

MAIN ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT IN 2022

VALENCIAN AGENCY FOR ASSESSMENT AND FORESIGHT



UNIVERSITY QUALITY ASSURANCE DEPARTMENT

1. UNIVERSITY PROGRAMMES

A. Evaluation of new bachelor's, master's and doctoral programmes to be introduced in the 2022/2023 academic year by the universities of the Valencian Community.

In accordance with the provisions of Article 13 of Order 86/2010 of 15 November, which establishes the procedure for the introduction of official bachelor's, master's and doctoral programmes at universities in the Valencian Community (DOCV No. 6405 of 25 November 2010).

A total of 44 applications were submitted by Valencian universities for the introduction of new official bachelor's, master's and doctoral programmes for the **2022–2023** academic year.

UNIVERSIDAD	MÁSTER	GRADOS	DOCTORADOS	TOTAL
Universitat de València – Estudi General	1	0	1	2
Universitat Politècnica de València	5	2	2	9
Universitat d'Alacant	1	0	0	1
Universitat Jaume I de Castelló	2	1	0	3
Universitat Miguel Hernández d'Elx	1	0	0	1
Universidad Cardenal Herrera	1	0	1	2
Universidad Católica de Valencia	2	0	0	2
Universidad Europea de Valencia	6	0	1	7
Universidad Internacional de Valencia	16	1	0	17
TOTAL	35	4	5	44

B. Monitoring of official university programmes offered in the Valencian Community

By Resolution of 20 June 2022, issued by the President of the Valencian Agency for Assessment and Foresight Studies, the 2022 call for applications for the evaluation and monitoring of official bachelor's, master's and doctoral programmes in the Valencian Community was approved (DOGV, 4 July 2022), setting out the deadlines, the documentation to be submitted and the procedure to be followed.

The universities in the Valencian Community have submitted a total of 22 programmes for evaluation:

UNIVERSIDAD	MÁSTER	GRADOS	DOCTORADOS	TOTAL
Universitat de València – Estudi General	1	1	0	2
Universitat Politècnica de València	1	1	0	2
Universitat d'Alacant	0	3	1	4
Universitat Jaume I de Castelló	0	0	1	1
Universitat Miguel Hernández d'Elx	1	1	0	2
Universidad Cardenal Herrera	0	0	0	0
Universidad Católica de Valencia	0	0	0	0
Universidad Europea de Valencia	2	0	0	2
Universidad Internacional de Valencia	5	4	0	9
TOTAL	10	10	2	22

C. Renewal of the accreditation of official taught in the Valencian Community

Pursuant to the provisions of Royal Decree 822/2021 of 28 September, which establishes the organisation of university education and the procedure for ensuring its quality, in 2022 the accreditation of a total **of 152** official university programmes at universities in the Valencian Community was due for renewal:

UNIVERSIDAD	MÁSTER	GRADOS	DOCTORADOS	TOTAL
Universitat de València - Estudi General	0	18	5	23
Universitat Politècnica de València	2	23	0	25
Universitat d'Alacant	6	37	0	43
Universitat Jaume I de Castelló	1	18	0	19
Universitat Miguel Hernández d'Elx	6	22	0	28
Universidad Cardenal Herrera	0	6	0	6
Universidad Católica de Valencia	1	3	1	5
Universidad Europea de Valencia	0	0	0	0
Universidad Internacional de Valencia	1	1	0	2
Institut Superior d'Ensenyances Artístiques Comunitat Valenciana	1	0	0	1
TOTAL	18	128	6	152

2. TEACHING AND RESEARCH STAFF

A. Assessment for the recruitment of teaching staff at Valencian universities

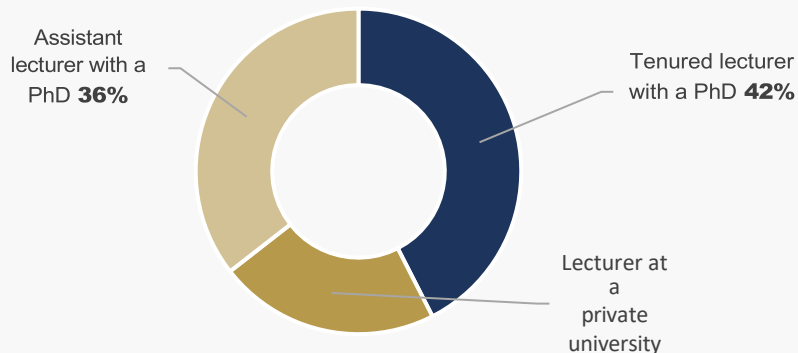
During the 2022 call for applications, AVAP received a total of **653 applications** for assessment for the recruitment of teaching staff at universities in the Valencian Community in the categories of 'contracted professor with a PhD', 'assistant professor with a PhD' and 'private university lecturer'.

