

Call for Applications: Senior Research Assistant (1 Vacancy)

- **Position:** Senior Research Assistant (Science-Policy Track).
- **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 Chilean center of scientific excellence, bringing together researchers from diverse disciplines in the natural and social sciences who study how climate change impacts ecosystems and society. Hosted by the University of Chile, CR2 seeks to strengthen resilience in the country and the region by generating high-quality scientific evidence to inform public policy.

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 currently open.

In this context, we are launching a call for a Senior Assistant with a technical profile focused on the analysis, documentation, and systematization of knowledge co-production processes, as well as on examining the role of international networks in fostering and articulating evidence on adaptation in the Global South. This position will support the linkage between local adaptation efforts and global scientific assessments.

3. Objective of the Work

The Senior Research Assistant will focus on the science–policy interface. Key responsibilities include:

- Documenting the project's co-production methodology and engagement with relevant stakeholders.
- Coordinating communication with the ARA Secretariat and regional partner organizations.

- Developing a policy paper or technical report on best practices for integrating non-academic voices into global climate policy frameworks.

4. Requisite Conditions and Abilities

- **Education:** Professional background with preferably postgraduate training (master's or doctoral level, completed or in progress) in fields related to climate change adaptation, public policy, environmental governance, social sciences, development studies, or other relevant areas.
- **Experience:** Demonstrated experience at the science–policy interface, including participation in applied research projects, knowledge co-production processes, international coordination, and/or work with climate networks, preferably in Global South contexts.
- **Technical and analytical skills:**
 - Ability to document and analyze knowledge co-production methodologies, including work with non-academic actors and the systematization of participatory processes.
 - Strong skills in synthesizing and integrating evidence from diverse sources (academic and non-academic), oriented toward technical and policy-relevant outputs.
- **Communication and coordination skills:**
 - Excellent written and oral communication skills, with experience in preparing technical documents, policy briefs, or reports for decision-makers.
 - Experience in liaising and coordinating with institutional stakeholders, international networks, and partner organizations, including support for collaborative and multi-actor processes.
- **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

The assistant will be mentored by the core project team:

- **Eugenio 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: Coordination of the engagement strategy with ARA partners and development of monitoring tools.
- Months 3–4: Oversight of the knowledge co-production process and drafting of the technical framework.
- Months 5–6: Synthesis of the process into a policy-oriented document and organization of final validation activities.

8. Instructions to Apply

Candidates interested in applying 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
3. Copy of professional and/or postgraduate degrees (*one consolidated file*)
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.