

Resolution dated 19 December 2025 of the Director for Knowledge Transfer and Innovation of the University of Granada, publishing the regulatory bases and announcing the Award for the Best Doctoral Thesis in “Infant & Child Nutrition” of the ORDESA Chair. 2025 Biennial Call.



“AWARD FOR THE BEST DOCTORAL THESIS IN ‘INFANT & CHILD NUTRITION’”

1. PURPOSE

The Ordesa Chair in “Infant & Child Nutrition”, established in 2013, is composed of the Universities of Granada, Zaragoza, Cantabria, and Santiago de Compostela, with direct representation from the Pediatric Departments of these universities. It is currently based at the University of Granada (UGR) and focuses its activities on research and teaching in “Infant / Child Nutrition.” Among its objectives are: (1) the development of a training policy for undergraduate and postgraduate university students and for professionals in the business sector in the field of infant & child nutrition and health; and (2) the generation of advanced research that enables the proper evolution and integration of academia and industry. In line with these goals, and as part of the Ordesa Chair’s Strategic Plan for 2025 in “Infant & Child Nutrition,” the Award for the Best Doctoral Thesis in “Infant & Child Nutrition” is announced.

It is hereby stated that this call will be published in the National Subsidies Database (BDNS), regulated by Royal Decree 130/2019 of 8 March (BOE of 30 March 2019). Likewise, an excerpt of the call will be published in the Official Gazette of the University of Granada (BOUGR), thus ensuring that potential applicants are informed of and have access to the selection process. The publication date in the BOUGR shall determine the start of the application submission period. Once published in the BOUGR, this call will be made public on the website of the ORDESA Chair, guaranteeing national and international awareness and access for potential applicants to the selection process.

This award is included in the University of Granada’s Strategic Subsidies Plan (PES) for 2025 under subsidy line code PES-2025-035 and contributes to achieving the following objective of the UGR 2031 Strategic Plan: 3.4. *Strengthen national and international partnerships to facilitate interaction between our research staff and other research centers of proven quality, with the aim of increasing scientific collaboration and innovation.*

2. CALL

- ORDESA Chair – University of Granada Award (2nd Edition) for the Best Doctoral Thesis in “Infant & Child Nutrition.”
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3. GENERAL TERMS OF THE CALL

3.1. Participation framework

The award will be granted through a competitive process. It will be awarded based on a procedure in which all submitted applications are compared according to the evaluation criteria established in Section 3.8 (Article 22.1 of Law 38/2003, General Subsidies Law). Within the limit set by this call, the award will be granted to the application obtaining the highest score following the evaluation criteria. This is the standard procedure for awarding subsidies.

3.2. Purpose

The Award aims to recognize and honor the best Doctoral Thesis on “Infant & Child Nutrition” carried out by researchers whose work and/or thesis supervisors are affiliated with public or private universities or research centers, whether national or international.

3.3. Applicant requirements

Doctors whose thesis, written in Spanish or English, addresses a topic related to infant or child nutrition and was supervised by a researcher with demonstrable affiliation to one of the aforementioned institutions may participate in this call.

3.4. Key dates and deadlines

- **Submission period:** 12 January to 6 March 2026
- Publication of **provisional resolution of admitted candidates:** 8 April 2026
- Period for **objections to provisional resolution of admitted candidates:** 10–20 April 2026
- Publication of **provisional resolution of the awarded thesis:** 28 April 2026
- Period for **objections to provisional resolution of the awarded thesis:** 29 April–11 May 2026
- Publication of **definitive resolution of the awarded thesis:** 22 May 2026

All publications and communications related to the award will be made via the website of the ORDESA Chair (www.catedraordesa.com).

3.5. Requirements for Doctoral Theses submitted for evaluation

Eligible theses are those defended and awarded the corresponding degree between **1 January 2024 and 31 December 2025**, having received the highest possible grade at the institution where they were defended.

Each applicant may submit only one doctoral thesis.

Members of the ORDESA Chair Joint Committee may not submit theses for the competition.

Doctoral theses previously awarded and remunerated by other institutions may not be submitted.

3.6. Application procedure

The application procedure consists of two steps:

The application shall be submitted using the form available in the electronic sites:

<https://sede.ugr.es/procs/Premio-Catedra-Ordesa/> or in <https://catedraordesa.com>

The documentation to be attached to the application shall be as follows:

- a) **Original certificate** issued by the competent academic authority of the university or institution where the thesis was defended, including: title and author of the thesis, supervisor(s), date of defence and evaluated by the committee, members of the committee, grade awarded, and degree conferred.
- b) **An electronic copy (PDF) of the Doctoral Thesis or a link to the institutional repository** where it is deposited if it was defended at a Spanish or foreign university.
- c) **Publications included in the thesis**
- d) **Copy of passport** (if no DNI or NIE is available) of the thesis author
- e) **Brief curriculum vitae of the thesis author**, including personal data, degree/specialization, e-mail, university/research center, public/private funding, institution where the thesis was presented and defended, and thesis supervisor(s).

Applicants who are nationals or residents of Spain and have a DNI or NIE must submit their participation request through the University of Granada's electronic registry:

<https://sede.ugr.es/procs/Premio-Catedra-Ordesa/>

Applicants without a DNI or NIE must submit their application by email to otri@ugr.es expressly authorizing the University of Granada to submit their application through the electronic registry.

Submission of the application implies acceptance of all terms of this call. Failure to provide required documentation will result in exclusion from the call.