These 653 applicants account for a total of **1,092 applications**.

CATEGORY	APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR	464
PRIVATE UNIVERSITY LECTURER PRIVATE	240
ASSISTANT LECTURER DOCTOR	388
TOTAL	1092

2022 ACADEMIC STAFF ACCREDITATION

Total applications submitted by category: 1092

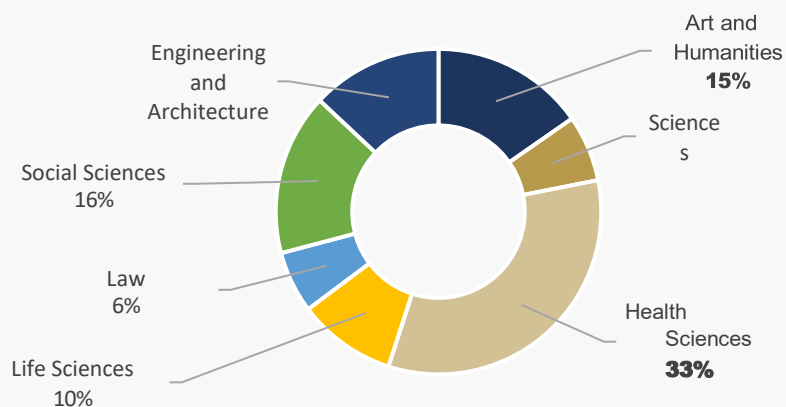


By area of study, the breakdown was as follows, distinguishing between 309 applications from men and 344 from women.

CATEGORY	APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED	MEN	WOMEN
Arts and Humanities	100	32	68
Sciences	43	27	16
Health Sciences	216	111	105
Life Sciences	64	27	37
Law	40	17	23
Social Sciences	105	44	61
Engineering and Architecture	85	51	34

TEACHING STAFF ACCREDITATION 2022

Total applications assessed by subject area:



B. Assessment of the research activity of tenured academic and research staff

AVAP has signed collaboration agreements with the University of Valencia General Study, Miguel Hernández University in Elche, the University of Alicante, Jaume I University and the General Foundation of the University of Valencia to assess the research activity of its contracted teaching and research staff who cannot be assessed by the CNEAI. In addition, research staff at the FISABIO Foundation have requested to be included in the AVAP's research activity evaluation process.

This year, through its committees of experts, AVAP carried out the evaluation of the research activity of the aforementioned teaching staff at the Miguel Hernández University and the research staff of the FISABIO Foundation, applying a procedure and evaluation criteria comparable to those used by the CNEAI to evaluate teaching staff belonging to university teaching bodies.

By 2022, AVAP will have assessed a total of 51 applications.

UNIVERSITY	APPLICATIONS
UMH	39
FISABIO	12

C. Assessment of additional remuneration for teaching staff

In accordance with the provisions of Decree 174/2002 of the Valencian Government and the Resolution of 21 January 2011 of AVAP Presidency, it is the responsibility of AVAP to assess individual merits for the purpose of establishing additional remuneration linked to the individual teaching, research and management merits of civil servant teaching and research staff, as regulated by Decree 174/2002 of 15 October of the Valencian Government.

AVAP assesses the mobility component, classifying it into three different quality levels.

In **2021**, **63** applications were submitted and **61** were assessed. Six appeals were resolved: two from the UMH and four from the UJI

QUALITY LEVEL ACHIEVED			
UNIVERSITY	LEVEL A	LEVEL B	LEVEL C
University of Valencia – General Study	19	12	8
Jaume I University	3	3	3
University of Alicante	8	0	1
Miguel Hernández University	3	0	1
Polytechnic University of Valencia	0	0	0
TOTAL	33	15	13

The deadline for submitting applications is 31 July; after that date, the universities will send us the files for the **year 2022** so that AVAP can assess them and draw up the relevant reports.

