Awardees of the 2026 SIBECOL and AEET Early Career Research Projects

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We are pleased to announce that resolutions of the calls for the Starting and Advanced research projects in Ecology led by early career researchers, launched by SIBECOL and AEET for the year 2026, are now available.

The reviewers of both calls have highlighted the outstanding quality of the received proposals, which has made the selection of the awarded projects very competitive. We sincerely thank all the participants of this call and encourage them to continue working to pursue high scientific standards with enthusiasm and creativity.

Seventh call of SIBECOL Projects for Early Career Researchers – 2026

The aim of this call is to support early career ecologists by providing them funding opportunities, fostering the collaboration among them and promoting multi- and interdisciplinary research in Ecology.

The general statistical descriptors of the revisions are:

	N. applications	Fellowships	Mean score	SD	Min	Max
Starting ECR	6	1	82,4	4,8	74,0	86,5
Advanced ECR	12	1	83,2	4,2	77,0	90

The awarded SIBECOL projects are:

Starting early career researchers project fellowship (Starting ECR) (endowment €3000)

Awarded project			
Project title	**IPs Name**	**Affiliation**	**Membership**
From abundance time series to community dynamics: assessing the reliability of structural and dynamical inference	**Alex Giménez Romero**	CEAB-CSIC	**SIBECOL**

The reserve list for the Starting ECR fellowships is:

Reserve projects			
Project title	**IPs Name**	**Affiliation**	**Membership**
Developing a conservation indicator for animal aggregations	**Jordi Sola Codina**	University of Barcelona	**SIBECOL**
	Laura Figuerola-Ferrando	Institut de Ciències del Mar (ICM-CSIC)	**SIBECOL**
A high-resolution species threat abatement and restoration assessment for Spanish threatened species	**Ismael Soto Almena**	Doñana Biological Station	**AIL**
	Pablo Amador Crespo	University of Valencia	**AIL**

Advanced early career researchers project grant (Advanced ECR) (endowment €4000)

Awarded project			
Project title	**IPs Name**	**Affiliation**	**Membership**
Competing threats: how combating infection and habitat desiccation shape resource allocation in amphibians.	**Mar Comas**	Universidad de Granada	**SEEEE**

The reserve list for the Advanced ECR fellowships is:

Reserve projects			
Project title	**IPs Name**	**Affiliation**	**Membership**
Role of topography-driven climatic refugia and species interactions on intertidal sessile invertebrates subjected to shell fishing (TIDE-REFUGE)	**Marta Román Geada**	Universidad de Vigo	**SIBECOL**
From Cell to Ecosystem: Investigating the Impact of PFAS on Phytoplankton Membrane Transport and Its Cascading Effects on Net Microbial Ecosystem Metabolism Along a Salinity Gradient	**Juan Manuel González Olalla**	University of Cádiz	**AIL**

The list of all the participants in the modality ‘Starting ECR’ can be downloaded here: https://sibecol.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/11/listado_starting_2026.pdf

The list of all the participants in the modality ‘Advanced ECR’ can be downloaded here: https://sibecol.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/11/listado_advanced_2026.pdf

Below is the link to the resolution of the research projects in Ecology led by early career researchers, launched by AEET: https://www.aeet.org/es/convocatorias/proyectosinvestigacion/convocatoria2026.html

Congratulations to the winners! Good luck with your projects!

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