

PhD Position

Agrotecnio is committed to a diverse and inclusive work environment. Employment is assessed on the basis of qualifications, competence, integrity and organizational needs, in accordance with the HRS4R certification requirements. Women are strongly encouraged to apply.

Following the open call for PhD position in line with research activities of the center Agrotecnio published on the 30th July 2026, the selection committee decided on 21st September 2026 in Lleida after due consideration.

The selection committee received 289 applications and, after evaluating all CVs, preselected 17 candidates. The preselected candidates were the ones accomplishing the different requirements described in the call position. After a final review of the CVs and recommendation letters, the candidate who satisfies all eligibility criteria, and demonstrates the necessary merits through his experience in molecular biology techniques, analyzing data and writing reports. Hold a degree in Biotechnology and a Master in Chemical Sciences and Technology. His research experience includes rice fieldwork and use of genome editing techniques. References confirm his abilities. References confirm strong abilities, collaborative teamwork, and excellent communication skills. The selected candidate is:

- Raúl Navarro Sánchez

For the described work “Crop productivity and nutritional quality are constrained by intensifying multifactorial abiotic and biotic stresses, which conventional breeding and single-trait biotechnological approaches can no longer address effectively. Climate change, soil degradation, resource depletion, and geopolitical instability underscore the urgent need to enhance crop productivity and reinforce the EU’s independence and resilience in food, feed and fiber production. BIO-CRAFT will tackle these intertwined challenges by pioneering disruptive biotechnological solutions that deliver new climate-resilient, high-yielding and nutritionally enhanced crops, while enabling the innovative plant-based production of non-native high-value biomolecules (e.g., growth factors for biomedical and food applications).”

The contract will be from October 1st 2026 and will end after the 3 years of PhD.



Foot note: Appeals against the outcome of the evaluation and selection process may be directed to the center within one month from the outcome of the call.

Lleida, 21st September 2026

Jose Antonio Bonet
Director