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**About BSC**

The Barcelona Supercomputing Center - Centro Nacional de Supercomputación (BSC-CNS) is the leading supercomputing center in Spain. It houses MareNostrum, one of the most powerful supercomputers in Europe, was a founding and hosting member of the former European HPC infrastructure PRACE (Partnership for Advanced Computing in Europe), and is now hosting entity for EuroHPC JU, the Joint Undertaking that leads large-scale investments and HPC provision in Europe. The mission of BSC is to research, develop and manage information technologies in order to facilitate scientific progress. BSC combines HPC service provision and R&D into both computer and computational science (life, earth and engineering sciences) under one roof, and currently has over 900 staff from 55 countries.

Look at the BSC experience:  
[BSC-CNS YouTube Channel](https://www.youtube.com)  
[Let's stay connected with BSC Folks!](https://www.bsc.es)

We are particularly interested for this role in the strengths and lived experiences of women and underrepresented groups to help us avoid perpetuating biases and oversights in science and IT research.

**Context And Mission**

The Accelerators and Communications for HPC Group leads cutting-edge research and development around accelerators/coprocessors in HPC and high-performance networking. We collaborate closely with the major vendors in the topic for HPC: NVIDIA and Intel. We organize locally international events such as the PUMPS Summer School, PATC Courses on CUDA/OpenACC, and annual hackathons, and collaborate in
the organization of related international conferences and workshops such as SC, IEEE Cluster, or AsHES.

The group has been recently awarded one of the prestigious ERC Consolidator Grants:

https://www.hpcwire.com/off-the-wire/bsc-researcher-antonio-j-pena-awarded-erc-consolidator-grant-for-the-home-project/

We are looking to cover a PhD Student positions to work on use of FPGA-based accelerators applied to Homomorphically Encrypted Deep Learning Inference. Prospective candidates may take a look at the following paper to get an initial idea of our focus:

https://arxiv.org/abs/2103.16139


Key Duties

- Drive research in the above-mentioned topic, under the supervision of the Group Manager and the mentorship of a postdoctoral researcher
- Present papers in international conferences
- Integrate this work in the overall ERC project developments, collaborating with the team of international researchers and engineers

Requirements

- Education
  - MS in a CS-related field
  - Competitive GPAs
- Essential Knowledge and Professional Experience
  - Good level of C/C++ programming
- Additional Knowledge and Professional Experience
  - Previous FPGA experience is not mandatory but will be valued
  - Previous professional experience is not required
- Competences
  - Good English Level
  - Teamwork
  - Ability to develop own ideas from general guidelines
Conditions

- The position will be located at BSC within the Computer Sciences Department
- We offer a full-time contract (37.5h/week), a good working environment, a highly stimulating environment with state-of-the-art infrastructure, flexible working hours, extensive training plan, restaurant tickets, private health insurance, support to the relocation procedures
- Duration: Open-ended contract due to technical and scientific activities linked to the project and budget duration
- Holidays: 23 paid vacation days plus 24th and 31st of December per our collective agreement
- Salary: we offer a competitive salary commensurate with the qualifications and experience of the candidate and according to the cost of living in Barcelona
- Starting date: 01/09/2023

Applications procedure and process

All applications must be made through BSC website and contain:

- A full CV in English including contact details
- A Cover Letter with a statement of interest in English, including two contacts for further references - Applications without this document will not be considered

In accordance with the OTM-R principles, a gender-balanced recruitment panel is formed for every vacancy at the beginning of the process. After reviewing the content of the applications, the panel will start the interviews, with at least one technical and one administrative interview. A profile questionnaire as well as a technical exercise may be required during the process.

The panel will make a final decision and all candidates who had contacts with them will receive a feedback with details on the acceptance or rejection of their profile.

At BSC we are seeking continuous improvement in our recruitment processes, for any suggestions or feedback/complaints about our Recruitment Processes, please contact recruitment [at] bsc [dot] es.

For more information follow this link

Deadline

The vacancy will remain open until a suitable candidate has been hired. Applications will be regularly reviewed and potential candidates will be contacted.
OTM-R principles for selection processes

BSC-CNS is committed to the principles of the Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers of the European Commission and the Open, Transparent and Merit-based Recruitment principles (OTM-R). This is applied for any potential candidate in all our processes, for example by creating gender-balanced recruitment panels and recognizing career breaks etc.

BSC-CNS is an equal opportunity employer committed to diversity and inclusion. We are pleased to consider all qualified applicants for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, age, disability or any other basis protected by applicable state or local law.

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This position is reserved for candidates who meet the requirements and have the legal status of disabled persons with a degree of disability equal to or greater than 33%. In case there are no applicants with disabilities that meet the requirements, the rest of the candidates without declared disability will be evaluated.