It’s only progress if we all progress
The **essence** of "la Caixa” Foundation

Committed to local socio-economic development right from the start, "la Caixa" Foundation soon began to provide social, cultural and civic services aimed at improving people’s quality of life.

Its **mission** is to build a better and fairer society, giving more opportunities to those most in need, with the values of **trust, excellence and social commitment** that have always accompanied us since the beginning. And with the **vision** of being a point of reference for society in developing lasting solutions that meet the basic needs of the most vulnerable people, foster the progress of society by responding to new challenges in research, high quality training and education, and make science and culture available to all segments of society.

**Committed to the present and future of people**

At "la Caixa” Foundation we place particular emphasis on programmes with the greatest power to transform society, such as those that combat child poverty and social exclusion, that foster employment, and help to improve the living conditions of the most vulnerable people.

However, "la Caixa” Foundation’s work also focuses on other areas: medical research, high quality training, culture and education, all fundamental to promote progress and equal opportunities. Given the social commitment of "la Caixa” Foundation to build a better society, the natural areas for it to carry out its work are Spain and Portugal.
The business assets management model

"la Caixa" Foundation manages its assets through its subsidiary, CriteriaCaixa, which is responsible for preserving and growing its resources in order to finance its work in society and ensure the continuation of the institution’s social, welfare, cultural, research and educational initiatives.

CriteriaCaixa’s priority is to provide the financial resources that enable "la Caixa" Foundation’s social action to continue contributing, year after year, to the development of a society that offers more opportunities to those most in need.

Our management model is based on our principles of transparency and ethics which, at all times, govern the procedures supported by our values of social commitment, responsibility and trust, as well as respect for the natural environment.
117 years of social commitment

La Caja de Pensiones para la Vejez y de Ahorros de Cataluña y Baleares, ”la Caixa” was founded in 1904 by the Catalan lawyer, Francesc Moragas Barret, with the support of various organisations from Catalan civil society. From the very start, ”la Caixa” Foundation has earned a reputation for its strong social commitment and vocation to further the interests of society at large, both through its financial business and also its work in society, funding and carrying out activities related to society, education, culture and science.

”la Caixa” Foundation is one of the most important in the world by volume of social investment.

Within its structure, ”la Caixa” Foundation owns a financial holding, CriteriaCaixa, which manages its assets.
Social programmes & calls
We promote the transformation of society

Calls and grants for social projects
We work together with non-profit organisations to boost initiatives aimed at socially vulnerable people. Programme set up in 1999.
Projects:
In 2021: 1,074

Social Observatory
We analyse the social situation to report back to society on our findings and the trends in social sciences, in the areas of social inclusion, education, science and culture.

Comprehensive care for people with advanced diseases
We provide psychosocial and spiritual support for people at the end of their lives, as well as their relatives.

Child poverty
Through the CaixaProinfancia programme we help families in the social and educational development of children aged 0 to 18.
More than 400 partner organisations
Children attended:
Since the programme began in 2007: 345,247
In 2021: 61,244

Employment
We help people with difficulties to find employment, in collaboration with 538 organisations.
Employment contracts:
Since the programme began in 2006: 354,974
In 2021: 48,758
Partner companies:
Since the programme began in 2006: 75,823
In 2021: 14,826

International cooperation
We contribute to improving the health and development of the most vulnerable in Africa, Asia and Latin America.
• We fight against malaria, pneumonia and malnutrition with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, ISGlobal, UNICEF, Gavi and UNHCR.
• We help to create jobs for women and young people with the Work 4 Progress programme.

Comprehensive care for people with advanced diseases

56 teams in 151 hospitals

Patients attended:
Since the programme began in 2008: 248,084
In 2021: 34,670

Relatives attended:
Since the programme began in 2008: 326,908
In 2021: 39,270

Elderly people
We assist the elderly by maximising their opportunities for personal growth, fostering a support network to prevent loneliness and isolation.
In 2021: 109,943 participants in 7,840 activities

Fundación de la Esperanza
An organisation based on local social action that acts as a network to combat poverty and social marginalisation.
People attended:
In 2021: 2,463
Culture & science

Improving society through culture and science

CaixaForum

We bring culture to all citizens with excellent programming and the best collections from major international museums.


