

COMPETITION RULES

Scholarship to support research and publication of thesis or research on Collective Housing and city.

The Master in Collective Housing MCH, Universidad Politécnica de Madrid UPM + Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zürich, together with TC Cuadernos, opens the 2025/26 call for the publication of a book in collective housing and city. Architects from any country or university in the world can participate.

OBJECTIVE

Research publication in book format in two languages (English and Spanish).

REQUIREMENTS

Postgraduate students, university researchers and/or independent professionals in architecture, design and city may participate according to their category:

Category 1: Master's or PhD degree with a completed thesis or research work. It must have been defended up to one year before the closing date of the first stage of this competition (March 2nd, 2026). For this category, you must have a certificate from the university indicating the grade and the thesis completion date

Category 2: Master's or PhD student with thesis or advanced research work less than a year away from reading. For this category you must have a letter of support from the corresponding PhD supervisor.

Category 3: Independent researchers or professionals with a proposal to start research.

For all categories the scholarship application must be individual; however, the recipient may add collaborators after the award has been granted.

BENEFITS

One scholarship for up to 6.000 euros will be awarded to support the selected thesis/research.

For category 1, master's or PhD with thesis or completed research work, it will consist of an incentive of 2.000 euros for the layout and adaptation of the text, in one payment upon delivery.

For categories 2 and 3, it will consist of an incentive of 6.000 euros in three payments, the first, for the development and completion of the research; the second, after the presentation of the thesis or delivery of the material for review to MCH; and the third, after the layout and final adaptation.

All the images' rights must be covered for each author.

For all categories, TC Cuadernos will cover the translations, editorial cost and dissemination of the text.

RESTRICTIONS AND INCOMPATIBILITIES

Members of the jury or administrative staff of the Master in Collective Housing MCH may not participate in this call.

STAGE 1: PRE-SELECTION

PRE-SELECTION CRITERIA

The 10 best projects that, in the jury's opinion, present the greatest interest for the theme of the book to be published will be pre-selected. These must provide additional advanced material in the second stage to be eligible for selection.

The complete delivery of all the requested material within the date established in this document will be considered admissible for evaluation.

DOCUMENTATION

- Proposal, PDF format. 500 words. **This document must be presented in English.**
- Research progress: PDF file of maximum 10Mb.
- Summary researcher resume. PDF format of maximum 15Mb.
- PhD supervisor letter (just for category 2).
- University certification (just for category 1).

All documents, except the proposal, may be submitted in English or Spanish.
It is mandatory that the proposal be submitted in English.

SUBMISSION

Applications will be accepted until **March 02, 2026 at 11:59 p.m. Spain**, via email of no more than 25MB to team@mchmaster.com

The subject of the email must be.

SCHOLARSHIP DELIVERY – CATEGORY N°X – RESEARCHER NAME

STAGE 2: SELECTION

SELECTION CRITERIA

A single winning project will be selected from the three categories based on the following table of criteria:

1	Scientific content, originality and interest of the proposal	50%
2	Technical feasibility and coherence	30%
3	Researcher's CV	20%

Each criterion will be evaluated from 0 to 5, allowing midpoints, but not fractions, according to:

0	Nor qualify	The proposal does not have/address the criterion under analysis or cannot be evaluated due to lack of background or incomplete information.
1	Incomplete	The proposal does not adequately have/address aspects of the criterion or there are serious inherent deficiencies.
2	Regular	The proposal generally have/addresses the aspects of the criterion, but there are important deficiencies.
3	Good	The proposal correctly have/addresses the aspects of the criterion, although it requires certain improvements.
4	Very good	The proposal have/addresses the aspects of the criterion very well, even though certain improvements are possible.
5	Excellent	The proposal have/addresses all relevant aspects of the criterion in question in an outstanding manner. Any weakness is very minor.

DOCUMENTATION

- Proposal, PDF format. 1.500 words. **This document must be presented in English.**
- Advance of the research or thesis: Maximum free PDF file.
- Representative sample pages of the proposal.
- Extended researcher curriculum. PDF format maximum 15Mb.

All documents, except the proposal, may be submitted in English or Spanish. It is mandatory that the proposal be submitted in English.

(*) The jury may request additional material at this stage of the competition.

SUBMISSION

Stage 2 delivery date will be specified to those classified in stage 1.

JURY

The jury will be composed of:

- A professor representing the Universidad Politécnica de Madrid UPM.
- A professor representing the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zürich ETH.
- A representative of the TC Cuadernos publishing house.
- An outstanding professional in the housing area.
- A member of the MCH master's team.
- The winner of the previous competition of this grant.

DOUBTS AND QUERIES

To the official email team@mchmaster.com

The subject of the email must be.

SCHOLARSHIP DOUBTS – CATEGORY N°X – RESEARCHER NAME

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