

Awardees of the 2024 SIBECOL and AEET Early Career Research Projects

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We are pleased to announce that resolutions of the calls for the Starting and Advanced research projects in Ecology led by early career researchers, launched by SIBECOL and AEET for the year 2024, are now available.

The reviewers of both calls have highlighted the outstanding quality of the received proposals, which has made the selection of the awarded projects very competitive. We sincerely thank all the participants of this call and encourage them to continue working to pursue high scientific standards with enthusiasm and creativity.

Fifth call of SIBECOL Projects for Early Career Researchers – 2024

The aim of this call is to support early career ecologists by providing them funding opportunities, fostering the collaboration among them, and promoting multi- and interdisciplinary research in Ecology.

The general statistical descriptors of the revisions are:

Modality	N. applications	Fellowships	Mean score	SD	Min	Max
Starting ECR	7	1	79,2	4,2	72,4	83,5
Advanced ECR	7	1	90,2	2,0	87,5	93,0

Below are indicated the awarded projects (those obtaining the endowments) and the pre-selected projects (the two projects within each category that got the 2nd and 3rd highest marks):

Starting early career researchers project fellowship (Starting ECR) (endowment €3000)

-The awarded project for the Starting ECR fellowship is:

Awarded project			
Project title	IPs Name	Affiliation	Membership
Deciphering the linkage between abundance and microevolution patterns in aquatic microbial species	Adrià Auladell Martín	Institut de Biologia Evolutiva (IBE – CSIC)	SIBECOL

-The pre-selected projects for the Starting ECR fellowships are:

Pre-selected projects			
Project title	IPs Name	Affiliation	Membership
Exploring trait erosion potential in Mediterranean anthozoan fauna due to species extinction	Daniel Gómez Gras	IRBio & Dpto. Biología Evolutiva, Ecología i Ciències Ambientals. Universitat de Barcelona	SIBECOL
	Viviana Brambilla	Centro de Ciências do Mar e do Ambiente (MARE). Universidade de Lisboa	SIBECOL
The bright side of parasitism: Disentangling indirect interactions between parasitic and host plants mediated by frugivorous birds	Jorge Isla Escudero	Centro del Cambio Global y la Sustentabilidad - Mexico	AEET

Advanced early career researchers project grant (Advanced ECR) (endowment €4000)

-The awarded project for the Advanced ECR fellowship is:

Awarded project			
Project title	IPs Name	Affiliation	Membership
Phytoplankton mixotrophy: Application of click-chemistry to visualize the osmotrophic incorporation of organic compounds in different aquatic ecosystems	Catalina Mena Oliver	Centre Oceanogràfic de Balears (COB-IEO, CSIC)	SIBECOL

-The pre-selected projects for the Advanced ECR fellowships are:

Pre-selected projects			
Project title	IPs Name	Affiliation	Membership
Scanning the Underlying mechanisms of microbial Nitrogen cycle in Saline streams by Embracing genomic and isotopic Tools (SUNSET)	Nicolas Valiente Parra	University of Castilla-La Mancha	AIL
MICROPLAST: MICRObial communities inhabiting riverine and estuarine microPLASTics	Rafael Laso Pérez	Museo Nacional de Ciencias Naturales (MNCN)	SIBECOL
	Aide Lasa González	University of Vigo	SIBECOL

The list of all the participants can be downloaded here:

[https://www.sibecol.org/mm/file/List of Participants SIBECOL ECR 2024.pdf](https://www.sibecol.org/mm/file/List%20of%20Participants%20SIBECOL%20ECR%202024.pdf)

Below is the link to the **resolution of the research projects in Ecology led by early career researchers, launched by AEET:**

<https://www.aeet.org/es/convocatorias/proyectosinvestigacion/convocatoria2024.html>

Congratulations to the winners! Good luck with your projects!

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