

UNIVERSITY OF LA RIOJA

Resolution No.150/2018 of 16 February by the Vice-Chancellor of the University of La Rioja, giving notice of a call for applications to cover a temporary position for a researcher, under the funding of the VineScout project entitled 'VineScout - Intelligent decisions from vineyard robots'.

Title of position: Researcher for the VineScout project entitled 'VineScout - Intelligent decisions from vineyard robots'.

1. Purpose

The purpose of this call for applications is to fill a full-time position within the VineScout research project entitled 'VineScout - Intelligent decisions from vineyard robots'.

Funding for this contract will correspond to budgetary application 03.07.16.01.04 500I 640.00.

2. Contract terms and conditions

2.1 The contract will be implemented within the framework of the VineScout research project entitled 'VineScout - Intelligent decisions from vineyard robots' and will in no case exceed the duration of the project.

2.2 The contract will be full-time.

2.3 The contract will enter into force on the date on which it is signed and will expire on 28 February 2019. This contract may be renewed, subject to approval by the Principal Investigator and depending on the availability of budgetary resources. In no case may the duration of this contract exceed that of the VineScout project.

2.4 The financial allocation for the contract which is the subject of this call for applications is €23.318,98 gross, including salary, tax obligations and Social Security contributions payable by the University of La Rioja. In no case may gross monthly remuneration exceed 1,430 euros.

2.5 The duties assigned to the selected candidate will be:

- (a) Data analysis.
- (b) Submission and discussion of results.
- (c) Publications in journals and conferences.

3. Requirements

3.1 Applicants must fulfil the following requirements:

- (a) There are no specific requirements with regard to applicants' nationality or residence for participation in the procedure.

Nevertheless, the employment of non-EU foreign researchers, for the sole purpose of undertaking project-specific research tasks, depends on their obtaining the corresponding residence permit which allows them to reside and work in Spain under the framework of Organic Law 4/2000 of 11

January, on the rights and freedoms of foreign nationals in Spain and their social integration, and the applicable regulatory provisions.

- (b) They must be at least sixteen years old and under the age of compulsory retirement.
- (c) They must possess the functional capacity to perform their tasks.
- (d) They must not have been subject to dismissal by means of disciplinary proceedings from the service of any public administration, nor disqualified from the performance of their duties. In the case of nationals of a State as described above, they must not be subject to disciplinary sanctions or criminal convictions that prevent access to employment in public services in their State.
- (e) They must hold an official master's degree.

In the case of qualifications issued by non-recognised foreign education systems, the University will verify that the qualification represents an academic level equivalent to the corresponding Spanish official master's degree, and that in the awarding country this qualification allows access to doctoral studies.

3.2 Requirements must be met by the deadline for submission of applications, with the exception of those cases described in Section 3.1(a), which must be met as set out in Section 8.1(e).

4. Application procedure

4.1 Application forms will be available from the University of La Rioja's Research Management Service (Servicio de Gestión de Investigación, Avenida de la Paz 93-103, 26006 Logroño) and on the University website: http://www.unirioja.es/servicios/sgib/investigacion/contratos_tecnicos.shtml.

4.2 Applications must be addressed to the Vice-rector for Research (Vicerrectora de Investigación) and must be submitted to the University's General Registry (Avenida de la Paz 93, 26006 Logroño) or as established in Article 16.4 of Law 39/2015 of 1 October, on the Common Administrative Procedure for Public Administrations.

For these purposes, submission of applications through the University's electronic office is not considered valid.

The deadline for submission of applications will be seven calendar days from the day after the posting of this call for applications on the website and on the research bulletin board at the Vice-chancellor's office.

4.3 The application must be accompanied by the following completed documents:

- (a) Photocopy of applicant's National ID card or passport, or equivalent in the case of European Union citizens.
- (b) Photocopy of academic qualifications specified in Section 3.1(e). In the case of foreign qualifications, candidates must submit a photocopy of the official recognition document or equivalent academic degree, as set out in Section 3.1(e).

In addition, candidates with a non-EHEA-recognised master's degree from a foreign university must submit the following documents:

- The official academic transcript, which must include the official duration of the course of studies in academic years, the subjects or modules studied and their course loads and the grades achieved.
- The certificate issued by the University where these studies were completed, stating that in the awarding country this qualification allows access to doctoral studies (see model, Annex I)

- (c) Applicant's CV, indicating the candidate's merits, accompanied by the corresponding supporting documents.

