

Universidad Carlos III de Madrid (UC3M, www.uc3m.es) invites applications to fill the Assistant Researcher position MLPLUS-HT

Position description and objectives:

- **MLPLUS-HT: Development of a miniaturized Hall Thruster and experimental validation of its performance.**

This position involves the development of a miniaturized low power Hall Thruster and its neutralizer. The second task will be the characterization of its performance and understanding of main physical phenomena, by employing state-of-art plasma diagnostics. The contract will be funded under the regional research project, **MLPLUS-CM**. Selected candidates will join the Plasma and Space Propulsion Team (EP2, ep2.uc3m.es) at Universidad Carlos III de Madrid under the supervision of professor J. Navarro-Cavallé and with close collaboration with other researchers within the EP2 Team.

Requirements:

- Young MSc holder (and a total of 300 ECTS completed among BSc + MSc)
- Strong background in the following disciplines: Aerospace Engineering, Applied Mathematics, Scientific computing, Plasma Physics, Fluid Dynamics, Electromagnetism. Excellent candidates from other disciplines are also invited to apply.
- Previous design/laboratory experience is highly desirable.
- Outstanding academic record; critical & creative thinking.
- Team-working and communications skills; Previous international experience desirable
- Ability to deal independently and proactively with scientific and engineering challenges.
- Good proficiency in English (oral & written).

What we offer:

- 1-year contract, possibility of renovation based on performance.
- Starting annual gross salary 27 k€ plus productivity bonuses.
- Become part of a young, dynamic, highly qualified, collaborative team.
- Opportunity to travel to international conferences to present research activities.
- Flexible working environment and schedule.

How to apply:

Interested candidates must send their applications to the official call, on the UC3M platform.

<https://aplicaciones.uc3m.es/atenea/publico/detalleConvocatoria?numidperfil=11340> , position with reference code C/2026/066.

Application deadline is **February 25th, 2026, but the position will be filled as soon as a suitable candidate is found**. Contracts will begin in April 2026. Applications from women and minorities are particularly encouraged.

For inquiries you can email odrive@pa.uc3m.es indicating in the email subject the reference “**MLPLUS-HT**,” and attaching the following documents in pdf format:

- A motivation letter highlighting candidate’s skills, experience and research goals (max. 1 page).
- CV, including relevant education and work experience. Academic grade reports and % position in your class are valuable information for the evaluation.
- The contact information of up to two references (will be contacted during the hiring process)
- Sample of best works of the candidate (e.g. MSc thesis).

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