

Call for Expressions of Interest for Employment Contract Offer

Technician: Maintenance of Experimental Laboratories with Aquatic Organisms

The Centre for Advanced Studies of Blanes (CEAB) is one of more than 120 institutes of the Spanish National Research Council (CSIC), the largest public research institution in Spain and among the largest in Europe. Founded in 1985 and located on the Costa Brava, CEAB has a unique specialization in the study of aquatic ecology, from high mountain and river ecosystems to coastal and marine areas, with a highly multidisciplinary approach (genomics, taxonomy, modeling, biogeochemistry, etc.). Its mission is to understand and protect aquatic ecosystems in the face of global change, promoting their restoration and sustainability. More information: <https://www.ceab.csic.es/>

DESCRIPTION OF THE CALL

CEAB-CSIC opens a process to collect expressions of interest for a scientific-technical support position, which will later be offered through the CSIC Employment Pool. We are looking for a technical profile with experience in aquarium facility maintenance and the ability to provide experimental support in water capture, pumping, filtration systems, and circuits, as well as in the operation of the Live Organisms Experimental Laboratory. The selected person will combine specialized technical tasks (related to aquaculture and facility maintenance) with operational support tasks, such as coordination with suppliers, incident follow-up, and contribution to general building maintenance protocols.

TASKS TO BE PERFORMED

Specifically, tasks may include:

- Comprehensive maintenance of the Live Organisms Experimental Laboratory and its annexes, including water capture, pumping, filtration systems, and water quality control.
- Daily operational management of facilities: equipment checks, incident resolution, and coordination with suppliers and external services for repairs, purchases, and supplies.
- Support in the preparation and execution of experimental trials: equipment assembly, material preparation, and basic data recording.
- Aquarium maintenance and animal welfare in work involving fish.

Official accreditation for working with vertebrates will be valued.

- Occasional collection of experimental data, both in the laboratory and in the field.
- Performing scuba dives when necessary for experimental or maintenance tasks.

Specific certification required.

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Essential requirements:

- Meet the hiring requirements for CSIC staff.
- Higher Vocational Training or Intermediate Vocational Training (CFGS/CFGM).
- Knowledge and/or experience related to the activities to be carried out.

- Proficiency in Catalan and/or Spanish.
- Organization, autonomy, teamwork, communication, and decision-making skills.

Other valued aspects:

- Training and/or experience in aquaculture, marine biology, or aquatic ecosystem management, including knowledge of aquaculture production and maintenance of specialized facilities.
- Technical certifications related to work in aquatic environments, such as qualifications in underwater activities, professional diving, or basic maritime training.
- Additional training in animal experimentation and knowledge of associated protocols.
- Experience or training in the management and maintenance of aquariums, laboratories, or similar facilities.
- Knowledge of the research and innovation sector in the marine or environmental field, including the operation of centers, infrastructures, and support programs for R&D&I.
- Availability to work on-site and to travel occasionally according to project and center needs.

OFFERED CONDITIONS

- Contract and remuneration: permanent contract for scientific-technical activities and salary scales of the General State Administration staff.
- Start date: February/March 2026.
- Selection and hiring: through the CSIC Employment Pool.
- Workplace: Centre for Advanced Studies of Blanes, CEAB-CSIC. C/ d'Accés a la Cala St. Francesc, 14. Blanes - Girona – 17300.
- Training: possibility of training (wide offer within CSIC and external training), according to service needs.

SUBMISSION OF EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Send CV and a cover/motivation letter (maximum 2 pages), detailing your interest and how you meet the proposed requirements, to: talent@ceab.csic.es

Deadline: January 15, 2026

For questions, contact talent@ceab.csic.es with subject “CV LEOV”.