








IRTA is a research institute owned by the Government of Catalonia ascribed to the Ministry of Climate Action, Food and Rural Agenda. IRTA is one of the CERCA centers of excellence of the Catalan Research System. Our purpose is to contribute to the modernization, competitiveness and sustainable development of agriculture, food and aquaculture sectors, the supply of healthy and quality foods for consumers and, generally, improving the welfare and prosperity of the society. We are granted by the EU with the [HRS4R](#) distinction for "HR Excellence in Research" and thus we offer a rich environment for knowledge development and exchange where to develop a scientific career, and possibilities for professional promotion according to the attained achievements. Check our initiatives [here](#).

Postdoctoral position in Consumer Science for the Food Quality and Technology Program

[ref. 02/24]

IRTA is currently seeking an enthusiastic and motivated Postdoctoral Researcher with a PhD related to consumer science to join the [Food Quality and Technology Program](#). We invite applications from ambitious candidates with relevant research experience and passion to conduct research and innovation activities on the food consumer science combining explicit and implicit measures.

-  Head of the Program: Dr Sara Bover Cid
-  Program's key researcher/s for this position: Dr Luis Guerrero Asorey
-  Job location: [IRTA Monells](#) (Girona)
-  Full-time position: 37.5 h/week
-  Terms of appointment: temporal position for one year linked to the project COMFOCUS 101005259 / DARWIN 101136462 with the possibility of extension.
-  Gross Annual Salary: 33,247€ (category F).
-  Employee Benefits: 22 vacation days, 3 days of family & work conciliation, 45h of personal days, Friday afternoon off, Compressed Summer schedule from 15/06 to 15/09, conciliation schedule.

Tasks and Responsibilities:

- To plan, design and conduct consumer studies combining explicit (rational consumer response) and implicit (neurophysiological consumer response) measures to ensure the achievement of milestones of research projects.
- To perform literature review, data collection and management, involving statistical analysis.
- To contribute to the project reporting process, such as writing progress and final reports, scientific production of the research and innovation activities of the Program in consumer studies and neuroscience.
- To contribute to defining new projects proposals, especially in the frame of public competitive calls and for contracts with public administration and the private sector.
- To supervise undergraduate and graduate students.
- To contribute to knowledge transfer, communication, and dissemination activities.
- To contribute to the teamwork and team-spirit in the Food Quality and Technology Program within the Food Industry Area, fostering collaboration and integration activities.

Required qualifications and experience:

- Ph.D. in Psychology, Sociology, Food Engineering, Neurophysiology or related fields preferably applied to the food science and technology.
- Proved research skills: literature review, experimental design and implementation, statistical data analysis, scientific article writing.
- Dissemination skills: presentation/communication skills, and technical writing.
- Capacity to successfully develop collaborative research links with national and international research organizations, and the ability to interact closely with private companies. The successful candidate will be expected to attract funds from private and public sectors for research, interact with stakeholders.

Desirable requirements:

- Expertise in methodological approaches to obtain and understand neurophysiological measures in the food domain (electroencephalography, electrodermal activity, facial expressions, eye tracking, etc.).
- Experience on immersive environments and contextual factors affecting consumer behaviour.
- Post-doctoral experience in the research topic, preferably with an international scope and applied approach regarding consumer science.
- Basic skills on: R, MATLAB, JavaScript or Python and image and video edition software.
- Well-developed interpersonal skills including ability to work as part of international team, and capacity to work independently.
- Flexibility and adaptation with availability to travel.

Languages

- Proficiency in English.
- Spanish and Catalan are also valued.

Application process

If you wish to be considered for this position, please, apply via our [Recruitment Platform](#) to the job post with reference 02/24 and upload your CV and motivation letter. All information will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Deadline for application:
15/02/2024

Timings in the Selection Process of ref. 02/24 "Postdoctoral position in Consumer Science for the Food Quality and Technology Program"

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| 31 natural days | Publication and diffusion of the job advertisement on IRTA's website, EURAXESS Jobs, social media and other specific recruitment places. |
| 5 following working days | Distribution of the pre-selected CVs which matching eligibility criteria to the Recruitment Committee. Communication via e-mail with the not pre-selected candidates who will not be further included in the process. |
| 20 following working days | Recruitment Committee: - Communication via e-mail with the not-selected candidates by the Recruitment Committee. - Interview with selected candidates by the Selection Committee. - Accord of the Recruitment Committee stating the selected candidate and detailed reasoning for the decline of the rest of the candidates. - Communication via e-mail with the interviewed and not-selected candidates |
| 10 following working days | Provision by the selected candidate of requested legal and official documentation to the HR department to coordinate the start of the candidate. |
| First Trimester 2024 | Start of employment |

IRTA guarantees an open, transparent, and merit-based recruitment process (OTM-R) to all registered candidacies avoiding thus any bias on gender, origin, age, ideology, or other circumstances that could be discriminatory. Candidates in a situation of social exclusion will be considered in the first place.

Please know that if you are the chosen candidate and you are from a country which does not belong to the UE, IRTA's Human Resources Department will support you to get the residence and working permits.