividad de proteínas reguladas por el Óxido Nítrico (NO) son responsables de la enfermedad aórtica que presentan los pacientes con Síndrome de Marfan.
- Los investigadores han demostrado que, cuando se silencian o inhibe la actividad de dichas proteínas, se revierte totalmente la aortopatía presente en ratones modelo para este síndrome.
- Los resultados del estudio, publicado hoy en Nature Communications y subvencionado por el programa CaixaResearch de la Fundación "la Caixa", han permitido identificar nuevos biomarcadores asociados a este síndrome que podrían potencialmente ayudar en el seguimiento clínico y pronóstico de pacientes con este síndrome.

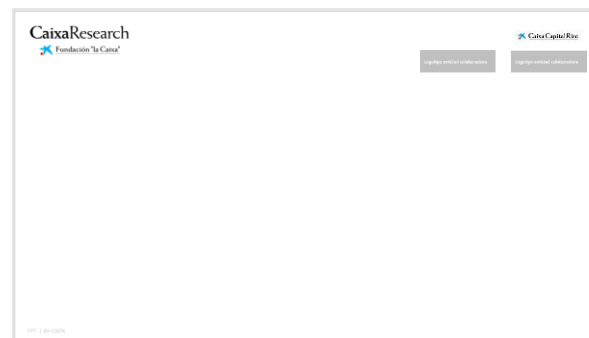
Madrid 11 de mayo 2021. Investigadores del Centro Nacional de Investigaciones Cardiovasculares (CNIC) y del Centro de Biología Molecular Severo Ochoa (CBM-CSIC-UAM) han descubierto que la ruta del óxido nítrico (NO) está sobre activada en la arteria aorta tanto de ratones como de pacientes con Síndrome de Marfan, y que dicha ruta es responsable de los aneurismas aórticos característicos de este síndrome. La investigación ha sido apoyada por la Fundación "la Caixa" con 500.000 euros en el marco de la Convocatoria CaixaResearch 2019.

Los resultados del estudio, publicado hoy en la revista *Nature Communications*, evidencian el papel determinante que el NO desempeña en la enfermedad aórtica del Síndrome de Marfan e identifican nuevas dianas terapéuticas y marcadores de activación de esta ruta que podrían ser útiles para la monitorización de la enfermedad y su seguimiento.

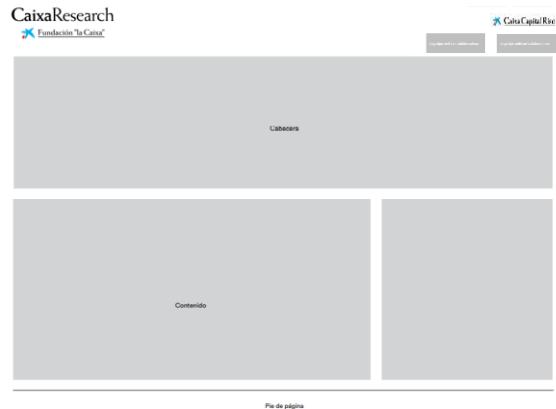
El aneurisma aórtico es una dilatación progresiva y debilitamiento de la pared de la arteria aorta. Dicho aneurisma puede ser inocuo e indolente, pero en ciertos casos se produce la disección (o desgarró) de la aorta en estas regiones aneurismáticas, llevando a la muerte del paciente, explican los investigadores.

El Síndrome de Marfan es un trastorno hereditario que afecta al tejido conjuntivo, es decir, las fibras encargadas de cohesionar y sujetar todos los órganos y sistemas de nuestro cuerpo. Las principales afecciones de este síndrome se producen en el esqueleto, los ojos, el corazón y los vasos sanguíneos, siendo de especial relevancia la generación de aneurismas aórticos y disecciones (TAAD). De hecho, comenta el Dr. Juan Miguel Redondo, del CNIC, codirector del estudio junto al Dr. Miguel

Presentation

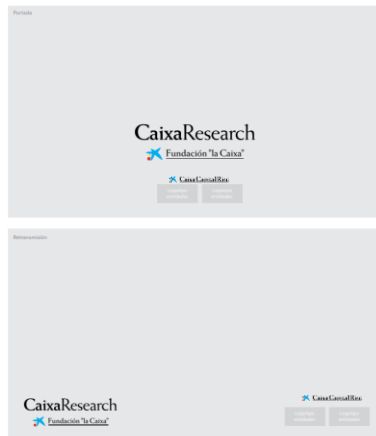


Web of the project



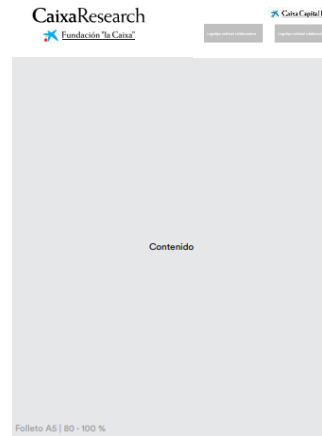
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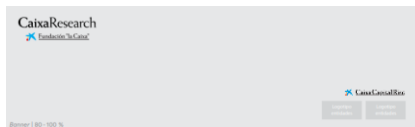


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