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**Project: RURALGAS** 

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**Group: Energy Storage, Harvesting and Catalysis** 

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## Project Engineer in catalytic reactor development and validation

IREC's Energy Storage and Catalysis Group offers a position as a Project Engineer for a demonstration activity in a biogas plant. The technology is based on a novel catalytic reactorsfor the conversion of biogas and hydrogen to synthetic natural gas.

#### **Tasks**

The project engineer will be the responsible for design, implementation, experimentation and validation of a prototype reactor in a real environment. The prototype consists on a thermocatalytic multi-channel reactor. In this aspect, the tasks include:

- Design, manufacture, assembly and integration of the different parts of the prototype in the biogas plant.
- Experimentation of the prototypes in the real environment (biogas plant)
- Incorporate technological improvements provided from the experimentation as well as the details related to the operating costs
- Report and discuss the experimentation results for the preparation of an exploitation plan to bring the technology to market

#### **Essential**

- Official master's degree with an outstanding academic qualification record.
  Candidates who are in the final phase of the official master's degree or equivalent will be taken into account.
- Academic background appropriate to the position (Renewable Energies, Chemical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Product Engineering, Manufacturing Processes, Industrial Engineering, Product Development Design or related)
- Availability to travel to the demo site for protoype validation in Terres de l'Ebre (150-200 km)

## Advantageous

- Interested in bringing laboratory technologies to market, with high interest to work in the near future in the industrial sector
- Previous experience in experimental studies (BSc, MSc, practices) related to catalysis, chemical reaction or reactor prototyping
- Advanced level of English, Catalan and Spanish.



- Aimed at solving a problem related to IREC's R+D+i activity.
- Proficiency in technical drawing (AutoCAD, Inventor, Solidworks or related)
- Experience in graphical programming environmebnt to develop automated research and testing systems (e.g. LabVIEW)

#### **Contract duration**

12 months

## **Professional Category**

Project engineer (R.1.6)

### Incorporation

16/12/2022

### **Application**

Applicants must send a detailed Curriculum Vitae and a motivation letter by email directly to irecjobs@irec.cat (with copy to Dr. Jordi Guilera, jguilera@irec.cat) indicating "Project Engineer Ruralgas"

## **Deadline for applications**

15/11/2022

#### **Project information**

Ruralgas (Validation of biogas recovery devices for rural areas)

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