

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

TALENT ATTRACTION GRANT FOR RESEARCH CENTERS AND INSTITUTES POSTDOCT UNAB 2026

1. Who can apply to this competition?

Researchers who obtained their PhD degree **between January 1st, 2024, and March 30th, 2026**, are eligible to apply.

Exceptionally, applicants who obtained their degree as early as **January 1st, 2023**, may be accepted, provided they can document one of the following: disability, the birth of a child during that period, or legal guardianship of a minor.

For further details, please refer to **sections 6.1 and 6.2** of the application guidelines.

2. What documents can be used to certify the PhD degree obtention?

The PhD degree may be certified through an official document confirming that the applicant holds the doctoral degree, or through a certification issued by the Graduate School or other competent authority of the awarding institution, stating that all requirements for obtaining the PhD degree have been fulfilled.

3. Is it possible to certify the PhD degree with a provisional or equivalent document?

Yes.

The PhD degree may be certified with provisional documents, such as certificates indicating the approval of the thesis defense or final examination, provided they explicitly state that this is the **final requirement for obtaining the doctoral degree**. Provisional documents may be dated as early as January 2024. **Final documentation will be reviewed during the grant awarding process.**

4. What happens if the applicant does not submit the degree certificate on time?

It must be submitted **no later than the first week of March 2026**. Otherwise, the proposal will be deemed **inadmissible**.

5. Does the postdoctoral researcher submit the application directly?

No.

The **application can only be submitted by the Director of the sponsoring UNAB Research Center or Institute (C&I)**, through the official link available at: <http://investigacion.unab.cl/financiamiento/>

6. Is it mandatory to have a UNAB Sponsoring Researcher?

Yes.

The sponsoring researcher must be a **regular UNAB faculty member** and may participate as a sponsor in a maximum of **two applications** for this call.

7. Does the sponsoring researcher need to belong to a UNAB Research Center or Institute (C&I)?

No.

It is not necessary for the sponsoring researcher to be part of a C&I. They may be regular faculty member; however, the proposal must be developed under a C&I. Therefore, it must have the support of the C&I Director and contribute to that research unit defined by the Center or Institute in its insertion plan.

8. Are there any restrictions regarding the institution where the PhD was obtained?

No.

The call is open, with no restrictions on the institution where the PhD was obtained. However, priority will be given to applicants who received their doctoral degree at universities other than UNAB. This criterion aims to strengthen the C&I by fostering academic diversity, incorporating perspectives formed in different environments that contribute to complementary competencies, contrast of ideas and innovation, as well as new external networks and collaborations.

9. What is the duration of the projects and when do they begin?

This funding has a maximum duration of 2 years and begins on June 1st, 2026. However, if the applicant is awarded a Fondecyt Postdoctoral grant, the project may be extended until the completion of that grant.

10. Does the postdoctoral researcher need to reside in Chile at the time of application?

No. However, the projects must be carried out in Chile. Therefore, both Chilean and international researchers must commit to reside in the country for the entire duration of the project, in the event of being awarded.

11. What is the amount of funding?

Up to **CLP 41,054,000 per year**, for a maximum of two years. This includes:

- **Remuneration:** up to **CLP 35,054,000**
- **Operating expenses:** up to **CLP 6,000,000**
- **Relocation expenses (first year only):** up to **CLP 3,000,000**, for researchers who must relocate from another country or from a different region within Chile.

Fees for the sponsoring researcher are **not** funded.

Additionally, if the applicant is awarded a **Fondecyt Postdoctoral Fellowship**, UNAB will provide a one-time supplementary payment to cover the difference in monthly remuneration and operating expenses, in order to maintain the funding conditions originally offered.

12. What documents must be submitted for the application?

The required documents are the following:

- **Application form.** In addition to completing the form, applicants must attach all certificates and documents necessary to verify PhD degree obtention, national ID or passport, supporting documentation for the narrative CV, certificates of accepted or in-press publications, birth certificates for children (if applicable), disability certification (if applicable), among others. All these documents must be attached **as a single concatenated file**, together with the application form in **PDF format**.
- **Productivity sheet, Gantt chart, and requested resources.** In the productivity sheet applicants must indicate the details of the publications declared in the productivity section of the narrative CV. This file must be uploaded **in the same Excel format**.
- **Individual or collective insertion plan for the UNAB Research Center or Institute.** This plan is submitted **only by the Director of the C&I** when uploading the application to the Forms platform. This file must also be attached in **PDF format**.

For more information, please refer to sections 10.2, 11.3, and 11.4 of the application guidelines.

