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Collaborative Research in Computational Neuroscience (CRCNS) programme

	Country:	**Spain**
	Funding Organisation:	**Agencia Estatal de Investigación (AEI)**
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Funding Programme	The framework for this funding action is the *Plan Estatal de Investigación Científica, Técnica e Innovación 2024-2027*. On a national level, the Call will be managed by the *Subdivisión de Programas Científico-Técnicos Transversales, Fortalecimiento y Excelencia* (STRAN) of the AEI. The instrument for funding the Spanish groups requesting funding to the AEI is the corresponding Spanish call **"Proyectos de Colaboración Internacional" (PCI)** (to be published in due time). As a reference, the applicants **are strongly advised** to read the call text of the *PCI 2025-1* ("Resolución de 05 de Marzo de 2025") and especially *PCI Requirements document* on the national call website. The Spanish legal entities awarded grants are obliged by the regulations established in the PCI national call (or its equivalent) and by the funding limits specified below.	
Purpose of funding	The projects granted by the Agencia Estatal de Investigación must be aligned with the main objectives described in the Programa Estatal.	
Eligible Institutions	The eligible institutions are non-profit research organizations as per national call (PCI Requirements document), such as Universities, Public Research Institutions, Technological Centers, and other Private non-profit Institutions performing RDI activities in Spain. The entities must have been previously beneficiaries of any of the AEI calls, as stated in the PCI Requirements document). They have to ensure contractual relationship with the Principal Investigator (PI) during all the implementation of the project.	
Eligible Applicants	**Principal Investigators (PIs) requesting funding to the AEI must:** • Be eligible to the corresponding PCI call (see PCI 2025-1 as an example) and PCI Requirements document. • Demonstrate experience as investigators in projects funded by the different Plan Estatal I+D+i: 2013-2016, 2017-2020, 2021-2023, 2024-2027, ERC Grants, European Framework Programmes or other relevant national or international programmes. • Spanish Principal Investigators have to send to the NCP at the AEI the document "Declaración responsable del IP" within one week after the submission of the proposal in order to be declared eligible. • The "Declaración responsable del IP" can be found at the AEI webpage at Convocatorias Internacionales | Agencia Estatal de Investigación / Salud humana y salud animal See link: Convocatorias Internacionales | Agencia Estatal de Investigación **Incompatibilities**: These must be taken into account when participating in different ERA-Nets, European Co-funded Partnerships or other international initiatives. • PIs will not be eligible for funding if they apply (i) to more than one proposal in this transnational joint call(ii) to more than one proposal in the same PCI call and/or (iii) to PCI calls of consecutive years. This means that the same PI may not apply in two or more international calls funded with PCI that are open simultaneously (e.g. Neuron Cofund Era Net, DUT, Biodiversa+ and Water4All), neither can they be awarded PCI grants in two consecutive years.	

	• If the same PI submits two or more proposals in this transnational call, they will all be declared ineligible without the possibility of changing the PI. • PI must remain unchanged between the proposal to this transnational call and the corresponding PCI call should the proposal be recommended for funding. • A PI that has been granted a PCI the previous year will be declared ineligible, without the possibility of changing the PI. **Important**: In the application form, the applicants should include the PI's full name (with both surnames) and the full name of their institution as stated in the Sistema de Entidades (SISEN). Spanish partner must also include in the international solicitation a budget template (Annex 1) for the Spanish part of the project. The Spanish industrial sector is invited to participate in the international consortiums within the CRCNS program. Additional financing for this collaboration can be requested through CDTI. CDTI contact in the USA: Juan Antonio Serrano juanantonio.serrano@cdti.es **Only one Spanish partner** is accepted per proposal. Failure to respect the requirements will lead to the ineligibility of the proposal.
Eligible Costs	• Research and innovation activities are eligible. Mere dissemination, communication or other similar activities will not be eligible unless supporting research activities. • Only personnel costs for new temporary employment contracts are eligible. The costs of permanent staff linked to the beneficiary entity or members of the research team will not be considered eligible costs. • Direct costs such as current costs, scientific equipment, disposable materials, travelling expenses, coordination costs and other costs that can be justified as necessary to carry out the proposed activities. • The **direct costs** in the application must be **rounded to the thousands** • Overheads (25% of all direct costs, including the subcontracting costs). The AEI will avoid double funding and will not grant projects or parts of projects already funded through other national or EU calls.
Funding Commitment	**Maximum Amount Per Partner** **€200.000,00 direct costs per Partner per proposal** Indirect costs must be added to direct costs: 25% of direct costs (including the subcontracting costs). **(Only one Spanish partner** is accepted per proposal) **€250.000,00 total costs (including direct costs and indirect costs)**
Other Funding Criteria	• Compliance with the funding limits will be considered under the eligibility criteria. Proposals not respecting these limits could be declared ineligible. • The level of funding will take into account the evaluation of the collaborative proposal, the scientific quality of the Spanish group, the added value of the international collaboration, the participation of the industrial sector and the financial resources available. Centres formed by different Spanish legal entities will be considered as a unique entity, and thus the maximum funding should not exceed the limits per proposal established above (for example, mixed centres).
Relevant documents	The applicants may consult the national regulation in the Proyectos de Colaboración Internacional 2025-1- for informative purposes and section "VI. NSF PROPOSAL PROCESSING AND REVIEW PROCEDURES" of the CRCNS solicitation for a better understanding of the review process.
Additional Info	**Data Protection:** By submitting a grant application to the AEI, the applicants consent to communication of the data contained in the application to other public administrations, with the aim of further processing of the data for historical, statistical or scientific purposes, within the framework of the Organic Law 3/2018, of December 5, on Personal Data Protection and Guarantee of Digital Rights. In addition to the national regulations, specific rules of the consortium may be applicable within the **Collaborative Research in Computational Neuroscience (CRCNS)** NSF programme instructions.
Mandatory acknowledgement	Any publication or dissemination activity resulting from the granted projects must acknowledge funding by the Agencia Estatal de Investigación: "Project (reference n° XX) funded by the State Research Agency through PCI, as part of the AEI/ISCII/NSF/NIH/DOE Collaborative Research in Computational Neuroscience program".

Useful Links	Agencia Estatal de Investigación – Calls and Grants

CRCNS 2026 – Annex for Spanish participants

Please provide a Non-confidential abstract or summary *

*__Non-confidential abstract or summary in English__ (4000 characters maximum, spaces included)

ANNEX 1

Financial Plan Spanish Partners

The following form must be completed in accordance with AEI funding regulations aforementioned[1] and joined, as a "supplementary document" to the proposal submitted to NSF by the American partner

Project title	
Project acronym	

Spanish partner

Principal Investigator	
Institution and department	
Position	
Full address	
E-mail	
Phone number	

Person 1 *	*E.g. "Post-doc, 12 PM, XXX €"*
Person 2 *	
Person 3 *	
…	
Total (PM)	
Total requested budget (€)	

Person 1 **	*E.g. "Permanent researcher, 12 PM"*
Person 2 **	
Person 3 **	
…	
Total (PM)	

Consumables	

[1] Anexo nacional AEI_CRCNS 2025 (Convocatorias Internacionales | AEI / Salud humana y salud animal / CRCNS). Contact AEI for any further information)

Equipment	
Travel	
External services (subcontracting, intellectual property rights, …)	
Other costs	

Overheads	

Partner total requested budget (€)	
Total requested budget (€)	