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JOB TITLE

Researcher in Nutrition Epidemiology - Researcher career profile (R3)

JOB DESCRIPTION

The Pere Virgili Institute for Health Research (IISPV) is an institution that integrates research in the field of biomedicine in the “Camp de Tarragona” and the “Terres de l’Ebre”. The IISPV is the instrument that the university hospitals of both health regions have been endowed with (Joan XXIII University Hospital of Tarragona, Verge de la Cinta Hospital of Tortosa, Sant Joan de Reus University Hospital, Institut Pere Mata University Hospital of Reus) and Rovira and Virgili University, in order to bring together and manage biomedical research and innovation in the territory.

One of the reserach groups affiliated to IISPV is the Human Nutrition Unit (HNU) is an interdisciplinary and dynamic team with extensive experience and sufficient autonomy in developing epidemiological studies, clinical trials, and basic research. The scope of this research group is to evaluate using classical approaches and novel multiomics technologies the effect of dietary patterns or dietary compounds on obesity (including childhood obesity), type 2 diabetes, metabolic syndrome, cardiovascular diseases, and male fertility. Additionally the group has established expertise in conducting systematic reviews, meta-analysis and is looking to adopt cutting-edge evidence collation techniques such as individual patients/participants data-analysis (IPD).

A 1-year full-time position (with possibilities to renew for an extra 1 year) is available within an ongoing research project entitled NUTPOOL: A worldwide Epidemiological Project that brings together several cohorts in an (IPD) towards updating global dietary guidelines and to analyse the impact of nut consumption on non-communicable diseases in the PREDIMED and PREDIMED-Plus Cohort.

Number of available positions: 1

The chosen person will have to carry out, mainly, these tasks:

- Develop projects in line with the team’s priorities and research lines
- Manage the NUTPOOL project in collaboration with the PI of the project and all the PI of the cohorts implicated

- Prepare Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for harmonized statistical analysis
- Perform statistical analysis adopting good practices and documentation
- To conduct meta-analysis in relation to the NUTPOOL project
- Lead/ collaborate in the writing of manuscripts and the publication process
- Lead/ collaborate in the writing of proposals to secure further funding
- Liaison with collaborators, schedule and document team meeting towards achieving project milestones.
- Mentor and train junior members of the team in research and publication

CANDIDATE PROFILE AND REQUIREMENTS

- Degree in Nutrition
- The researcher must have a Doctorate Degree (PhD) in Nutrition, Biomedicine, Health Sciences or in a related field
- Demonstrated ability to work collaboratively in international projects
- Interest in scientific research and teamwork

IT WILL BE VALUED

- Knowledge of dietary data analysis
- Advanced skills in applied statistical analysis for observational and intervention studies
- Applications and analytic tools used in nutritional epidemiology (STATA, SPSS, etc)
- Previous experience in similar projects.
- Ability to identify and solve problems.
- Fluency in English and Spanish (written and spoken)
- Be capable of critical analysis, evaluation and synthesis of new and complex ideas.
- Can communicate with their peers' peers – be able to explain the outcome of his research (and value thereof) to the research community
- Ethics and bioethics in research, with knowledge of good practices, informed consent, and data protection.
- Health sciences research design and methodology, including goal setting, study design, and protocol development
- Applied biostatistics for quantitative data analysis and interpretation
- Experience in epidemiology of noncommunicable diseases, with the ability to analyse population health problems, identify risk factors, and critically interpret epidemiological indicators.
- Participation in scientific outreach events

- International stays

LABOUR CONDITIONS

- Type of working day: Part-time position (75% of the working day) with the possibility of changing to full-time
- Physical place of work: Faculty of Medicine of Reus (FMCS)
- Contract: Indefinite scientific-technical activities (linked to the project NUTPOOL, approximate duration of 1 year)
- Gross Annual Salary for 75% of the working day: 18.000 – 19.000 € gross per year
- Approximate incorporation: January 2026

SELECTION PROCEDURE

- Selection of CVs: Suitable and unsuitable CVs will be identified according to the requirements. Applicants who do not meet the requirements indicated in the point profile of the person and requirements will not move on to the next phase.
- Evaluation of the CV: up to a maximum score of 70 points.
- Cover letter: Attach to the CV a letter of motivation with a maximum length of 2500 characters with spaces. With a maximum score of 30 points.

To access the interview phase, it is necessary to have obtained a minimum score of 60 points in the sum of the scores of the assessment of the CV and motivation letter.

- Personal interview. With a maximum score of 60 points.

Items	100
Attitude	20
Fit in the workplace	40
Experience, functions developed/skills	30
Teamwork	10

The selected person must have obtained a minimum score of 75 points in the sum of the scores of the assessment of all phases of the selection procedure.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

- President: Prof. Dr. Jordi Salas-Salvado, Director, Human Nutrition Unit, Rovira i Virgili University & Principal Investigator: PREDIMED-PLUS (Full Professor)
- Chair 1: Dr. Nancy Babio (Profesor agregat)
- Chair 2: Dr. Jesús Fco. García Gavilán (Profesor lector URV)

SUBSTITUTES:

- President: Michelle Murphy (Professor Agregat URV)
- Chair 1: Maria Cabré (Professor URV)
- Chair 2: : Indira de la Paz Socorro (Profesor lector URV)

CANDIDACIES

- The CV must include the DNI/NIE number or personal identity document
- Send your CV and Cover Letter through the form that you will find on the bottom of the offer page <https://www.iispv.cat/treballa-amb-nosaltres/>

For any questions or queries: recruitment@iispv.cat

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF CV 02/01/2026

COMMUNICATIONS

The IISPV will inform candidates through the website if they have been admitted or excluded from accessing the interview.

HR EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH

The IISPV will guarantee the right to equal opportunities and treatment, as well as the real and effective exercise of rights by people with disabilities on equal terms with other citizens, through the promotion of personal autonomy, universal accessibility, access to employment, inclusion in the community and independent living and the eradication of any form of discrimination. in accordance with Articles 9.2, 10, 14 and 49 of the Spanish Constitution and the International Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the international treaties and agreements ratified by Spain.

In the event of a tie, priority will be given to hiring the person with a disability.

In the event of a tie between people of different genders, the person of the least represented gender in the work group/department/service in which they join will be hired.

The IISPV has the European accreditation The Human Resources Strategy for Researchers (HRS4R), complies with the general principles of the European Charter for Researchers and the Code of Conduct for the recruitment of researchers.

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