13. Is it mandatory to apply to the “Fondecyt de Postdoctorado 2027”?

Yes. An admissible application to the “Fondecyt de Postdoctorado 2027” is an explicit obligation of the beneficiary during the first year of the project.

Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the annulment of the award or the **early termination of the project**.

14. How many publications are required during the execution of the project?

The beneficiary **must provide evidence of the acceptance of at least one scientific article for each year of execution**, or as defined in the insertion plan submitted by the C&I.

15. What criteria are considered to evaluate the proposal?

The evaluation criteria are as follows:

1. **Criterion 1: Quality, feasibility, and scientific or technological novelty (70%)**

2. Criterion 2: Applicant's narrative CV (15%)

3. Criterion 3: Insertion strategy in the UNAB Research Center or Institute (15%)

Criteria 1 and 2 are evaluated by external reviewers, while Criterion 3 is evaluated by an internal UNAB committee.

16. Can a postdoctoral researcher engage in paid activities?

Yes. If awarded a “Concurso Fondecyt de Postdoctorado”, the researcher may carry out paid activities for up to **6 hours per week**, while maintaining compatibility with the project.

Additionally, this competition is **incompatible with any prior source of funding intended** for the development of the research. However, awardees may seek complementary funding sources, if these are included in their insertion plan and align with the project to be carried out.

17. What does exclusive dedication imply for UNAB postdoctoral researchers?

UNAB postdoctoral researchers must maintain exclusive dedication to the awarded project, meaning that their primary and priority activity must be the execution of the research project.

However, they may carry out other academic or outreach activities, if these do not exceed a maximum of 6 hours per week. This limit includes teaching, participation in committees, or any additional academic duties.

The DGI will evaluate the relevance of these activities within the framework of the Insertion Plan submitted by the Director of the UNAB Research Center or Institute, ensuring that they do not interfere with the requirement of exclusive dedication or with the objectives of the project.

18. What are the key dates?

- Application Start Date: **November 26th, 2025.**
- Application Closing Date: **January 15th, 2026.**
- Evaluation of Applications: **January-March 2026.**
- Publication of Results: **March 2026.**
- Formalization of Awarded Projects: **March 2026.**
- Start Date of Awarded Proposals: **June 1st, 2026.**

19. Where should questions about the call be sent?

To the email: dir.investigacion@unab.cl

Reference: **Inquiry – TALENT ATTRACTION FOR C&I POSTDOC UNAB 2026**

Questions may be submitted up to **3 business days before the deadline**.

20. What certifications may be required upon award?

Depending on the subject of study, certifications may include ethics approval, bioethics approval, biosafety authorization, permits for biological samples, animals, archaeological sites, protected species, sensitive archives, among others.

Project execution may only begin once the project has received the corresponding ethical, bioethical, or biosafety approvals. The UNAB Ethics Committee and the UNAB Biosafety Committee will review the awarded projects when applicable.

21. Can UNAB Centers or Institutes that were awarded postdoctoral positions in the UNAB Postdoc 2025 call apply again?

Although proposals from Centers or Institutes that did not receive postdoctoral positions in the 2025 call will be prioritized, those that were awarded Postdoc UNAB 2025 positions are **not excluded** from participating in this competition.

However, they must submit a **complementary insertion plan** that coherently articulates the new proposal with the postdoctoral researchers already integrated into the Center or Institute. Applications for new postdoctoral positions will be admissible only if they are properly incorporated within this complementary insertion plan, which must demonstrate synergies, strategic coherence, and a substantive contribution to the development of the Center or Institute beyond what has already been awarded.

22. How should scientific productivity be presented?

Scientific productivity is part of the narrative CV. The postdoctoral applicant must include up to **10 publications** in their application, consisting of scientific journal articles, books, or book chapters, which must be accepted, in press, or published **from the year 2022 onward**. These publications must be presented in **narrative format**.

Additionally, the applicant must include detailed information of these publications in the first sheet of the **Productivity, Gantt Chart, and Requested Resources** Excel file.

23. In which language should I submit the application?

The application documents may be submitted in **English or Spanish**, as determined by the Director of the Center or Institute.

24. Can I apply if I am awaiting the results of the “Concurso Fondecyt Postdoctorado 2026”?

Yes.

However, if the Fondecyt project is awarded, application to this competition will not be considered.

25. Is it possible to participate in the competition with proposals outside the research lines of UNAB Centers and Institutes?

Yes. The call is open to all areas of knowledge, whether or not they correspond to the established research lines of the Centers and Institutes. Each Center or Institute will determine whether it prioritizes candidates who align with its current research lines or whether it will incorporate the exploration of new lines. This must be clearly stated in the insertion plan at the time of application.