Career opportunities

Joint Research Centre
We do science for policy

JRC IN BRIEF

Around 2800 staff

5% of JRC publications are among the top 1% most-cited in the world, and 29% are among the top 10%.

110 online databases with over 100 economic, bio-physical and nuclear models.

Have a look at our latest work

JRC publications repository publications.jrc.ec.europa.eu

Our research aims to positively impact society, by informing political decision-making with scientific evidence.

We are a department of the European Commission. We work closely with European research and policy organisations, agencies and institutions such as the European Parliament, and with international scientific partners, including the United Nations.

We stand for scientific excellence

As an independent source of science and knowledge, we ensure scientific integrity and transparency. We are committed to provide high-quality research to standards that set us to scientific excellence.

We anticipate new challenges

Our approach is future-oriented. We look at what is coming next to be prepared for complex societal challenges, and to grasp opportunities for better-tailored policymaking.

We connect the dots

We are no islands: relying on our strong networks in policy and scientific communities, we are able to map, review, analyse and synthesise the best available evidence in support of EU policies.
At the JRC, we organise our work in portfolios

Our portfolios will adapt and evolve over time in response to new priorities, challenges and opportunities to best serve policy needs.

**CANCER AND NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES**
**CITIES AND BUILDINGS**
**CLIMATE NEUTRALITY**
**CRISIS MANAGEMENT**
**CYBERSECURITY**
**DATA FOR SCIENCE AND POLICY**
**DIGITAL TRANSITION**
**EARTH OBSERVATION**
**ECONOMIC GOVERNANCE**
**EDUCATION, SKILLS AND JOBS**
**ENERGY SOLUTIONS**
**GLOBAL SATELLITE NAVIGATION (GALILEO)**
**GREEN TRANSITIONS**
**HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE**
**HEALTHY BIODIVERSITY**
**HYDROGEN**
**INCLUSIVE AND RESILIENT SOCIETY**
**INDUSTRIAL TRANSFORMATIONS**
**INNOVATIVE POLICYMAKING**

**INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION, SUSTAINABLE AND TRUSTED CONNECTIONS**
**LIFE AND HEALTH SCIENCES**
**MOBILITY**
**NUCLEAR COMPLIANCE ASSURANCE**
**POPULATION DYNAMICS AND MIGRATION**
**FUTURE RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES**
**SAFE NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY**
**SCIENCE FOR SECURITY**
**SMALL MODULAR REACTORS**
**SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS**
**SUSTAINABLE MATERIALS**
**TERRITORIAL INTELLIGENCE**
**TRUSTWORTHY AI**
**ZERO POLLUTION**

We are located in five countries

**Brussels, BE** headquarters
**Petten, NL**
**Geel, BE**
**Karlsruhe, DE**
**Ispra, IT**
**Seville, ES**

Why join us?

From within the heart of Europe, you will contribute to evidence-based policymaking to improve our society.

Trust, collaboration and transparency are our core values. They represent the way we work with each other and with our partners.

You will experience a diverse and enriching environment where we nurture innovation and creativity, offering rich learning and development opportunities for you to grow professionally.

As a JRC employee, you will enjoy:

- a flexible work environment for a good work-life balance
- dedicated support for you and your family, including relocation, childcare, schooling, transport and more
- health insurance coverage for you and your family
- learning opportunities, including language classes
- leisure activities and sport clubs to connect with colleagues

WANT TO DO RESEARCH FOR POLICY

- as a researcher
  up to 6 years contract
  as contract staff FG IV*
- as a research assistant or lab technician
  up to 6 years of contract
  as contract staff FG III*
- as a grantholder / PhD student
  check out our Collaborative Doctoral Partnership Programme (CDP)
  as a seconded national expert (SNEs)
  up to 4 years

WANT A TASTE OF WORKING FOR EU INSTITUTIONS

- as a JRC scientific trainee
  in Geel, Karlsruhe, Ispra, or Petten
  3—5 months contract
  apply in May to start in October | Apply in November to start in March**
- as a European Commission bluebook trainee
  in Brussels or Seville
  3—5 months contract
  apply in January to start in October | Apply in July-August to start in March**

WANT TO BUILD A CAREER IN THE EU INSTITUTIONS

- as a civil servant of the European Union
  to become a permanent civil servant for the JRC and the European Commission,
  apply for open competitions organised by the European Personnel Selection Office

*At the EU institutions, temporary jobs are organised in function groups (FG).
Find out more about them here: https://epso.europa.eu/en/help/faq/2037
**The time frame is indicative, please check on the specific call you are applying for.

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