

JOB OFFER - VACANCIES



RESEARCHER (PhD Candidate)

**Predoctoral recruitment in Foodwaste –
Area of Agri-food Economics and Natural
Resources**

Number of vacancies: 1

Reference: PRE-01-25

CONTEXT

CREDA-UPC-IRTA is a Foundation dedicated to research and technology transfer in the social sciences related to the agri-food sector. Founded in 2006, it is currently a benchmark in Catalonia and Spain <https://www.creda.es/>. The person will join a young and dynamic, multidisciplinary and international team, with a stimulating work environment.

CREDA-UPC-IRTA has the support of two institutions: the Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya (UPC) and the Institut d'Investigació i Tecnologia Agroalimentàries (IRTA). It was born from the need to formalize a Catalan research and development body in the agri-food sector, unifying and strengthening R&D capacities and making these capacities available to governments, as well as the public and private sector.

CREDA-UPC-IRTA operates at the confluence of the public and private sectors, perfectly positioned to act as a reliable actor in the transfer of relevant and accurate scientific information that contributes to the actors of the various links in the food value chain can make informed decisions.



PURPOSE

The candidate will be integrated into the topics of Foodwaste that are developed within CREDA.

WORKPLACE SPECIFIC FUNCTIONS

- **Collaborate as a researcher in various national and international projects and studies** carried out by CREDA in the field of agri-food economics, **participating in foodwaste projects**, under the supervision of the project manager.
- **Obtaining, analysing information and writing reports** that respond to the objectives set.
- **Writing and publishing scientific articles** based on the research activity, as well as other topics that may arise.
- **Writing the PhD Thesis**

REQUIREMENTS

- Master's degree in Economics, Business Administration, Agricultural Sciences, Social Sciences, Statistics, Mathematics (if the other requirements are met, other types of Master's degree will be assessed).
- Good level of writing and communication in English.
- Knowledge and experience in quantitative and qualitative methods of human behaviour analysis (surveys, interviews, focus groups ...)
- Computer skills (office, mainly Excel) at advanced level
- Availability to travel.

SPECIFIC MERITS

- Experience in projects, regular collaboration with partners in the field of research, public policies and food waste (especially outside Spain).
- Valuable good level of writing and communication in Catalan
- Valuable experience in a similar place.
- Valuable experience in methodologies related to data analysis (Choice experiments, cost and benefit analysis).
- Register of publications of scientific articles in journals.

SKILLS

- Motivation for research.
- Ability to work in a team and to integrate into a multidisciplinary work environment.
- High organization skills and motivation
- Ability to work on several projects with different topics linked with the food waste in the same period of time.
- Ability to work autonomously, under the supervision of the project manager.
- Ability to work in an environment where compliance with delivery deadlines is very important.
- Critical thinking and proactive attitude.
- Motivation to learn and high standards in the quality of work.

CONTRACTING CONDITIONS

- Start of the contract: from the month of September 2025
- Duration of the contract: Renewable contract for 3 years with a possible extension for an additional fourth year.
- Gross annual remuneration: According to CREDA salary tables; (following the remuneration system of the AGAUR scholarships).

1st year	19.501,95€
2nd year	20.894,94€
3th year	23.573,78€
4th year	26.252,62€

- Day: Complete (37.5 hours per week, intensive in summer). Facilities for family reconciliation.

LOCATION



Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya del Baix Llobregat campus, Castelldefels, Barcelona (<https://cbl.upc.edu/ca>).

The Baix Llobregat Campus is located in the municipality of Castelldefels (5 minutes' walk from its center).

It is a peripheral municipality 20km from the city of Barcelona. The Mediterranean Sea bathes the south of the city and is located near the beginning of the Garraf Natural Park to the north and west of it. Castelldefels communicates with Barcelona by road (C-245, C-31 and C-32) and has two train stations on the BCN-Vilanova i la Geltrú line (Castelldefels Poble and Castelldefels Platja) as well as several lines bus with quick access to the city center of Barcelona.



APLICACIONES

Submit your application before **June 22th, 2025**

It is essential to attach a curriculum vitae and a motivation letter Send your application through https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdPyOWmtBKJxrUGGMK92uC9ZbdI7Tlas8hnZyZ6CedHm-TJVQ/viewform?usp=sf_link, before June 22th, 2025. It is mandatory to send a CV plus a motivation letter. Indicate reference PRE-01-25

Integration policy: reservation of a place in the first round for staff with disabilities.
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