3. R&D EVALUATION DEPARTMENT

A. R&D Calls for Proposals from the Regional Ministry of Innovation, Universities, Science and the Digital Society

In accordance with the provisions of Order 19/2020 of 1 October issued by the Regional Ministry of Innovation, Universities, Science and the Digital Society, which approves the regulatory framework for the award of grants under the Programme for the promotion of scientific research, technological development and innovation in the Valencian Community, a request has been made for the collaboration of AVAP to assess a total of **1,496** applications spread across the following calls for applications:

ACRONYM	PROGRAMME	NO. OF APPLICATIONS
GRISOLÍA	Grants under the Santiago Grisolia programme	165
APOTI	Grants for the recruitment of support staff linked to a technology transfer project	94
APOSTD	Grants for the recruitment of postdoctoral research staff	234
BEFPI	Grants for pre-doctoral research fellows to undertake placements at research centres outside the Valencian Community	76
BEST	Grants for research fellows with a PhD to undertake stays at research centres based outside the Valencian Community	211
GE	Grants for emerging research groups	160
ACIF	Grants for the recruitment of pre-doctoral research staff	365
AORG	Grants for the organisation and promotion of conferences, symposia and meetings in the fields of science, technology, the humanities or artistic events	125
PPC	Grants for the promotion and revitalisation of science parks	49
AEST	Grants for placements of PhD-level research staff in companies in the Valencian Community	57
APE	Grants for securing European projects or other international programmes	21
TOTAL		1,496

The GRISOLÍA, APOTI, APOSTD, BEFPI, BEST and GE programmes have already been assessed, representing a total of 879 applications.

The ACIF, AORG, AEST, APE and PPC programmes are currently under evaluation, comprising a total of 617 applications.



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B. Other R&D&I evaluation calls

During 2022, the AVAP also carried out the evaluation process for the following calls managed by the Directorate-General for Science and Research of the Regional Ministry of Innovation, Universities, Science and the Digital Society:

- AGROALNEXT: 59 applications
- ASTROFAE: 30 applications
- ADVANCED MATERIALS: 61 applications
- INVESTIGO: 482 applications

In addition, two Regional Ministries are planning to launch calls for R&D&I grants to be assessed by AVAP in 2022:

- Regional Ministry of Sustainable Economy, Productive Sectors, Trade and Labour. Call for grant applications for public-sector research projects.
- Regional Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development, Climate Emergency and Ecological Transition.

Call for applications for grants to support the development and implementation of R&D&I projects in the environmental field, focusing on climate change adaptation, mitigation and the ecological transition in the Valencian Community.

ACRONYM	APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY AVAP	% OF TOTAL
GRISOLÍA	165	11.02
BEST	211	14.1
BEFPI	76	5.08
APOTI	33	2.2
PPC	49	3.2
ACIF	365	24.39
APOSTD	234	15.64
GE	160	10.69
AEST	57	3.81
AORG	125	8.35
APE	21	1.4
TOTAL	1496	

4. AVAP COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

During 2022, AVAP produced a total of 30 news items covering activities, events and developments of relevance and current interest to the Agency.

In this report, we wish to highlight the most significant developments and categorise them as follows: internationalisation, key events and corporate communications.

A. Internationalisation

July 2022: AVAP is now a member of ENQA

AVAP's Director General, Javier Oliver, attended the **ENQA** Annual Members' Forum in Cardiff. Until now, AVAP had been an affiliate member of the European Association of Quality Assurance Agencies since 2016. Following this Forum, held in Cardiff, AVAP has successfully become a full member of the European Association of Quality Assurance Agencies (ENQA).

[Link to the full news article](#)

October 2022: AVAP takes part in the ENQA General Assembly in Stockholm

Over the course of several days, participants worked **on** and explored different approaches to **quality assurance in transnational higher education**. In addition, the assembly also addressed the challenges and opportunities involved in harmonising quality assurance approaches across different regions of the world, as well as the implications for cooperation with Europe.

Furthermore, the Valencian Agency for Assessment and Foresight has been confirmed as a **“full member”** of the European Association for Quality in Higher Education.

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December 2022: AVAP joins CoARA, the International Coalition for the Advancement of Research Assessment

More than 300 organisations form part of the coalition, which seeks a qualitative approach to **research evaluation**. In other words, the agreement aims to bring about a rethinking of the criteria used to evaluate the merits of university lecturers, particularly in relation to research, moving towards more qualitative criteria.

CoARA goes beyond a mere declaration of intent and commits institutions to advancing evaluation practices during the period 2022–2027.

[Link to the full article](#)

February 2023: AVAP, a member of the Global Academic Integrity Network (GAIN)

This network comprises agencies specialising in the evaluation of quality and excellence in the academic sphere and seeks to foster collaboration amongst them to promote academic ethics and the fight against plagiarism across all fields.