Documents issued in a language other than English must be accompanied by the corresponding official translation.

4.4 The applicant must demonstrate that they meet the requirements of this call for applications and can verify their merits by the deadline for submission of applications, with the exception of those cases described in Section 3.1(a), which must be met as set out in Section 8.1(e).

5. Acceptance of applications

5.1 Once the deadline for submission of applications has expired, the Vice-rector for Research will issue a resolution approving the provisional list of applications, indicating those which have been accepted and those which have been rejected, with the reason for rejection, as appropriate.

This resolution will be posted on the research bulletin board at the Vice-chancellor's office, for the purpose of notifying the persons concerned. For informational purposes, this provisional list will also be published on the University website http://www.unirioja.es/servicios/sgib/investigacion/contratos_tecnicos.shtml.

5.2. Applicants whose applications have been rejected or omitted will have a period of 5 working days from the day following the posting of this resolution on the research bulletin board at the Vice-chancellor's office to rectify any errors or shortcomings that might have caused their rejection or omission, in the event that these are rectifiable.

5.3. Applicants to whom the above paragraph applies will be definitively rejected if, within the indicated time limit, they do not either rectify the error or shortcoming which has caused their rejection or claim their omission. Once this period for rectification has expired, the Vice-rector for Research will issue a resolution approving the final list of accepted and rejected applications, which will be published following the same procedure as for the provisional list.

6. Selection of candidates

6.1. The selection of candidates will be determined by a committee comprising Javier Tardáguila Laso, Principal Investigator of the research project, and Zenaida Guadalupe Mínguez and Maria Paz Diago Santamaría, researchers from the Department of Food and Agriculture. The committee reserves the right to interview candidates.

6.2 Candidate selection will take into account the evaluation of the following merits in accordance with Section 1 of the call for applications:

- (a) Accredited experience in precision viticulture (maximum 25 points out of 100).
- (b) Accredited experience, by means of contracts, in the application of non-invasive sensors in precision viticulture (maximum 25 points out of 100).
- (c) Official master's degree in applied plant biology (maximum 20 points out of 100).
- (d) Bachelor's degree in biology (maximum 10 points out of 100).
- (e) Accredited experience in and management of national R&D&I projects (maximum 5 points out of 100).
- (f) Experience/expertise in in-vitro culture of plant tissue and plant pathophysiology (maximum 5 points out of 100).
- (g) Experience/expertise in the study of strategic sectors for science and business, management and development of national and European Horizon 2020 programme projects (maximum 5 points out of 100).
- (h) Participation in the creation and organisation of events for the dissemination and promotion of research in the agri-foodstuffs sector (maximum 5 points out of 100).

Merits claimed in the CV which have not been substantiated by supporting documents at the time of submitting the application will not be taken into account in the evaluation.

6.3 The Research Management Service will then send the submitted applications and any relevant documentation resulting from the call for applications to the committee.

6.4 The committee will hold an ordinary meeting during which they will apply the specific assessment criteria to the submitted applications. They will also determine the order of precedence of the applications.

6.5. The applicant who obtains the most points will be proposed as the candidate for the award of the contract; in the event that several applicants have the same score, the committee will hold individual interviews for the purpose of evaluating the candidates and determining who best suits the position in question.

6.6. The selection committee will submit the order of precedence of the accepted candidates to the Research Management Service.

7. Awarding of the position

7.1 The Research Management Service will post a provisional list on the research bulletin board at the Vice-chancellor's office, in order of precedence of the accepted applications, for the purposes of notifying the persons concerned. For informational purposes, this list will also be published on the University website http://www.unirioja.es/servicios/sgib/investigacion/contratos_tecnicos.shtml. Applicants will have a period of 7 calendar days from the publication of this list during which they may make any representations.

When any representations have been resolved or when the deadline has expired without any having arisen, the ranked list of accepted applications and the proposal for the award of the position to the candidate with the highest final score will be made public.

