PhD in Ecology and Conservation Biology: Looking for a candidate to apply for a Joan Oró PhD fellowship (AGAUR)

The Conservation Biology in Agricultural Systems and Game Species Research Group at the Forest Science and Technology Centre of Catalonia (CTFC) (Solsona, Catalonia, Spain) is seeking a motivated candidate interested in conducting a PhD in the field of wildlife ecology and conservation. The candidate will be put forward for the upcoming Joan Oró fellowship call (AGAUR) (https://agaur.gencat.cat/en/beques-i-ajuts/convocatories-per-temes/Ajuts-Joan-Oro-per-a-la-contractacio-de-personal-investigador-predoctoral-en-formacio-FI-2025).

Research Line

The PhD project will focus on the study of movement ecology, habitat selection and demography of farmland and game bird species, using data from GPS tracking, bird surveys, and other methodologies. The thesis will combine spatial and demographic data analysis with direct applications in conservation and land management. It will be based on both existing datasets and new field data to address key questions on conservation-relevant species. The project will be supervised by Francesc Sardà-Palomera (CTFC) and David Giralt (CTFC) .

Requirements

- Bachelor's degree in Biology, Environmental Sciences, or related fields with an ecological orientation, within the European Higher Education Area (EHEA)
- Completion of a Master's degree within the EHEA
- Minimum undergraduate grade: 6.5 out of 10

Valued Qualifications

- Average grades of the Bachelor's and Master's degrees
- Participation in scientific publications and/or conference communications
- Research experience, including fieldwork and/or ecological data analysis
- Knowledge in spatial data management and statistical modelling
- English language competence

Location: Solsona (Catalonia, Spain)
Expected PhD start date: 2026 (depending on the outcome of the fellowship call)

Application and Deadline: Interested candidates should send their CV, academic transcripts (Bachelor and Master's degrees), including the date of graduation and average grades, and a short motivation letter to francesc.sarda@ctfc.cat and david.giralt@ctfc.cat **before September 12th**.