

1. Interested institution:

[University of Navarra](#) – [Institute for Culture and Society](#)

2. Brief Description of the Group

ATLANTES: Human Dignity, Advanced Illness and Palliative Care is an interdisciplinary research group with several background: nursing, health geography, social work, medicine and history. We research on advance disease and palliative care **with the focus of social sciences and humanities**. The global objective is **to promote a positive view regarding the professional care of patients with advanced or terminal disease in both society and medicine**. ATLANTES have **three interconnected research lines**: the **intangible values** of palliative care, the study of **global palliative care development** and the **message transmitted** by palliative care to the society and within health care professionals.

We have a sound track record in publications (32 Q1 and 16 Q2 articles in 2017-19), and the group has also been successful in obtaining competitive research funding, including several national and European-funded projects. The group has an international character, with researchers from Colombia, The Netherlands, Portugal and Spain, and other research collaborators from Canada, Ireland, Italy, Portugal, UK, between others. Our research team works in constant contact with the Palliative Care Service of the Clínica Universidad de Navarra, our University Hospital in Pamplona.

Team contribution to the MSCA researcher:

- Support and training in qualitative research.
- High quality research and the knowhow on the research topics. A creative interplay between the different projects involved will be done, promoting high quality palliative care.
- To inform the palliative care development initiatives, the message that society and other health professionals receive and transform the perspective about palliative care.
- Work together with palliative care professionals and clinicians and with the ICS Data Science Unit. This enables to conduct interdisciplinary and applicable research within our fields of specialization.

3. Areas of research (as established in Marie Sklodowska Curie Actions)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry (CHE) | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Sciences and Geology (ENV) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social Sciences and Humanities (SOC) | <input type="checkbox"/> Life Sciences (LIF) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Economic Sciences (ECO) | <input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics (MAT) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Information Science and Engineering (ENG) | <input type="checkbox"/> Physics (PHY) |

4. Research / Project Description

ATLANTES, particularly the area of Intangible Values, seeks to support the MSCA application of an outstanding researcher who my contribute to understand in depth the essential values of caring in the advance disease and at the end of life with the holistic approach of palliative care.



The objective of this research is to explore the anthropological, historical, and ethical aspects of Palliative Care by examining values such as gratitude, dignity, compassion and positive professional coping. This aim addresses crucial issues regarding the attention and care given to patients with advanced or terminal disease and their families, in both society and medicine. Thereby, providing deep insights into palliative care values will enable their promotion not only at bedside but also on the view/perspective of the society about palliative care and will inspire the global development and a closer vision to the reality of palliative care.

The Marie Curie candidate have to be able to contribute in one or more of the current projects:

- *Gratitude in palliative care: We have been researching on the presence of gratitude in Palliative Care since 2010, focusing particularly on the gratitude displays and health professionals’ perspective. We are currently interested in extending this focus to look at the repercussion of gratitude on the participants and deepen in its conceptualization.*
- *Dignity related aspects: Building on our group’s interest in dignity in care, we have been exploring dignity models, initiatives that promote it and the possible repercussion of it on issues like legacy (dignity therapy) and wish to die.*
- *Coping: We are interested on how palliative care health professionals cope with demanding situations accompanying advanced patients at the end of life and how they develop and use different strategies for it. The understanding of this will allow developing an innovative initiative for it.*

Expected impact of the MSCA project:

- *Scientific impact consisting in a) papers in top-ranked journals and b) attendance to international conferences.*
- *Social impact consisting in a) interaction with social agents and institutions and b) expansion of international connections.*

5. Who can apply?

General requirements:

We are interested in collaborative and translational research and in people with an innovative and open perspective that complements the most clinical or biomedical perspective.

At the deadline for the submission of proposals (09/09/2020), researchers (*):

- ✓ shall be in possession of a doctoral degree or have at least four years of full-time equivalent research experience.
- ✓ must not have resided or carried out their main activities in the country of Spain for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately prior to the above mentioned deadline.

Specific requirements:

- ✓ Shall have psychologist or health sociologist background degree.
- ✓ Experience on qualitative research evidenced on quality publications.
- ✓ Candidates should have a very high competency in English. Knowledge of Spanish is not compulsory—but the candidate’s competency or willingness to learn this language will be considered an asset.



6. Interested candidates should provide the following documentation:

- A cover letter (1 page)
- CV (with complete contact details) (2-4 pages)
- Research statement (including methodology, objectives, and expected results) (max. 2 pages).