

Position Description

1. General information

Position reference	RMIT-PF2: Water Use Fit for Purpose
Research topic	Developing innovative solutions to improve the treatment of water contaminated from urban stormwater, agricultural activities and treated wastewater for its reuse for environmental and anthropogenic uses.
Supervisors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vincent Pettigrove (RMIT) • Carles Ibañez Marti (Eurecat)
Research areas	Aquatic Ecotoxicology, Environmental Chemistry, Aquatic Ecology
Employing entity	RMIT Europe
Seconding entity	RMIT University
Collaborating entity	Fundacio Eurecat
Position funded by	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COFUND, Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA), Horizon Europe, European Union • RMIT Europe • RMIT University (RMIT) • Fundacio Eurecat (Eurecat)
Additional information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.rmit.edu.au/about/schools-colleges/science/research/research-centres-groups/aquatic-environmental-stress • https://eurecat.org/en/climate-solutions-and-ecosystem-services/
Foreseen start date	September 2025
Gross annual salary	37,000 EUR, plus complements defined below

2. Expected candidate profile

The expected candidate profile for the position:

- PhD in chemistry, aquatic ecotoxicology or aquatic ecology or similar.
- Minimum of 6 publications including at least 2 as lead author in this field
- Experience mentoring students

Expertise in one or more of these areas is required:

- Conducting laboratory toxicity tests.
- Field aquatic biology field studies.
- Use of biomarkers for assessing effects of environmental contaminants.

Skills required:

- Project management;
- Leadership ability;



- Good Initiative;
- Good communication skills;
- Scientific rigor.
- Proven ability to work in a team

3. Employment conditions

RMIT Europe 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 37 and there is a probation period of 5 months.

The remuneration, in line with the European Commission rules for Marie Skłodowska-Curie grant holders, will consist of a gross annual salary of 37,000 EUR. The definite amount to be received by the Postdoctoral Fellow is subject to Spanish tax legislation.

The position will be jointly supervised by RMIT and Eurecat. The Postdoctoral Fellow must undertake a secondment at RMIT headquarters 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 to taking up employment (flights, visa, insurance, etc.), to be distributed monthly as a top-up to the gross salary.¹
- 9,000 EUR relocation for secondment stipend to cover compulsory project-related travel and accommodation costs (flights, visa, insurance, accommodation, etc.).¹
- 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.¹
- 314 EUR monthly family allowance offered to candidates who meet the criteria.^{1 2}
- Access to all the necessary facilities and laboratories at the Cent for Climate Resilience (CCR) in Eurecat Amposta and at Eurecat Manresa in Spain, as well as at RMIT in Melbourne, Australia.
- Access to research and training facilities of the Centre for Climate Resilience (CCR) in Eurecat Amposta in Spain and of the Aquatic Environmental Stress Research Group (AQUEST) at RMIT in Australia.

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

² 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).

- 22 days of paid holiday leave.
- 4 personal leave days.
- Christmas closure (between Christmas and New Year) – 4 working days of leave (not discounted from holidays).
- Spanish Social Security coverage.
- Sick leave.
- Parental leave.
- Hybrid work scheme.
- Two weeks per year remote work from anywhere.
- Flexible salary benefits (meals, transport, healthcare, kindergarten).
- Free coffee and fruit.
- Becoming a Marie Skłodowska-Curie fellow and be invited to join the [Marie Curie Alumni Association](#).