

Postdoctoral Positions

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 Postdoctoral position in line with research activities of the center Agrotecnio published on the 2nd June 2026, the selection committee decided on 9th September 2026 in Lleida after due consideration.

The selection committee received 159 applications and, after evaluating all CVs, preselected 16 candidates. The preselected candidates were the ones who had studies and experience related with the project position. After a final review of the CVs and recommendation letters, the candidate who meets the required profile, satisfies all eligibility criteria, and demonstrates the necessary merits through publication record. Also holds a degree in Biotechnology and a PhD in Plant Sciences, with expertise in plant molecular biology and plant pathology. As well postdoctoral experience includes the identification of rice fungal pathogens, and has several peer-reviewed publications on plant–fungus interactions. References confirm strong abilities, collaborative teamwork, and excellent communication skills. The selected candidate is:

- Alexandre Vicens

For the described work “The BIOCRAFT Horizon Europe project is seeking a highly motivated postdoctoral researcher to contribute to the development of next-generation climate-resilient, high-yielding, and resource-efficient rice lines. The project combines multiplex genome editing technologies, AI-driven phenotyping, multi-omics decision-making, and microbiome–plant interaction studies to deliver climate-smart crop solutions for European agriculture. The successful candidate will primarily contribute to research on plant–fungal interactions, with a focus on assessing the tolerance of genome-edited rice lines to *Magnaporthe oryzae*, the causal agent of rice blast disease. Prior hands-on experience with rice and/or *Magnaporthe oryzae* is advantageous but not essential, provided the candidate can demonstrate the ability to rapidly acquire the necessary technical skills and competently carry out the required experimental work.”



The contract will be from October 1st 2026 to September 30th 2026. But could be extended upon performance

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, 9th September 2026

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