

# Banco Sabadell Foundation Marine Sustainability Award

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**The Banco Sabadell Foundation, with the aim of promoting the work of scientists in the field of the regeneration and sustainable use of the marine environment, announces the call for applications for the III Banco Sabadell Foundation Marine Sustainability Award, which promotes sustainable (environmental, social and economic) development based on technology and knowledge.**

**The award consists of a cash prize of 30,000 euros.**

## Terms and condition

**1** The award will be given to a young researcher with an outstanding curriculum in the field of:  
— Sustainable use of marine resources, both in traditional marine industries (fishing, transportation, aquaculture, coastal tourism, etc.) and in new emerging sectors (biotechnology, big data, renewable energies, regeneration, etc.).  
— Regeneration of marine natural capital by recovering ecosystems' goods and services.

**2** The winning research project will demonstrate the way in which it contributes to the:  
— Increase or preservation of biodiversity.  
— Reduction/containment of pollution;  
— Mitigation/reduction of climate change.  
It will also give tangible evidence of the transfer of scientific knowledge through applications that promote sustainable economic development.

**3** Candidates must meet all of the following requirements: they must be researchers up to age 42 (as at 31 December 2023), of any nationality, and will have spent at least three consecutive years engaging in research activities in a Spanish centre. This age requirement can be increased by up to one year per child when there have been career breaks due to leave for childbirth and childcare. Where applicable, candidates should provide sufficient evidence of that circumstance at the request of the Banco Sabadell Foundation.

**4** Candidates must be put forward by persons with links to universities or research centres.

**5** Applications must be submitted, in Spanish or English, between 15 February 2024 and 1 April 2024 (inclusive of both dates), online through the website: [www.fundacionbancosabadell.com](http://www.fundacionbancosabadell.com) (in the Activity section, Awards).

**6** Each application must comprise:  
— A letter of introduction from the individual putting forward the candidate, in PDF format.  
— The candidate's CV, in PDF format (5 pages maximum).  
— A single document containing information about the most noteworthy achievements in relation to marine sustainability, including tangible evidence of the development of initiatives to transfer scientific knowledge in profit opportunities, all the while preserving the sustainability of the marine environment (maximum of 5 achievements).

**7** The panel of judges will be chaired by Professor Isabel Cacho, of the University of Barcelona, Department of Earth and Ocean Dynamics, and its members will be chosen from among researchers in the leading specialties. The decision reached by the panel of judges, which is not open to appeal, will be made public in November 2024. The winning candidate must be present at the official Award Ceremony). The €30,000 cash prize will be paid on the date of the Award Ceremony via bank transfer to the account held by the researcher in Banco Sabadell.

**8** To prepare for the eventuality that the candidate receives an award, they hereby assign to the Banco Sabadell Foundation the right to use their own image and voice, free of charge, to the maximum extent permitted by law, so that the Foundation may broadcast, among other things, the award ceremony and report its result. This assignment will be formalised prior to the award ceremony.

**9** The submission of applications entails the full acceptance of all the general terms and conditions set forth herein