

The Spanish Ministry of Education and Science announces new openings to work in Spanish R&D Institutes, via the “Ramón y Cajal” and “Juan de la Cierva” post-doctoral contracts. “Juan de la Cierva” contracts are for 3 years, with a salary scale of 24,000 € per annum and applicants should have received their PhD within the last 3 years. “Ramón y Cajal” contracts are for 5 years, with a salary scale of 31,650 € per annum. The deadline for applications is April 3, 2006.

Official information on these opportunities can be found under [www.mec.es/ciencia](http://www.mec.es/ciencia).

The Spanish EURECA-E consortium, consisting of internationally competitive R&D teams located at the Instituto de Ciencia de Materiales de Barcelona (CSIC), Instituto de Microelectrónica de Madrid (CSIC), Instituto de Ciencia de Materiales de Aragón (CSIC-UNIZAR) in Zaragoza, Instituto de Nanociencia de Aragón (UNIZAR) in Zaragoza and Instituto de Física de Cantabria (CSIC-UC) in Santander, is involved in the development of cryogenic sensors for X-ray Astronomy, currently within the European EURECA consortium. Specific goals include the development of new Transition Edge Sensors and their characterisation.

As part of the EURECA-E team, the Instituto de Ciencias de Materiales de Aragón is willing to support an application for a “Juan de la Cierva” fellowship, to work on the physics and characterisation of the sensors, through project MAT2005-02454.

Also, the whole team is willing to encourage and support applications for “Ramón y Cajal” contracts to work on any of areas related to Transition Edge Sensors, including fabrication, physics and characterisation of these devices.

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