

ANNOUNCEMENT FOR PROVISION OF THE WORKPLACE

VAC-2023-03 – Part-time Research Engineer (SECCO2 project)

Number of places: 1

Category: Research Engineer 2 - RENG2

Workplace: Barcelona

Salary (gross): 19.442,48€/year

Weekly working hours: 20

Functions to be developed:

Carbon capture and storage techniques (CCS) are urgently needed if we aim at meeting the climate change targets set by the Paris Agreement reached at the 21st Conference of the Parties. This project will develop and validate a numerical simulation software designed to assist decision-making engineers during the CO₂ storage in saline aquifers. The main objective of such a tool is to quantify the maximum CO₂ injection rate and volume that guarantees its permanent storage.

The main tasks to be developed for this position are:

- Developing a physical model to relate the evolution of the permeability field in porous media as the fracture network develops.
- Implementation and validation of the required numerical models and coupling with the existing code (e.g. the fracture propagation model).
- Assistance in the conceptualization, research and dissemination of the work.

Required skills:

- Expertise in geomechanics and hydrogeology
- Mastery of the finite element method (especially for solving porous-medium flow problems)
- Advanced C++ and Python programming skills
- Fast in understanding physical models and, if needed, developing new ones.

Other valued skills (not mandatory):

- Familiarity with the oil and gas industry.
- Knowledge of fracture mechanics.
- Knowledge of machine learning/AI techniques.
- Proficient mastery of spoken Spanish or English, and excellent written skills in English.
- Good communication skills; in particular, an effective capacity to synthesise and explain complex concepts, such as mathematical models and computer algorithms.

Qualification system:

The requisites and merits will be evaluated with a maximum note of 100 points. Such maximal note will be obtained summing up the following points:

- **Publication and career track:** 20%
- **Previous research and academic experience in the field of the position:** 20%
- **Programming skills:** 20%
- **Theoretical competence:** 20%
- **Language skills:** 10%
- **Communication skills:** 10%

Candidates must complete the "Application Form" form on our website, indicating the reference of the vacancy and attaching the required documents.

The deadline for registration to the offer ends on January 31st, 2023 at 12 noon.

The preselected candidates may be requested to send the documentation required in the "Requirements" and "Merits" sections, duly scanned, and may be called to go through selection tests (which might be of eliminatory nature) and / or personal interviews.

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