

Call for applications: financial support for language-learning available to UAB teaching staff 2020

Programme

UAB Plan for Languages (2016-2020).

Purpose

To improve UAB teaching staff's command of foreign languages and specifically the level of English for lecturers wishing to offer classes in English. There are two types of support:

A: Grants for English courses at or above level 4 of the Language Service of the UAB or equivalent at or above level B2.1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) organised at the UAB.

B. Grants for foreign language courses organised at the UAB or elsewhere.

Eligibility

Financial support may be granted to academic staff on contract to the UAB (capitol 1) throughout the period in which the course takes place.

To receive the grant you must be able to accredit having passed the course during the 2019-20 academic year. A certificate stating that the course has been taken and passed must be submitted. For courses that do not specify the achievement of one of the CEFR levels or a final exam, a certificate of attendance will be required from the centre where the course was taken.

For type A the courses must be organised by the UAB.

For type B the course must be organised by entities within the MOBINT agreement or European university language centres.

Where online courses are applied for they must be organised by the UAB and a certificate of the level passed, issued by the UAB, must also be submitted. The examination to prove the level attained must be taken in the same academic year as the grant i.e. 2019-20 and not after 15 September 2020.

Amount

The total allocation for this period is €10,000. If additional funding is obtained in 2020 the amount allocated for these grants may be increased.

The maximum amount that can be awarded for both types of grant is the cost of the course fees at the Language Service. For application for courses or subjects that form part of a qualification or specialisation the amount awarded will be that corresponding to the first time the subject is registered for.

The maximum amounts available are as follows:

For Mode A:

- 100% of a successfully completed course of English at level 4 or higher of the Language Service of the UAB or the equivalent at B2.1 or higher. A certificate of having achieved this level must be submitted.
- 80% of a course of English when the activity can be accredited by a pass in the continuous assessment, at a level equal to or above level 4 of the Language Service of the UAB or the equivalent at level B2.1 of the CEFR. A certificate of attendance and successful completion (a pass in the continuous assessment) is required.
- 80% of the cost of training activities for specific purposes (e.g. advanced conversation class) at level B2.1 or higher. A certificate of attendance and successful completion is required.

For Mode B:

- English:
 - Up to CEFR level B1: 50% of the cost
 - Levels B2.1, B2.2; C1.1 and C1.2: 60% of the cost
 - Levels C2 (C2.1 and C2.2): 70% of the cost
- German, French, Italian and Chinese:
 - Up to level B1: 50% of the cost
 - Levels B2.1, B2.2 and C1.1: 60% of the cost
 - Levels C1.2 and C2: 70% of the cost
- Other languages:
 - All levels; 50% of the cost

Selection criteria

In case of doubt regarding the level or characteristics of the course, the Language Service may request further information from the applicant and decide whether the course is eligible for this support and, if so, to which of the two modes it belongs of those contained in the “Amount” section.

Where there is insufficient funding to cover the maximum amounts the percentages described in this document will be reduced and priority will be given to the applications under mode A.

Conditions

Financial support can be awarded only once per person, per language and level.

In the case of Mode A acceptance of the grant implies availability to teach classes in English where necessary.

Applications

The following documents should be submitted to the General Registry Office of the UAB.

- Application form provided in the annexe to this announcement.
- For courses taken outside the Language Service, an attested copy of the certificate from the Language Service of the course provider stating that the relevant course has been taken and passed. If the course does not lead to the attainment of a level of the CEF), or does not have a final exam, a certificate of successful completion or aptitude should be provided. The certificate must specify the period in which the course took place, the total number of hours, and its equivalence to the CEFR.
- Receipt for payment of the course fees for courses taken outside the Language Service.

Dates for submitting applications

7 September to 16 October 2020.

Resolution

The decision-making body for allocating this support will be the Language Service, by delegation of the Language Policy Commission, which is informed annually of the resolutions made.

Decisions are published on the UAB's grants portal: UABcercador <<http://www.uab.cat/beques-ajuts/>>.

Incompatibilities

This support is incompatible with any other grant or amount awarded for the same purpose.

Bellaterra (Cerdanyola del Vallès), 29 January 2020.

This resolution serves to close the administrative process and appeals against it may be made to the Administrative Litigation Courts within two months counting from the day following its notification or publication, pursuant to articles 8 and 46.1 of Law 29/1998, of 13 July, on the Administrative Litigation Courts, and article 109 and related articles of Law 30/1992, of 26 November, on the legal framework of public administration bodies and common administrative procedure, modified by Law 4/1999, of 13 January.