

# Position Description

## 1. General information

Position reference	Cetaqua-PF1: Ecosystem Services of the Water Cycle
Research topic	Understanding of the ecosystem services provided by the water cycle and the potential payment for ecosystem services governance models.
Supervisors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Mateo Pastur Romay</a> (Cetaqua)</li> <li>• <a href="#">Veeriah Jegatheesan</a> (RMIT)</li> </ul>
Research areas	Ecosystem Services, Governance, Economy, Green Infrastructure, Nature-based Solutions, Water Cycle
Employing entity	Cetaqua, Water Technology Centre
Seconding entity	RMIT University
Position funded by	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COFUND, Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA), Horizon Europe, European Union</li> <li>• Cetaqua, Water Technology Centre</li> <li>• RMIT University</li> </ul>
Additional information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://www.cetaqua.com/ambitos-innovacion/sostenibilidad-territorial-y-social/">https://www.cetaqua.com/ambitos-innovacion/sostenibilidad-territorial-y-social/</a></li> </ul>
Foreseen start date	September 2025
Gross annual salary	40,000 EUR plus complements defined below

## 2. Expected candidate profile

The expected candidate profile for the position:

- Background in economy, environmental economy, or environmental science.

## 3. Employment conditions

Cetaqua offers a 36-month (3-year) postdoctoral full employment contract to work at its facilities in Barcelona, Spain as part of the AuSpire researcher training program, co-funded by the European Commission under the MSCA COFUND scheme. The total working hours per week are 40 and there is a probation period of 6 months.

The remuneration, in line with the European Commission rules for Marie Skłodowska-Curie grant holders, will consist of a gross annual salary of 40.000 EUR. The definite amount to be received by the Postdoctoral Fellow is subject to Spanish tax legislation.



The position will be jointly supervised by Mateo Pastur - Cetaqua (Employing Entity) and Veeriah Jegatheesan - RMIT University (Seconding Entity), where the Postdoctoral Fellow must undertake a secondment at the premises of the latter in Melbourne, Australia for up to 12 months.

Additionally, the program includes annual in-person workshops at various locations across Spain, along with online training and networking activities.

### Benefits include:

- 4,000 EUR relocation for employment stipend to cover costs associated with taking up employment (flights, visa, insurance, etc.), to be distributed monthly as a top-up to the gross salary.<sup>1</sup>
- 9,000 EUR relocation for secondment stipend to cover compulsory project-related travel and accommodation costs (flights, visa, insurance, accommodation, etc.).<sup>1</sup>
- 3,000 EUR travel stipend to cover flights and accommodation for participating in compulsory AuSpire training and networking events in Spain over the 3 years.<sup>1</sup>
- 314 EUR monthly family allowance offered to candidates who meet the criteria.<sup>1 2</sup>
- Access to all the necessary research and training facilities and laboratories at Cetaqua and RMIT.
- 24 days of paid holiday leave.
- Spanish Social Security coverage.
- Sick leave.
- Parental leave.
- Becoming a Marie Skłodowska-Curie fellow and be invited to join the [Marie Curie Alumni Association](#).

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<sup>1</sup> The definitive amount to be received by the Postdoctoral Fellow might be subject to Spanish tax legislation.

<sup>2</sup> According to MSCA-COFUND requirements, Fellows with family obligations are entitled to a family allowance (i.e. persons linked to Postdoctoral Fellow by (i) marriage, or (ii) a relationship with equivalent status to a marriage recognised by the legislation of the country or region where this relationship was formalised; or (iii) dependent children who are actually being maintained by the Postdoctoral Fellow).