In 2021:

31 exhibitions
1,369,077 visitors

In 2021, at CaixaForum Macaya:

372 activities such as talks and seminars
11,965 participants

CosmoCaixa

The first science museum in Spain and one of the most important in Europe, it promotes social progress through scientific dissemination by means of exhibitions and activities.

In 2021:

543,164 visitors

Contemporary Art Collection

One of the most important private collections in Europe, with more than 1,000 works by both national and international artists.

It constitutes a unique heritage of the richness and complexity of today’s artistic creation and a commitment to new talent.

1,039 works of art
429 artists

Art for Change

We select the best artistic proposals and promote artistic creation with the aim of encouraging the transformation of society, fostering opportunities to enhance community spirit, learning and reflection.

In 2021:

19 projects selected
1,478 beneficiaries

Local exhibitions

The exhibitions travel to towns and cities throughout the peninsula, including Portugal, as well as the Balearic and Canary Islands. Culture is a powerful tool for personal growth for everyone.

In 2021:

78 exhibitions
More than 3.2 million visitors

Music

Concerts (school and participative) that travel around Spain and Portugal, using the best resources and the latest technological innovations to bring music to all kinds of audiences, of any age or social profile, and ensure they enjoy it.

In 2021:

416 concerts
More than 50,000 people attending
Education & fellowships

Opportunities for a better world

EduCaixa

We offer educational programmes, activities and resources to improve the learning opportunities of children and young people during their time at school. We foster good quality education by supporting and empowering teachers as agents of change and key players in this transformation.

Key goals:

· Promote the development of pupils’ skills
  In 2021: 1,366,190 pupils/users benefitted
  4,501 schools

· Foster the professional development of teachers
  In 2021: 116,545 teachers/users benefitted

· Generate and transfer evidence based on the assessment and dissemination of educational practices through alliances with international institutions

Fellowships

We’ve been promoting excellence in training and research talent at the best universities and research centres in the world for almost 40 years.

In 2021 a new bachelor fellowship was launched, aimed at excellent students with limited financial resources.

Fellowships granted:
Since the programme began in 1982: 5,486
In 2021: 280
  · Bachelor fellowships: 50
  · Postgraduate fellowships abroad: 120
  · Doctoral fellowships in Spain and Portugal: 65
  · Postdoctoral fellowships in Spain and Portugal: 45

ProFuturo Foundation

Together with the Telefónica Foundation, we promote the education of children from vulnerable environments in Latin America, the Caribbean, Africa and Asia.

We offer training and support for teachers and access to digital resources, helping to reduce the educational divide.

Since the programme started in 2016, ProFuturo has benefitted more than 24 million children and has trained over 1.1 million teachers.

In 2021:
  40 countries
  7.8 M beneficiaries
  7,526 schools
Continued support for research centres

We work together with academia, public and private research centres and hospitals to generate new scientific knowledge.

Research centres with strategic collaboration:
- IrsiCaixa Institute for AIDS Research
- ISGlobal, Barcelona Institute for Global Health
- VHIO, Vall d’Hebron Institute of Oncology
- Barcelona Beta Brain Research Center - Pasqual Maragall Foundation
- CNIC, National Cardiovascular Research Centre
- CNIO, Spanish National Cancer Research Centre
- CSIC, Higher Scientific Research Council
- SHE, Foundation for Science, Health and Education

Innovation for society

With our CaixaResearch Validate and CaixaResearch Consolidate programmes, we promote the transfer of results from health research in order to generate value in society and contribute to creating new research-based biotechnology companies.

In 2021:
- 16 Validate projects
- 9 Consolidate projects

Since the CaixaImpulse programme began in 2015:
- 74 patents produced
- 29 spin-offs created

Biomedicine and health projects

We support excellent scientific research and run the most important private fellowship programme for health projects in Spain and Portugal.

Medical research at the highest level is the path to finding the best solutions in biomedicine and health.

In 2021:
- €36 M invested in:
  - Oncology
  - Neuroscience
  - Infectious diseases
  - Cardiovascular diseases
  - Other health sciences
- 453 researchers hired
- 1,096 scientific articles published

Research in the present is the progress and health of the future.