

Call for Applications: Post-doctoral Fellow (3 Vacancies)

- **Position:** Post-doctoral Fellow
- **Host Institution:** Center for Climate and Resilience Research (CR2), University of Chile
- **Project:** Co-producing adaptation knowledge in Latin America: Empowering Early-career researchers and local voices for IPCC AR7
- **Duration:** 6 Months
- **Salary:** £960 gross per month (approximately CLP 1,180,000), for a 30-hour weekly commitment.

1. Introduction to CR2

The Center for Climate and Resilience Research (CR2) is a leading interdisciplinary center of excellence in Chile, hosted by the University of Chile. It focuses on understanding climate change and its impacts through a collaborative approach involving natural and social sciences. CR2 aims to strengthen the country's and the region's resilience by providing high-quality scientific evidence to inform public policy and society.

2. Context and Rationale

This project, funded by the Adaptation Research Alliance (ARA) through the ARA Knowledge Catalyst Grant, is being carried out at a pivotal moment for global climate science. The Seventh Assessment Cycle of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) is already underway, and the window to incorporate relevant knowledge from the Global South is now open.

In this context, we are launching a postdoctoral call aimed at researchers interested in contributing to international science-policy processes. The project seeks to address regional underrepresentation within the IPCC and to enhance the visibility of high-quality knowledge produced in Latin America on regional adaptation practices and local knowledge systems, particularly that contained in technical reports and “grey” literature.

3. Objective of the Work

The selected postdoctoral researchers will be responsible for leading the systematization and synthesis of the literature, transforming it into high-level scientific outputs that can be assessed by the IPCC during the Seventh Assessment Cycle (AR7). Each fellow will focus on one of the following thematic areas:

- Community-based adaptation initiatives in Latin America.

- Multiscale approaches to adaptation assessment and planning.
- Adaptation and resilience metrics (best practices in MERL).

The postdoctoral position offers a unique opportunity for training and international professional development. Selected candidates will receive direct mentorship from leading authors of the IPCC Seventh Assessment Cycle (AR7), enabling them to gain first-hand insight into assessment processes, strengthen skills in evidence evaluation and policy-oriented writing, and build high-level professional networks in global climate science.

We seek researchers interested in bridging science, public policy, and local knowledge, and motivated to ensure that their work has impact beyond academia. Through this call, we aim to strengthen both the content of AR7 and the professional trajectories of researchers from the Global South, expanding their participation, visibility, and leadership in the international climate agenda.

4. Requisite Conditions and Abilities

- **Education:** PhD degree or advanced-stage doctoral candidacy, with an expected completion date in the near future.
- **Experience:** Demonstrated research experience in climate adaptation, resilience, or territorial governance.
- **Skills:**
 - Strong scientific writing skills, with the ability to produce clear, rigorous texts tailored to both academic and public policy audiences.
 - High capacity for integration and synthesis, particularly in articulating evidence from diverse disciplines, grey literature, and technical reports.
 - Proven ability to work collaboratively and interdisciplinarily within diverse teams and international environments.
 - Interdisciplinary orientation and ability to synthesize multiple sources of knowledge.
- **Languages:** Proficiency in English and Spanish (spoken and written). Knowledge of Portuguese will be considered an additional asset.

5. Gender and Equity Considerations

In alignment with the principles of the ARA Secretariat and the CR2 Cross-Cutting Gender Equity Axis, this selection process prioritizes gender equality and social inclusion. Applications from women and professionals of diverse gender identities are strongly encouraged. The selection will also consider regional representation within Latin America and the inclusion of professionals from less developed regions.

6. Mentorship Team

Fellows will work under the guidance of:

- **Eugenia Gayó** (Project Lead, IPCC AR7 Lead Author)
- **Marco Billi** (IPCC AR7 Lead Author)
- **Gabriela Guevara** (IPCC AR7 Lead Author)
- **Gonzalo Pérez** (Expert in territorial governance)

7. Draft Workplan

- Months 1-2: Methodology training, mobilization of regional networks, and literature identification.
- Months 3-4: Data extraction, knowledge co-production with local stakeholders, and preliminary synthesis.
- Months 5-6: Drafting of academic papers and validation of findings through regional workshops.

8. Instructions to Apply

Applicants interested in applying for one of the Postdoctoral Researcher positions must submit their application exclusively through the Google Forms application form created for this call.

An application will be considered valid only if the form is completed in full and all required information and supporting documents are entered and/or uploaded directly to the form within the established deadline.

Important:

- Applications with incomplete documentation will be considered ineligible.
- Applications submitted by email or through any means other than the official application form will not be accepted.

Required documents and supporting materials (to be uploaded in the Google Form):

1. Short Curriculum Vitae
 - Maximum length: 4 pages
 - In Spanish or English
2. Cover letter
 - Maximum length: 1 page
 - In Spanish or English

- If the applicant is in the final stage of the PhD, the expected defense date must be explicitly stated
- 3. Copy of PhD degree
 - Or a certificate attesting to the current status of the doctoral program, as applicable
- 4. Contact details of three (3) academic references:
 - Full name
 - Email address
 - Contact phone number
 - Institutional affiliation
 - Description of the professional relationship with the applicant

Application deadline: January 12, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. (Chile time).

Late applications will not be accepted.

9. Notice on Contract and Payments

The expected contract start date is January 2026. Please note the following:

- This date is subject to the effective transfer of funds from the ARA Catalyst Grant to CR2.
- Due to the internal administrative processes of the University of Chile, contract processing may experience delays. Consequently, the first payment is expected to be made starting in April 2026.