

Country	SPAIN
Funding organisation	SEKUENS – FICYT
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Funding commitment	150.000 € <i>The indicative call budget could be increased by the same amount, provided that surplus funds are available from other SEKUENS calls for similar purposes when the decision is made.</i>
Anticipated number of fundable proposals	1-2
Maximum/ Minimum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	Maximum: €150.000 per partner and per project Maximum project duration: 36 months Funding rates: 100%
Eligibility of partners	Non-profit entities, not engaged in economic activity, with research and innovation activity in Biomedicine and Health Sciences, such as: • University of Oviedo • Hospitals and primary health care centers of the Asturias Health System • Accredited Health Research Institutes located in Asturias, or the foundation in charge of managing the research of these Institutes • Public or Private Research and Technology Organisations located in Asturias
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Eligible costs include: Costs must be directly related to the project: G) Personnel costs: New researchers and/or technicians hired specifically for the project Salaries, employer Social Security contributions, legally established compensation and other duly justified expenses. H) Materials and supplies I) Contractual research, knowledge, patents and consultancy services. Subcontracting costs up to 50% of the budget. J) Other direct costs: Duly justified and necessary for carrying out the project, such as: a. Auditing costs b. Travel, accommodation and subsistence Exclusively for members of the research group or project-hired staff. According to applicable regional regulations up to 8.000€ c. Registration fees for congresses or conferences related to the presentation and dissemination of project results

	Indirect costs: Up to 15% of eligible personnel costs Note: Equipment costs are not eligible under this call. Minimum project eligible budget: 100.000€; Recommended: 125.000€ .
Submission of the proposal at the national level	Applicants are encouraged to contact SEKUENS-FICYT prior to submission in order to receive instructions for the submission at the regional level.
Submission of other information at the national level	Applicants will be required to submit preliminary information in advanced to SEKUENS-FICYT in order to verify eligibility at all the stages of the procedure.
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national level	Beneficiaries will be required to submit final financial and scientific reports to SEKUENS-FICYT at the regional level.
Further guidance	Activities must fall under industrial/applied research or experimental development (TRL 3–8) Project activities cannot start before submission of the regional application The projects granted by SEKUENS must be aligned with at least one research area of those described in the Smart Specialization Strategy of Asturias (S3), particularly within the domains of Active and Healthy Ageing and Sustainable Agro-Food Systems. These areas include priorities such as the promotion of population health, the development of personalized nutrition strategies, and the prevention of chronic diseases like obesity. More information is available at: https://www.idepa.es/innovacion/s3-asturias/s3-asturias-2021-2027 Applicants are limited to submitting 1 proposal per principal investigator.