If deficiencies are detected, applicants may be required to correct or supply missing documents, with the warning that failure to do so will result in withdrawal of the application, in accordance with Article 68 of Law 39/2015 of 1 October on Common Administrative Procedure of Public Administrations. Any resolution issued in this regard will be published as set out in Section 3.10.

For more information:

<https://catedraordesa.com>

<https://otri.ugr.es/financiacion/mecenazgo>

or e-mail otri@ugr.es indicating the subject: *Premio Cátedra ORDESA - INFO2025*.

3.7. Prize amount

The prize amount is €4,000, funded by the Interuniversity ORDESA Chair in Infant & Child Nutrition under budget line 3024240000 - 541A – 78 for fiscal year 2026. The award is subject to the availability of sufficient and adequate credit in the budget approved by the Social Council for 2026.

The prize amount is subject to applicable tax withholdings. Payment will be made via bank transfer once the final resolution is published.

The winner will also receive an official diploma at the award ceremony.

3.8. Procedure and evaluation of applications

The instructing body shall be the Research Results Transfer Office (OTRI) of the University of Granada, which will undertake all actions deemed necessary to determine, verify, and review the data on which the resolution proposal is based.

The Evaluation Committee will assess the submitted Theses according to the following criteria:

- **Methodology (25%)**
- **Originality (20%)**
- **Transferability and applicability (20%)**
- **Scientific relevance (35%):** publications, journal quality, impact factor, scientific and social impact (field-weighted citation impact—FWCI—Scopus and/or Journal Citation Reports). These indices are widely recognized by the scientific community and assess the social impact of research by comparing citations received by a publication to the average number of citations received by similar documents over a three-year period.

Special consideration will be given to theses whose methodological innovation and/or conclusions represent significant advances in understanding the relationship between nutrition and growth and development in children during their first five years of life, and which may contribute to policy or practice initiatives that improve child health outcomes.

Theses ranked 2nd and 3rd, although not awarded the main prize, will receive an **honourable mention** without monetary reward.

The Evaluation Committee will consist of:

- Director of the ORDESA Chair in Infant & Child Nutrition, serving as Chair.
- Secretary: Representative of the University of Granada on the Joint Committee of the ORDESA Chair.
- Members: Representatives of the Universities of Zaragoza, Cantabria, and Santiago de Compostela, and of ORDESA Laboratories S.L., all members of the Chair's Joint Committee.

The Chair of the ORDESA Chair, as President of the Evaluation Committee, is authorized to resolve any issues that may arise and undertake any necessary actions during the development of this call.

3.9. Award decision

The award will be conferred by resolution of the Director for Knowledge Transfer and Innovation under delegated authority from the Rector (Resolution of 28 July 2023, BOJA No. 148, 3 August 2023).

Following review of the file and the Evaluation Committee's report, the instructing body will issue a **provisional resolution proposal** identifying the awarded thesis, duly justified, to be published on 28 April 2026. A ten-business-day period for objections will then open.

Once the objection period has concluded and any objections resolved, a **final resolution proposal** will be issued and approved by the Director for Knowledge Transfer and Innovation, giving rise to the final resolution of the call.

The **final resolution** will be published on 22 May 2026 on the ORDESA Chair website (<https://catedraordesa.com>). The award ceremony will subsequently take place at a date and location to be determined.

The final resolution exhausts administrative remedies. In accordance with Articles 84.1 of the University Statutes (published by Decree 231/2011 of 12 July, BOJA No. 147 of 28 July 2011) and Article 38.4 of Organic Law 2/2023 of 22 March on the University System (LOSU), an optional appeal for reconsideration may be filed with the Rector within one month from the day following its publication, under Articles 123 and 124 of Law 39/2015 of 1 October; or a contentious-administrative appeal may be filed directly with the Contentious-Administrative Court of Granada within two months from the day following publication, pursuant to Articles 8.3 and 46.1 of Law 29/1998 of 13 July regulating the Contentious-Administrative Jurisdiction.

3.10. Communication with applicants

All acts requiring notification to applicants will be published on the websites of the ORDESA Chair and the University of Granada: <https://catedraordesa.com>. Such publication will replace formal notification and have the same legal effects, in accordance with Article 45.1.b) of Law 39/2015 of 1 October. Publication dates on that website will determine the beginning of all deadlines.

The University of Granada may require applicants to correct deficiencies or submit additional mandatory documents, warning that failure to comply will result in withdrawal of the application, pursuant to Article 68 of Law 39/2015. Any resolution issued will be notified accordingly.

3.11. Obligations of award recipients

Award recipients will be invited to deliver a scientific-outreach lecture related to the awarded work at an International Conference of the ORDESA Chair. The award ceremony and presentation of certificates will take place during this event. If, for reasons beyond the control of the ORDESA Chair, an in-person event is not possible, the award will be presented online during the same calendar year.

3.12. Personal data protection

Personal data provided in the application will be used solely for the purpose of processing the application, evaluating it, and verifying that eligibility requirements are met for the issuance, notification, publication, and management of payment of the award.

The University of Granada is authorized to process personal data as necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of public authority (Art. 6.1.e, General Data Protection Regulation).

Applicants may exercise their rights of access, objection, rectification, erasure, or restriction of processing as provided under applicable data protection regulations.

4. APPEALS

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DIRECTOR FOR KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER AND INNOVATION

(By delegation of authority from the Rector, Resolution of 28 July 2023, BOJA No. 148, 3 August 2023)

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