

Call for a Postdoctoral Position to join the Wine, Biodiversity & Climate Change Program

The Wine, Biodiversity & Climate Change Program is a scientific initiative of the Institute of Ecology and Biodiversity, developing strategies for biodiversity conservation along with Chilean wine industry. The project's objective is to develop and promote conservation planning in human dominated ecosystems

Application Deadline: December 31, 2015.

This program was initiated in 2008 to engage winegrowers in the protection of the Chilean Mediterranean ecoregion, which lacks adequate protection within the Chilean Protected Areas Network, is highly impacted by human activities, and contains more than 50% of native Chilean vascular plants and vertebrates. Our primary interest has been to study how this ecosystem can continue providing ecosystem services to the wine industry and the local community today, and under future climate change scenarios. We aim to generate research and conservation plans, promoting stewardship of these ecosystems by knowledge transfer to wine growers and local communities.

We are looking for a postdoctoral fellow with strong expertise in metagenomics and bioinformatics, preferably with additional knowledge on community & ecosystems ecology, to join our research team aiming at linking microbial diversity and ecosystem services provision.

The post will be based at the *Instituto de Ciencias Ambientales y Evolutivas*, Universidad Austral de Chile, in Valdivia, Chile. The candidate is expected to travel to winegrowing regions of Chile and Santiago for meetings. The post requires a valid driving license and a minimum level of Spanish. Additional Spanish language training will be available.

The position will be initially for two years, starting at the latest in March 2016.

Applications and other queries should be sent directly to Dr. Olga Barbosa (olga.barbosa@uach.cl)

Applications should include:

- CV
- Certificate of Doctoral Degree
- Cover Letter describing professional motivation for this position.
- Two letters of recommendation. Only letters from researchers that demonstrate an extensive knowledge of the applicant will be considered.

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