



## The Planetary Wellbeing project takes stock of its implementation

Promoting multidisciplinary, collaborative research, the launch of educational initiatives that integrate this perspective, and networking to advance the frontiers of knowledge are some of the initiatives implemented.

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**I**n 2018, UPF launched its [Planetary Wellbeing](#) initiative, a concept that defines an ideal state of complete wellbeing for humans and non-humans, their social systems and the Earth's natural systems. Under the premise that humanity can only evolve in harmony with other beings if it pays attention to the political, economic and social systems that make up the Earth's natural systems, this initiative demonstrates UPF's commitment to finding solutions to the major challenges facing humanity and the planet.

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By way of example, the design of a **MOOC and a minor** in Planetary Wellbeing; participation at various **international conferences** sensitive to the initiative (such as GUNi, Incorporate Sustainability, and Global Climate Week), networking with a series of **reference partners** that enable jointly advancing the frontiers of knowledge (Johns Hopkins University, the International Panel on Social Progress, École Normale Supérieure, and the Institut National d'Énergie Solaire) and the close link with the **Ciudadella of Knowledge** initiative implemented by the University in the vicinity of the former Fish Market.

## A budget of 292,000 euros for research into Planetary Wellbeing

One of the cornerstones of the Planetary Wellbeing project is to **promote collaborative, multidisciplinary research** in this field by supporting a new generation of researchers and projects that integrate this perspective. During this time, various **calls for research** in Planetary Wellbeing have been announced, with a total budget of 292,000 euros, that have provided grants to ten PhD and eight postdoctoral students as well as funding eleven seed funded research projects, among others. Indeed, the last call resolved, endowed with a budget of 146,000 euros (half of which was provided by the Board of Trustees), has awarded grants to 21 projects.

Similarly to previous calls, this one hinges around two strategies. Under the first, **“Promotion of a new generation of academics in Planetary Wellbeing”**, has provided support to **researchers** in two categories: actions aimed at PhD students and actions for postdoctoral students who wish to steer their research in the direction of planetary wellbeing.

The PhD student researchers selected are **José Antonio Moreno** (Department of Communication), **Alesia Zhuk** (Department of Law), **Carlos Marrero**, **Sandra Rebolledo** and **Carolina Jiménez** (Department of Humanities), **Selen Uncular** (Department of Law), **Francesca D'Agostini** (Department of Humanities), **Paula de Prado** (CEXS), and **Aurelia Praslickova** (Department of Law), and the postdoctoral researchers are **Fernanda Pires** (Department of Communication), **Maria Lindmäe** (Department of Humanities), **Meritxell Ferrer** and **Teresa Segura-Garcia** (Department of Humanities), and **Núria Conde** (CEXS).

The second strategy, **“Promotion of multidisciplinary research on planetary wellbeing”** provides two different categories of grants. On the one hand, seed fund projects that, through collaborative research, allow the researchers to seek external funds to conduct larger projects by submitting proposals to international competitive calls.

In this category, **five projects** have been funded:

- “Land use - from global to local”, by **Marco Madella** (Department of Humanities)
- “Pilot research projects in Planetary Wellbeing 2020”, by **Tomàs Marquès** (Department of Experimental and Health Sciences)
- “Optimise Vertical Farming”, by **Alberto Santini**, **Gara Villalba** and **Michael Schneider** (Department of Economics and Business)
- “Breathing Dynamic Modelling for Body Mind Interaction in Students (BYMBOS)”, by **Simone**

**Tassani** (Department of Information and Communication Technologies)

- "Food, Fertility and Footprints", by **Paula Casal** and **Andrew Williams** (Department of Law)

Moreover, this strategy also envisages the organization of **interdisciplinary workshops and conferences on topics of cutting-edge research related to planetary wellbeing**. In this category, funding has been granted to **five projects** by the lecturers **Patrick Zabalbeascoa** (Department of Translation and Language Sciences), **Lela Melon**, **Carlos Gómez** and **Miquel Oliver** (Departments of Law and ICT), **Santiago Zabala** and **Isabel Valverde** (Department of Humanities), **Manel Jiménez**, **Marta Lopera** and **Joan Corbella** (Department of Communication), and **Mònica Figueras** and **Maria José González** (Department of Communication).

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