Membership of GAIN is a significant honour for AVAP and the other agencies specialising in the evaluation of quality and excellence in the academic sphere and demonstrates the Valencian Agency for Assessment and Foresight's commitment to promoting academic ethics and combating plagiarism and corruption in higher education and research.

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March 2023: AVAP is listed in the EQAR international register

AVAP is listed in the **EQAR Register (European Quality Assurance Register for Higher Education)**. EQAR is the official register of **Quality Assurance Agencies within the European Higher Education Area**, comprising those agencies that substantially comply with the Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the European Higher **Education Area** (ESG).

AVAP has reached an important milestone in its history by joining EQAR. This achievement is the result of years of hard work and dedication on the part of AVAP. Inclusion in the EQAR register recognises the quality and excellence of the agency's work in the field of higher education assessment and foresight.

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B. Highlights

March 2022: AVAP and ACPUA hold a bilateral meeting

Following the **collaboration agreement** signed between AVAP and ACPUA in April 2021, the two agencies have been working closely together to cooperate in the fields of quality assurance, certification and university accreditation.

The first activity organised under this agreement was the **training webinar for students on university evaluation**, which took place last November.

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April 2022: The role of the LOSU is discussed at the REACU meeting

The meeting took place at the headquarters of the National Agency for Quality Assessment and Accreditation (ANECA) and was attended by the Minister for Universities, Joan Subirats Humet, who shared his views on the LOSU: "There is scope to ensure the quality of universities in a more streamlined manner, retaining only those processes that add value," he said.

For their part, the Ministry and REACU agreed to continue making progress on the shared responsibility model. Under this model, public authorities, agencies and universities share responsibility for quality management and assurance, helping to strengthen public confidence in universities.

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May 2022: Conference on internal quality assurance systems for university-developed degree programmes

ANECA attended in its capacity as Coordinator of the Spanish Network of University Quality Agencies (REACU)

The meeting also highlighted the principle of shared responsibility in quality assurance. This principle is based on the capacity of higher education institutions to ensure the quality of their internal systems and to incorporate ongoing professional development.

Finally, the importance of dialogue between CRUE, RUEPEP and REACU was emphasised, as it is necessary to provide guidelines that enable each university to develop its academic projects. All of this takes place within the framework of the autonomy they enjoy regarding the design of their educational programmes and the supportive role that ANECA and the agencies of the Autonomous Communities can play.

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May 2022: Javier Oliver attends the 3rd UNESCO World Conference on Higher Education

The director of the AVAP attended **WHEC 2022** ([World Higher Education Conference 2022](#)) alongside **Pilar Ezpeleta**, Director-General for Universities.

The conference was organised by **UNESCO** in collaboration with the Spanish Government, the **Government of Catalonia, Barcelona City Council and the Barcelona Provincial Council**, and in partnership with **GUNi/ACUP (Global University Network for Innovation / Catalan Association of Public Universities)**.

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June 2022: Javier Oliver takes part in the 1st Academic Conference of University Service-Learning Offices to discuss the role of quality assurance agencies in this context

During his presentation, Oliver highlighted the importance of quality assurance agencies in raising the profile of service-learning.

This workshop was organised by the UNED's University Service-Learning Office (ApS) with the support of the Madrid Network of University Service-Learning Offices and the Association for University Service-Learning.

[Link to the full article](#)

June 2022: AVAP takes part in the course 'The University and Lifelong Learning', organised by the UJI and CRUE

Javier Oliver, Director General of AVAP, took part as a speaker at this conference to highlight the importance and value of continuing education in higher education.

During the event, participants analysed Royal Decree 822/2021, which introduces **university-specific qualifications** and **micro-credentials** into universities' **continuing education** programmes for lifelong learning and employability. This Royal Decree aims to promote inclusion and equal opportunities.

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September 2022: Javier Oliver attends the ENQA board meeting and REACU assembly in Zaragoza

This event included a meeting of the ENQA Board, followed by a joint session between the **ENQA and REACU boards**, which enabled the ENQA Board to gain an insight into the organisation of quality assurance in Spain, where a national agency and various regional agencies routinely share responsibilities, reflecting both the diversity and the collaboration amongst them.

During the day, ENQA presented the latest initiatives it has undertaken and the upcoming events it is organising.

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September 2022: AVAP takes part in ENQA's online event 'External Quality Assurance of Micro-credentials'

The event, which was attended virtually by **500 registered participants**, provided an opportunity to reflect on existing and future practices for ensuring the quality of micro-credentials across the different contexts of the European Higher Education Area.