7.2. The selection committee may choose to leave the position vacant if, in their opinion, there is no candidate with sufficient merit. In all cases, and essentially if the position is left vacant, the committee's decision must be substantiated in accordance with Article 35 of Law 39/2015 of 1 October, on the Common Administrative Procedure for Public Administrations.

7.3 If the successful candidate withdraws, the position may be offered to another candidate accepted during the same call for applications, with strict adherence to the order of precedence established by the committee.

7.4 The Vice-rector for Research is responsible for the supervision of this call for applications.

7.5 Candidates may lodge an appeal against the committee's proposal with the Vice-chancellor of the University of La Rioja within one month from the day following its publication on the research bulletin board at the Vice-chancellor's office.

The lodging of an appeal will not have any suspensive effect unless the Vice-chancellor, by express resolution, determines that proceeding with the appointment could cause damage which might be difficult or impossible to rectify, or determines that the basis of the challenge involves clear grounds for invalidity. To this end, the employment contract may be signed, without prejudice to the possibility that resolution of the challenge might result in the automatic termination of the contractual relationship.

8. Submission of documents

8.1. The candidate selected to fill the position must submit the following documents to the Personnel and Remuneration Management Service, before the date on which they are due to begin work:

- (a) Signed statement attesting that the candidate has not been subject to dismissal by means of disciplinary proceedings from any public administration nor disqualified from the performance of their duties. Candidates who are not Spanish nationals must also provide verification that they are not subject to disciplinary sanctions or criminal convictions that prevent their access to employment in public services in their State.
- (b) Signed statement attesting that the candidate does not suffer from any illness or physical or mental limitation that would prevent them from carrying out their tasks.
- (c) Photocopy of Social Security card, if applicable.



- (d) Statement that the candidate is not affected by any conflict of interest restrictions.
- (e) Non-EU foreign nationals must obtain the corresponding residence or work permit prior to signing the contract, although this may be delayed awaiting the issuance of the permit. In the event that the corresponding permit has not been obtained within the period of two months, and therefore the contract cannot be executed, the candidate will lose their right to it and the substitute candidate will be called or, if appropriate, the procedure will be declared void.

In the case of contracts with non-EU foreign nationals, these may include clauses relating to the duration of the contract, corresponding to their residence or work permit.

8.2 If applicants do not submit the required documentation for examination, it will be assumed that they lack the requirements set out in this call for applications and may not be employed by this University.

8.3 The possible concealment or misrepresentation of data or non-compliance with the bases of this call for applications will result in termination of the contract and the refund of unduly paid amounts.

9. Final rule

While this resolution exhausts administrative review procedures, an appeal may be lodged against it within the period of two months from the day following its publication, in the form of an action brought before the Administrative Court of Logroño.

Nevertheless, an appeal may be lodged against this resolution with the Vice-chancellor, within the period of one month, in which event it will not be possible to bring an action before the administrative court as described above while there is no express or presumed resolution of the appeal, in accordance with the provisions of Articles 123 onward of Law 39/2015 of 1 October, on the Common Administrative Procedure for Public Administrations.

Logroño, 16 February 2018

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

Signed: Julio Rubio García

ANNEX I

MINIMUM INFORMATION THAT MUST BE INCLUDED IN THE CERTIFICATE RELATING TO NON-RECOGNISED OFFICIAL STUDIES AT A NON-EHEA FOREIGN UNIVERSITY

- Name of the university.
- Title of course of studies.
- Duration of studies (academic years).
- Total number of credits and hours.
- Accreditation of access to postgraduate studies in the country awarding the qualification.
- Name of the person to whom the qualification was issued.
- Date and signature of the competent authority (2).
- Official stamp of the university.

SUGGESTED MODEL:

The University of _____(1)

HEREBY CERTIFIES:

- That the university degree entitled _____
_____ has a duration of (no.)
academic years corresponding to (no.) terms, and a total of (no.) credits
and (no.) hours.
- That the degree referred to above, issued to _____ has official status
and allows access to official doctorate studies in the country of _____ (*name of
country*).

Signed: Competent authority of the University (2) (stamp)

(1) The certificate must be issued by the University that awarded the qualification.

(2) Competent authority means that which is authorised by the institution to certify such information on the basis of their academic or administrative responsibility. This must include the signatory's full name and position; in the case of a representative's signature, this should be noted.