

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCHER POSITION

Healthy Watersheds and Resilient Built Environment

March 2026

The Center for Sustainable Urban Development (CEDEUS), of the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Universidad de Concepción, Universidad de La Frontera, and Universidad Austral de Chile, invites applications for the Postdoctoral Researcher Position, with its main headquarters in Santiago de Chile and the possibility of collaborative work in other regions where the Center develops applied research.

CEDEUS is a National Interest Research Center funded by the National Agency for Research and Development (ANID). It addresses sustainable urban development from an interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary perspective, integrating environmental, territorial, social, and public policy dimensions. The Center carries out high-quality research with national and international impact, as well as direct contributions to the formulation and implementation of public policies.

Job description

The **Postdoctoral Researcher** will be jointly integrated into two lines of research:

- **Healthy Watersheds**
- **Resilient Built Environment**

This is a full-time position (43.5 hours per week). The Postdoctoral Researcher is expected to develop their own line of research, aligned with the interface between urban watershed management, nature-based solutions (NbS), and resilient urban environments, contributing both to the Center's scientific output and to the transfer of knowledge into public policy.

In addition, the Postdoctoral Researcher may collaborate in the articulation of interdisciplinary work, support the training of undergraduate and graduate students, and eventually participate in teaching activities within the academic units associated with the Center.

Research areas and Topics of the Call

The call considers, on a non-exclusive basis, the following research areas, approached from a sustainable urban development perspective:

- Urban watershed, rivers, and urban wetlands management
- Nature-based solutions (NbS) and green-blue infrastructure
- Climate resilience and urban adaptation
- Built environment, water, energy, and the climate crisis
- Integration between urban planning, urban design, and water systems
- Environmental, social, and health co-benefits associated with NbS

Position terms

A fee-based contract is offered, with a gross monthly amount of CLP \$2,222,000. The position is for two years, with an evaluation at the end of the first year that will consider the achievement of objectives and productivity.

The work modality is on-site, with flexible hours to be agreed upon. The workplace is the CEDEUS office located at the UC Lo Contador Campus, El Comendador 1916, Providencia, Santiago, with occasional work at the CEDEUS office located at the UC San Joaquín Campus, Vicuña Mackenna 4860, Macul, Santiago.

Requirements and Required Documentation

Applications are invited from candidates who meet the following criteria:

- Hold a doctoral degree awarded within the last three (3) years at the time of application (*).
- Be based in Chile for at least 6 months per year during the project's execution period.
- Conduct scientific research related to one of the research areas and topics of the call, under the supervision of a Center researcher (Principal Researcher or Adjunct Researcher).
- Commit to a full-time dedication of 43.5 hours per week to the Center.

The following documents must be submitted with the application

1. Updated Curriculum Vitae
2. Certificate or diploma of doctoral degree awarded within the last three (3) years
3. Summary of doctoral research (1 page)
4. Brief research proposal, identifying the research line of the call (2 pages)
5. Two letters of recommendation

Submission of Applications

Please send the required documents and/or direct your questions to Dr. Alejandra Vega at asvega@uc.cl. In the subject line of the email, indicate whether it is an inquiry or an application:

Inquiry / CEDEUS Postdoctoral Call March 2026

Application / CEDEUS Postdoctoral Call March 2026

Selection Process

The call consists of three stages:

- Review of documents
- Personal interview
- Final selection

The Center reserves the right not to award the position.

Important dates:

Application and submission of documents: until **March 20, 2026**

Review of documents and interviews: between March 23 and April 2, 2026

Notification of selected candidate: April 8, 2026

Start of activities: April 15, 2026

Note on Extension of the Deadline for Degree Award (*)

The maximum period since the doctoral degree was awarded will be extended from 3 to 5 years for applicants who duly document any of the following circumstances:

- Researchers who document the birth of a child within the five-year period since the doctoral degree was awarded.
- Researchers who have been granted custody or personal care as a judicial protection measure, or in accordance with Articles 19 or 24 of Law No. 19,620 on the adoption of minors, within the same period.
- Researchers with a disability.