

# The Banco Sabadell Foundation presents its Awards for Biomedical Research and Science and Engineering

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The president of Banco Sabadell and its Foundation, Josep Oliu, presented the Banco Sabadell Foundation Awards for Biomedical Research and Science and Engineering to ICREA research professor at UPF, Marc Güell Cargol, and the research professor at ICFO, Pelayo García de Arquer, in an event held yesterday at the Banco Sabadell Corporate Center in Sant Cugat del Vallès and which brought together about 150 people, mainly members of the scientific community.

The ceremony was attended by Pilar Díaz Romero, delegate of the Government of Catalonia in Barcelona, as well as Oscar Martín, president of the jury of the Biomedical Award, and Enrique Zuazua, member of the jury of the Science and Engineering Award, who highlighted the work of both winners and their potential for social impact.

The Banco Sabadell Foundation defends that these awards "reaffirm the commitment to the promotion of scientific talent and research of excellence, highlighting projects capable of responding to some of the great current challenges. "Both awarders share a differential feature: their ability to combine frontier research with real applications in industry and society. From the fight against climate change to the revolution of personalized medicine, his work represents the example of the transformative role of science in economic and social progress," explained Josep Oliu, president of Banco Sabadell and its Foundation.

The XXI Banco Sabadell Foundation Award for Biomedical Research was awarded to Marc Güell Cargol for his pioneering contributions to synthetic biology and the development of new genetic engineering technologies. The jury highlighted that this research allows "developing transformative gene editing technologies, microbiome-based therapies and new safe sources of organs for transplantation with great potential for impact on human health."

The X Banco Sabadell Foundation Award for Science and Engineering went to Pelayo García de Arquer for his scientific contributions to the development of nanomaterials and quantum dots for optoelectronics, as well as to the development of electrochemistry techniques. The jury highlighted its "extraordinary impact on the international scientific community and its contributions in the field of technology transfer in areas as critical and socially relevant as decarbonization" highlighting its "vision, leadership and ability to create and energize multidisciplinary teams".

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