

The Forest Science and Technology Centre of Catalonia (CTFC) is a research center affiliated with the Generalitat de Catalunya (the Catalan government), and it reports to the Ministry responsible for forest issues. The CTFC is a CERCA center and a government accredited TECNIO agent (developer of public technology).

Researcher on Forest Ecosystem Services Economics

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The Forest Science and Technology Centre of Catalonia (CTFC) is looking for a researcher to join the research group on Socioeconomics and Governance of Rural Systems and contribute to projects related to the analysis of demand and supply of forest ecosystem services.

The Forest Science and Technology Centre of Catalonia (CTFC), located in Solsona (Pre-Pyrenees, 120 km from Barcelona), Spain, employs app. 200 staff, produces more than 120 scientific articles annually, and has a turnover of around 12 Mil. €/year. The CTFC's research activity is organized into four programs: Multifunctional Forest Management, Landscape Dynamics and Planning, Biodiversity Management and Conservation, and Bioeconomy, Health, and Governance. Further institutional information is available at: www.ctfc.cat/en.

TERMS OF THE APPOINTMENT

1. This contract may start on June 2026.
2. Contract: Permanent scientific–technical contract.
3. It is a part-time position (27%, 10.13 h/week) until end of June 2027 with possibility of contract extension.
4. Annual gross salary will be commensurate with the specific profile of the selected candidate (qualifications and experience).
5. Option to work remotely.

KEY RESPONSABILITIES

The successful candidate is expected to:

1. Perform institutional economics analyses of incentives mechanisms to boost forest ecosystem services (ex. Payments for Ecosystem Services, market-based instruments).
2. Perform financial analyses of forest management itineraries for Nature-Based Solutions, Cost-Benefit Analyses and profitability assessment including forest externalities.
3. Perform experimental economic behaviour analyses related to wildfire risk mitigation.
4. Write scientific articles and technical reports.
5. Be able to work in a multidisciplinary environment.
6. Contribute to project proposal preparation.
7. Contribute to other institutional activities.

BASIC REQUIREMENTS

1. PhD degree in natural resources economics, or a related discipline provided it includes specialization in economics.
2. Experience with econometric modelling, market and/or behavioural economic analyses.
3. Experience in the forest economics and/or rural development research domains
4. Experience with participation in international research projects.
5. Scientific publications in topics related to the position.
6. Strong communication skills, writing and reporting skills.
7. Ability to engage with stakeholders (practitioners, policy and decision-makers).
8. Proficiency in Spanish and English

DESIRABLE REQUIREMENTS

1. Experience in environmental economic valuation methods.
2. Experience in wildfire risk mitigation, rural economics, social innovation and/or impact finance.
3. Readiness to quickly integrate in an established team.
4. Leadership in project management.

SOFT COMPETENCES

1. Team player.
2. Critical thinking and attention to detail.
3. Capacity to work under pressure.
4. Ability to plan and organize their work independently.
5. Result oriented.
6. Flexibility and adaptation.
7. Initiative and pro activity.
8. Availability to travel sporadically.

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The CTFC guarantees an open, transparent, and merit-based selection process (OTM-R) for all registered applications, thus avoiding any bias based on gender, origin, age, ideology, or any other potentially discriminatory circumstances.

Inclusion policy: Priority will be given to candidates with a recognized and accredited disability of 33% or higher, provided that the disability is compatible with the proper performance of the position.

SELECTION PROCESS AND CRITERIA

The selection process will be carried out through a two-stage procedure. The first stage will primarily target candidates from the consortium entities, given the nature of the position. The second stage will include the remaining candidates who have correctly submitted their application within the established deadline.

The position may be declared void if the selection committee considers that, despite the existence of candidates who meet the minimum required requirements, none are deemed suitable for the position.

- Applications: candidates must submit a CV and a motivation letter via www.ctfc.cat/registre.php by **22 May 2026 at 14:00**, indicating the reference code of the job offer. Applications submitted through any portal other than the CTFC job board and/or applications received through the SOC and following its instructions will not be accepted.

Estimated timeline	
15 working days	Publication and dissemination of the job offer: CTFC website, SOC Office, and other communication channels.
Following 2 working days	Pre-selection: verification of compliance with the minimum requirements and assessment of desirable conditions. Informative email sent to non-eligible CVs.
Following 2 working days	Selection committee meeting: interviews with shortlisted eligible candidates. Minutes of the Selection Committee stating the name of the selected candidate and the reasons for the selection. Publication of the resolution on the CTFC job portal identifying the selected candidate. Informative email sent to interviewed eligible candidates who were not selected.
Following 1 working day	Submission to Human Resources of the official documentation required to process the employment contract and coordination of the contract start date.
June 2026 (approximately)	Start of the contract.