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## **CHAIR IN AQUACULTURE DEVELOPMENT UNDER AN ECOSYSTEM APPROACH**

The University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria (ULPGC) invites applications and nominations for a Research Chair in Aquaculture Development under an Ecosystem Approach - EcoAqua. The aim is to enhance the ULPGC excellence in Sustainable Aquaculture Development and Marine Ecosystem Management by improving its performance in competitive research fields and by applying an ecosystem-based approach for the management and development of a sustainable and integrated marine aquaculture.

### **Description**

The ULPGC seeks to better exploit the wealth of intellectual capital created within its International Excellence Campus (CEI) in the area of sustainable and integrated marine aquaculture. Through the EcoAqua Project, funded by the ERA Chair program of the European Commission, the ULPGC seeks to integrate outstanding researchers to consolidate and strengthen its S&T research potential and capacity in order to foster research excellence in sustainable aquaculture under an ecosystem based approach and to achieve a deeper integration into the ERA.

The Chair holder will be in charged of creating a long-term vision for sustainable aquaculture development under an ecosystem approach in coastal waters, especially for ORs and OCTs.

The role of the Research Chair will be:

- Be actively involved in the development and management of the EcoAqua project.
- Supervise budgetary and accounting management of the project in accordance with the EU.
- Plan, supervise and prepare technical and financial progress reports, in a timely manner.
- Ensure monitoring and evaluation of activities and results.
- Develop resources and documents necessary for the correct implementation of the project.
- Develop and maintain close working relationships with the project staff, institutional and technical.
- Provide advice, support and expertise in sustainable aquaculture and integrated coastal zone management and contribute towards adequate development models to adopt.
- Design and oversee communications activities on the project and evaluating results using the media to publicize the project and promote the results.



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- Participate in international conferences and workshops, and advocating with policy makers and administration for the integrated management of coastal areas and the inclusion of aquaculture in the coastal activities.
- Establish and maintain strong relationships with various stakeholders, policy makers, regional organizations and administration, civil society and key institutions for the integrated management of coastal areas and activities including aquaculture.
- Contribute to strengthening institutional and technical links between the ULPGC and the ORs and OCTs.
- Contribute to define and foster an European Marine Policy for Sustainable Aquaculture development applying an Ecosystem Approach .

### Requirements and skills:

- A PhD in a field related to the project’s objectives.
- Solid proven track record of research and publications in the area of aquaculture/marine ecosystems and an international reputation based on Research Excellence.
- A significant experience in coordination of national and transnational (EU) funded projects.
- A proven ability to obtain research funding and perform financial management.
- Experience in human resources management.
- Experience in conference/workshops organizing committees.
- Experience in supervision of graduate students (PhD).
- A demonstrated ability to work in an interdisciplinary environment.
- A good knowledge of English.
- Excellent communication skills and networker within and outside the Research community.
- A strategic vision of goals to achieve.

### Additional Requirements:

The following capacities would be considered as supplementary advantages for the Chair Holder:

- Good communication skills.



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- Basic knowledge of Spanish
- Experience in valorization and patenting of R&D results.

The chair is set up for a **duration of five years**, and is supported by two research groups of the ULPGC: Biodiversity and Conservation (BIOCON) and Aquaculture Research Group (GIA). **Funding will cover the project expenses of the Research Chair Holder (CH) for five years**, including his gross salary (up to a net salary of 4100€/month), the salary of team members and costs associated to the project activities. The successful candidate will be based, at the University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria and offered a full time position. He/she will be tightly associated to the research laboratories of Aquaculture (GIA) and Biodiversity and Conservation (BIOCON) research groups through the development of innovative collaborative ties.

**Number of positions available:** 1

**Research Fields:** Aquaculture/Ecosystem management

**Career Stage:** More experienced researcher or >10 yrs (Senior)

**Research Profile:** Leading Researcher (R4)

**Comment/web site for additional job details** <http://pct.ulpgc.es/bolsadetrabajo> and <http://www.ceicanarias.com/ecoaqua>

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The deadline for applications is **April 19, 2014**.