ENQA's work has highlighted that micro-credentials are on the radar of quality assurance agencies, but that no concrete decisions have been taken, as agreements depend largely on national contexts and regulatory requirements currently under development.

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January 2023: Javier Oliver attends the National Forum on Research Assessment Reform

On 20 January, the **Ministry of Universities and CRUE** (Conference of Rectors of Spanish Universities) launched the **National Forum for the Reform of Research Evaluation**.

Javier Oliver, Director General of AVAP, highlighted the importance of reaching a consensus and common agreements in the field of research evaluation. The Forum was established with this aim in mind: to become a space for joint work and reflection with all universities, where ideas and best practices on the reform of research evaluation can be shared.

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C. Corporate communications

April 2022: AVAP delivers training for expert members of Reacredita's external evaluation committees

AVAP has delivered a **training session** for experts serving as members of the external evaluation committees for the **Reacredita** programme. This online training was specifically aimed at experts with limited experience of these evaluation processes.

The training was prepared and managed by Reyes Giner, head of AVAP's quality service, alongside quality experts with years of experience in such processes.

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May 2022: AVAP is a collaborating organisation in the "Via Universitària" study carried out by the Xarxa Vives d'Universitats

AVAP has collaborated with the scientific committee of the Xarxa Vives d'Universitats on its "Via Universitària" study, the third to be carried out by the network of academic institutions in the Valencian Community, Catalonia, the Balearic Islands and Andorra.

The study reveals that the profile of students at face-to-face universities is still more traditional than in the previous report (2017–2019), whilst at online universities there is greater diversity, with students from lower socio-economic and educational backgrounds, with family responsibilities, and a lower proportion of women.

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September 2022: The AVAP team receives ongoing training

Throughout the year, the AVAP team undertakes **various training courses** in their areas of expertise to update their knowledge and carry out their duties as efficiently as possible.

In this instance, this September, staff from **the Management, Strategic Planning and Public Services Department** attended a training course on auditing, organised by the Deputy General Inspectorate for Financial Control and Audits of the Valencian Regional Government.

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September 2022: AVAP welcomes three new members to its team

The Valencian Agency for Evaluation and Foresight has increased the number of posts within its team in order to carry out more work of a higher quality and in a more proactive manner in relation to its remit.

AVAP has committed to a policy of improving the agency's structure. Six new posts have been created within this department since 2019, and three new specialists have joined the team.

In order to carry out each of its functions responsibly and to a high standard, AVAP has strengthened and improved its workforce.

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November 2022: Informative interview with the Director-General, Javier Oliver

Javier Oliver is the Director-General of AVAP, **the Valencian Agency for Assessment and Foresight**. Since taking up his post in September 2019, his work and commitment have been focused on transforming the agency's organisation to achieve international accreditation.

"It is a long process, which has not been easy from the outset," he explained during this interview. This process is drawing to a close and, with favourable interim reports, it is expected that in the coming weeks AVAP will obtain the much-desired and necessary international recognition from EQAR, the European Quality Assurance Register for Higher Education.

Javier Oliver discussed all the key aspects of the agency that impact the quality of higher education and the improvement of society.

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December 2022: Release of a corporate video about AVAP, explaining what the Agency is, its functions and its main objectives

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January 2023: AVAP, together with AQU Catalonia and ACPUA, is coordinating a pioneering study in Spain on graduate employment

Over recent months, AVAP has been actively participating in a pioneering study in Spain on the **employment outcomes of students** on the Bachelor's degree in Environmental Sciences, involving all universities in Catalonia, Aragon and the Valencian Community that offer this degree.

During these first few months of 2023, more than 700 undergraduate students from seven universities will be interviewed: from the Valencian Community (**University of Valencia, Polytechnic University of Valencia and Miguel Hernández University**), from Catalonia (**University of Barcelona,**



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Autònoma University of Barcelona, University of Girona) and from Aragon (**University of Zaragoza**) who graduated in 2019 and 2020.

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In addition, the following news items relating to calls for applications, deadlines and results were published **during 2022**:

- **The 2022 call for applications for the evaluation of official undergraduate, master's and doctoral degree programmes is now open**

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- **Deadlines published for the Reacredita 2023 call**

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- **Results published for the evaluation of grant applications under the R&D&I Programme**

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- **Call for applications to select a student member for the Accreditation Committee**

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- **Applications for the 2022 teaching accreditation scheme are now open**

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- **AVAP has received 653 applications for the assessment process for the recruitment of teaching staff at universities in the Valencian Community**

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