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**Artificial Intelligence
in Sustainable
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WELCOME TO ALLIES

Leading AI Research, Shaping Global Futures

A **postdoctoral training program in Artificial intelligence** led by the Spanish National Research Council, coordinated through the AIHUB Connection, and co-funded by the European Union. ALLIES aims to **recruit 17 postdoctoral researchers** who will conduct interdisciplinary and intersectoral research in Artificial Intelligence aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals.

WHY ALLIES?

1 **Innovative Two-Year Fellowship Program**

The ALLIES program offers a two-year fellowship to postdoctoral researchers who will work in his/her research project supervised by two CSIC senior researchers gaining valuable experience and broaden their researcher's impact.

2 **Excellence in AI, Robotics, and Data Science**

ALLIES is a collaboration of 18 CSIC research institutes excelling in AI, Big Data, Machine Learning, Robotics, and Data Science. They adopt a bottom-up methodology to address 9 critical AI challenges mentioned in the CSIC AI White Paper.

3 **Collaboration and Excellence in AI Research**

ALLIES creates an ecosystem of collaborative growth form by CSIC institutes with AI expertise, diverse research landscapes, and advanced training facilities. Fellows will have access to modern research facilities and international collaborations with industrial and other academic partners.

4 **Customized Training for AI Innovators**

ALLIES provides a customized training program that emphasizes scientific excellence, transferable skills, and entrepreneurial acumen to prepare its fellows to lead the future of AI research.

APPLICATION PROCESS

ALLIES will launch **Two Open Calls** in its first two years, offering 8 and 9 positions per call respectively. Each position corresponds to two different CSIC institutes to promote collaboration. Fellows will spend one year at each of the two hosting institutes, with one or two secondments at industry or international partner organizations in between.

Application package is at <https://aihub.csic.es/en/allies-cofund>

Second Call

-  **Call Opens:** 20th September 2024
-  **Selection Process:** December 2024 - April 2025
-  **Contract signature:** May - June 2025
-  **Fellows Starts:** June - September 2025

HOW TO APPLY

Submit your application through the official program's recruitment platform **before 20th December 2024**

Eligibility Criteria

- Researchers must possess a doctoral degree at the deadline of the programme's call.
- Researchers who have successfully defended their doctoral thesis but have not yet formally been awarded with the degree are also eligible.
- Researchers must not have resided or carried out their main activity in Spain for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately before the call deadline.

Documents to submit

- Curriculum Vitae European Format
- Academic Records (Postgraduate Education)
- Research proposal aligned with an ALLIES theme
- Motivation Letter
- Two Recommendation Letters
- Proof of English



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